



# Berkner Area Orchestra Club

## LET THE MUSIC BEGIN...

### A Message from the Presidents...



Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Where did the summer go? It's already the beginning of October and the first concerts of the year are happening.....

<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Berkner Orchestras</b>	<b>7pm at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church</b>
<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Apollo Orchestras</b>	<b>7pm at Apollo Cafeteria</b>
<b>October 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Liberty Orchestras</b>	<b>7pm at Liberty Cafeteria</b>
<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Demo Concert</b>	<b>7pm at Apollo Cafeteria</b>
<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Demo Concert</b>	<b>7pm at Liberty Cafeteria</b>

This year we have a combined total of **355 students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades enrolled in Berkner area orchestras!!** If you have a child in orchestra, you are automatically a member of the BAOC, which is the support organization for all the orchestras in the Berkner attendance area. The board of directors of the BAOC consists of parent volunteers and our six outstanding orchestra directors-- **Craig Needham, Mark Davenport, Janet Paderewski, David Cook, Lynne Thornton, and Jody Cies.** We welcome the returning board members as well as four new board members: **Stacy Pitney, Lupita Villarreal, Cheryl Holiwell, and Ellen Parsoneault.**

Also, we want to give special thanks to **Judy Scott**, who is stepping down. Judy has served on the board for many years, most recently as Vice President for Private Lessons. However, with the district's change in how private lessons are handled, we no longer need a person to fill this position. **Thank you Judy for all the hours over the years you have devoted to helping our program run smoothly.....** Other recent changes approved by the board include the discontinuation of the BAOC Directory and a new website with a new name:

[www.berknerorchestra.org](http://www.berknerorchestra.org)

And finally, **congratulations to the Apollo Junior High Full Orchestra** and its directors for being selected to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association convention in San Antonio this February 2008. What an honor, and what a great start to another exciting and successful year with the Berkner Area Orchestras!

**John and Amanda Aiuvalasit**

Co-Presidents, Berkner Area Orchestra Club 2007-2008

## All-Region Orchestra Tryouts At Pearce High School

**Saturday, Oct. 20th**

*Good Luck Students!*

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# BAOC Information

## BAOC 2007-2008 Board of Directors

President	John & Amanda Aiuvalasit
2nd VP Newsletter	Lynn Hoffman
Secretary	Anna Balderas
Treasurer	Stacy Pitney
Asst. Treasurer	Ellen Parsonault
Publicity	Joyce Lee
Historian	Lyndsey Theobald
Hospitality	Cheryl Holiwell & Lupita Villarreal
Member-at-large	Frank Baek

## Orchestra Directors

Berkner HS Director	Craig Needham
BHS Asst. Director	Mark Davenport
BHS Asst. Director	Janet Paderewski
Apollo JHS Director	Lynne Thornton
AJHS Asst. Director	Jody Cies
Liberty JHS Director	David Cook

**Berkner Area Orchestras  
have a new home on the web!**

[www.berknerorchestra.org](http://www.berknerorchestra.org)

Be sure to add this site to your favorites and visit often to get up-to-date information about your Berkner Orchestras.

### BAOC Mission Statement:

BAOC's aim is to support and promote the RISD orchestras in the Berkner area. Our commitment is to:

- Ensure that the financial support is in place to allow the orchestras freedom of choice with regard to concerts, competitions, and new instruments.
- Provide publicity to ensure enhanced community interest in our orchestras.
- Encourage larger audience attendance at the concerts from both within and outside the area schools.
- Support the orchestra directors whenever possible to allow them more time to do what they do best...teach.

### BAOC '07-'08 Board Meeting Schedule:

September 10, 2007	January 14, 2008
October - no meeting	February 11, 2008
November 12, 2007	March - no meeting
December - no meeting	April 21, 2008
	May 19, 2008 (Grand Finale)



The meetings will take place from 7-8 pm in the Berkner Orchestra room, unless otherwise notified.



# Berkner Ram Orchestra

**Director: Craig Needham / e-mail: [craig.needham@risd.org](mailto:craig.needham@risd.org)**

**Assistant Director: Mark Davenport / e-mail: [mark.davenport@risd.org](mailto:mark.davenport@risd.org)**

**Assistant Director: Janet Paderewski / e-mail: [janet.paderewski@risd.org](mailto:janet.paderewski@risd.org)**

## Berkner Ramblings....

It's a new year and we'd like to start off by **welcoming our new students:** John Chang, Gina Chou, Krystal English, Luu Mac, Shanelle Smith, and AJ Stevenson. There's never been a better time to be a member of the Ram Orchestras!

Before school even got started this year, the Symphony Orchestra was already rehearsing to play at the **RISD Convocation**. They played the National Anthem, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and Copland's "Hoedown" for a packed house of around 5000 RISD teachers, administrators, and Para-professionals, at the Garland Events Center. It was a great honor to be invited to perform at this event and was a great way to start the year!

We started off the semester with our second annual **Springpark Rec Center Barbecue and Volleyball/Tennis/Capture-the-Flag Tournament**. The party was a huge success thanks to plenty of food, great cooks, and marvelous Orchestra students who can create their own good times wherever they go.

**Entertainment Passbooks** sold for \$20 each earned \$1,550 for BHS Orchestra members. We will have a candy sale in December. This will be our last fundraiser, so get ready to make new friends and sell lots of chocolate.

Our **Fall Concert is on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church**. The Winter Concert will be held in the BHS Auditorium on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this fabulous event.

The **All-Region Orchestra auditions will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Pearce HS (Coit/Campbell)**. Students auditioning are: Maggie Aiuvalasit, Alyssa Anderson, Thomas Baek, Anthony Cheng, Hanna Choi, Jessica Co, Alyssa Concha, Laura Crinella, Winnie Guan, Paul Hwang, Tim Issac, Annie Lam, Lily Law, Samuel Lee, Christine Lin, Jackie Lin, Jessica Lin, Carol Liu, Wesley Lue, Justin Ma, Daniel Machuca, Jose Machuca, Virginia Nguyen, Amy Parsonault, John Pierce, Allison Pitney, William Scott, David Shu, Benjamin Su, Daisy Su, Lisa Sun, Johnny Villarreal, Lydia Villarreal, Matthew Wong, Evan Wright, and Stacy Yuan. The clinic/concert will be December 14-15, also at Pearce HS.

**All-State Taping will take place the following Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Lake Highlands Freshman Center**. Students auditioning are: Maggie Aiuvalasit, Thomas Baek, Hanna Choi, Jessica Co, Alyssa Concha, Paul Hwang, Samuel Lee, Christine Lin, Jackie Lin, Carol Liu, Jose Machuca, Benjamin Su, Lydia Villarreal, Matthew Wong, and Stacy Yuan.

**...best of luck to all of these students!**



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*Berkner Ramblings continued....*

**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> will be Dallas Symphony Orchestra Night!** We meet at the DART train station on Arapaho and take the train downtown to the Meyerson Symphony Center. The DSO will be performing symphonies #5 and 6 by Beethoven with the orchestra's new conductor, Jaap van Zweden. Our seats are in the Choral Terrace, allowing a close view of the orchestra and conductor as well as superb acoustics.

COST - \$16 (includes ticket and DART pass)

TIME TBA (Concert begins at 8:00 p.m.)

Specific information on the concert may be found at <http://dallassymphony.com/Ticket/ProductionDetail.aspx?perf=4157>

It's not too early to plan for this year's trip to **Corpus Christi from April 10-13, 2008**. We will travel by bus and stay at the fabulous Port Royal Condominiums: <http://www.port-royal.com/>

Students going on this trip MUST be academically eligible. A deposit of \$50 is due by October 31. The full cost will be around \$350.

On **Friday, September 28**, the BHS Orchestras welcomed Jeff Grogan, Resident Conductor of the New Jersey Symphony, to our beautiful Orchestra room for a day of clinics. Mr. Grogan, a Dallas native, brought a new level of enthusiasm to our rehearsals. We were privileged to have a true professional in our midst and hope to have him back in the spring.

The BHS Orchestra directors and students are thrilled for "our" **National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists** Samuel Lee, Christine Lin, and Stacy Yuan. Way to go!



## **2007—08 Orchestra Officers**

This year's officers are led by President Johnny Villarreal. Officers are Jessica Co, Paul Hwang, Annie Lam, Samuel Lee, Christine Lin, Giao Nguyen, Precious Raqueno, David Shu, Tracey Tran, and Stacy Yuan.



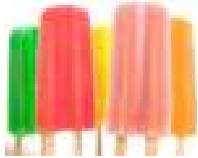
# Apollo Junior High Panthers

**Director: Lynne Thornton/469-593-8015/e-mail: lynne.thornton@risd.org**

**Assistant Director: Jody Cies/469-593-8016/e-mail: jody.cies@risd.org**

## The Apollo Orchestras are off to a great start!

**On Thursday, Sept. 13**, the Apollo Orchestra students met after school from 3:45 – 5:30 pm at the Huffhines Park Pavilion. We had Popsicles and lots of other goodies. The students snacked, talked with their friends and played water games. Thanks to the awesome parent volunteers who helped by supplying the Popsicles and helped to set up, clean up and chaperone.



**Sept. 13** was also the kick-off date for our fall fund raiser. Denise Guilbert from Express Industries is our sales representative who inspires and motivates the Apollo students to raise lots of money. One of the activities for the students is to get into selling groups and name them. Some of the more creative names were: the Monkeys and the Apollo Claws. Thanks to the parents who were able to take the gift brochures to work to help their student sell as many items as possible. Donations are always welcome from friends, parents and family members at any time of year in place of or along with sales orders. Our profits help pay for spring festival entry fees, buses to NorthPark, Bravo Cokes, copier lease and maintenance, clinicians, pianists, and scholarships for some of our students. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Apollo orchestras. Thanks to Mrs. Loretta Porter for spending several hours counting money and tallying order forms.



**The Apollo Orchestra Fall Concert** will be on **Thursday, Oct. 12**, at 7:00 PM in the Apollo Cafeteria with a reception following. Students will be wearing their formal dress uniforms. Boys will wear their tuxedos and girls will wear their black tops and black skirts. Call is at 6:00 for all students so that we may practice for the grand finale. All orchestra families and their friends are invited to attend the season debut of the Apollo Orchestras.



**One of the reasons** the Apollo orchestra continues to be so strong is because of the number of students involved in the private lesson program. Once again this year there are a lot of students who have signed up for lessons. Students either go to lessons at a private studio off campus or, students have signed up for the private lesson program offered on campus with the rate of \$17 per lesson, per week. Thank you parents for the sacrifices that you make to provide this for your child.



### 11 Apollo Students Try Out for All-Region Orchestra

#### Students trying out for All-Region orchestra:

Violins: Maggie Austin, Jonathan Chari, Jeremiah Dalmacio, Garrett Jackson, Tiffany Lin, Hunter Porter, Tiffany Wong, Steven Zhang

Cello: Natalie Sobotka, Colin Horton, Halley Terleski

# Liberty Junior High Patriots



Director: David Cook / e-mail: david.cook@risd.org  
Phone: 469-593-7836

## Liberty Orchestras Fall Newsletter

All-Region Orchestra Auditions  
Saturday, October 20th @ Pearce High School

Liberty and its cluster elementary schools will be represented at the **All-Region Auditions** by several students including 2 sixth grade students.

Mandy Kok	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jess Harben Elementary
David Cheung	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jess Harben Elementary
James Lee	7 <sup>th</sup>	Liberty JH
Sandy An	8 <sup>th</sup>	Liberty JH



### Fall Concert—Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - Liberty Small Gym

Both the Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras are having a great year so far. Our enrollment is up with each orchestra having 19 students. **The Liberty Orchestras will present their Fall Concert on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> in the Small Gym.** The Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras will be sharing the concert with the Liberty Bands. This should provide a large audience for all groups, so come early to get a good seat. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Please bring one package of cookies to share. Dress for the performance will be Orchestra T-shirts and jeans or Khakis – please no shorts.

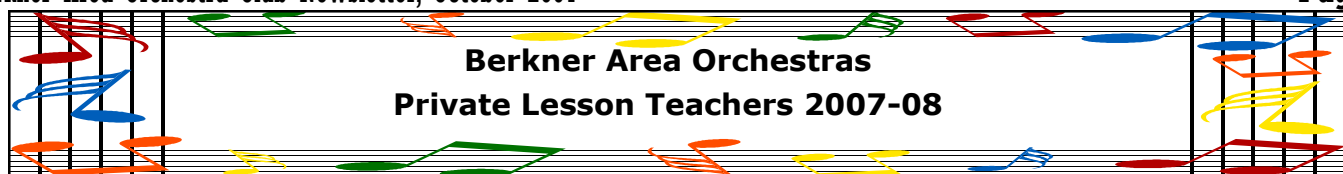
### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Update

#### First Performance — Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

The beginner numbers for this year are significantly larger. We have a total of 62 Sixth Grade orchestra students. The numbers by campus are as follows:

Audelia Creek Elementary— 6	Forestridge Elementary—10
Jess Harben Elementary—11	O.Henry Elementary—10
Richland Elementary—14	Springridge Elementary—11

**The Sixth Grade Orchestra will perform for the first time on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Liberty JH.** This program will give the parents a first look and listen to the progress that their child is making. Information will be shared that should help parents better understand how to help their child become a better musician and orchestra member. Wear your new Orchestra T-shirt or a Costume and enjoy refreshments after the program.



**VIOLIN/VIOLA**

Ronald Houston (near Rich. Med. Ctr.).....	972-423-0566
Natalie Kharlova.....	972-943-3487
Inga Kroll (BHS Area).....	972-437-6659
<b>*Larry Lattanzi (BHS Area).....</b>	<b>214-868-6925</b>
Ruslan Lisovoy.....	972-669-9651
Ute & Mark Miller (Dallas).....	214-887-8611
Bruce Patti.....	972-407-0767
Motoi Takeda.....	214-691-6989

**VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO/BASS (Through book 4 of Suzuki)**

David Large (Grove/Highland, near Terrace Elem.).....	972-907-1530
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**VIOLA**

<b>*Sarah Myers.....</b>	<b>972-490-5305</b>
Kristi Swanson (Hillcrest/Beltline).....	972-980-4460

**CELLO**

Phil Cimbalo.....	972-567-4175
Beth Conway.....	972-414-3818
Janet Dugger.....	972-231-2744
Jim Higgins.....	972-699-9219
Jung Shin Lewis .....	972-248-0716

**BASS**

Jonathan Fisher (Dallas).....	972-926-6227
Ray Winkler (Plano).....	972-618-3176

**HARP**

Juliet and Yvonne Buchanan (Dallas).....	214-324-2519
Patricia Diers.....	817-440-2818
Denise Holland (Rowlett).....	972-475-2943

**\*Bold denotes teachers who come to the schools.**



## Berkner / Apollo / Liberty

### Combined Event Calendar 2007–2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
September 8, 2007	BHS	Spring Park Fall Party	5:00-9:00 p.m.	Spring Park Recreation Center
September 13, 2007	Apollo	Popsicles in the Park	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Huffines Park
September 13, 2007	BHS	Passbook Fundraiser ends	none	BHS
September 27, 2007	BHS	All Fees due	none	BHS
October 1, 2007	Apollo	Symphony Orchestra Parent Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Orchestra Room
October 16, 2007	BHS	Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church</a>
October 17, 2007	Apollo	Concert Orchestras 1 and 2 Rehearsal	3:45-4:30 p.m.	Orchestra Room
October 18, 2007	Apollo	Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
October 20, 2007	All	Region Orchestra Auditions	All Day	<a href="#">Pearce HS</a>
October 25, 2007	Liberty	Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Cafeteria
October 27, 2007	BHS	All State Taping	All Day	<a href="#">Lake Highlands Freshmen Center</a>
October 30, 2007	Liberty	6th Grade Demo Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Cafeteria
October 30, 2007	Apollo	6th Grade Demo Concert	7:00	Apollo Cafeteria
November 1	BHS	Dallas Symphony night	6:30-11:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Meyerson Symphony Center</a>
November	BHS	Candy Sales	none	BHS
November 13, 2007	BHS	Berkner Benefit (Symphony Performs)	7:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
December 3, 2007	Apollo	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
December 11, 2007	BHS	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
December 12, 2007 (tentative)	Apollo	Perform at North Park	TBA	North Park Mall
December 14-15	All	All Region Clinic and Concert	check website	<a href="#">Pearce HS</a>
December 18, 2007	Apollo	Full Symphony Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
December 19, 2007	Liberty	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Small Gym





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<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
January	BHS	Symphony and Philharmonic Full Orchestra Rehearsals	TBA	BHS
January 18, 2008	Apollo	Full Symphony Orchestra Concert Clinic	10:00-12:00 p.m.	Apollo Orchestra Room
January 28, 2008	All 6th-8th grade	String Fling Concert	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Liberty JH
February	Apollo	TMEA Send off Concert	TBA	<a href="#">Eisemann Center</a>
February 13-16	BHS	All State Students to TMEA	TBA	San Antonio
February 14-16	Apollo	TMEA Trip	TBA	San Antonio
February 25, 2008	Apollo	Apollo PTA Multicultural Night	evening	Apollo JH
February 28, 2008	BHS	Pre UIL Concert	6:00 p.m.	TBA
March 5, 2008	Apollo/Liberty	Eisemann Center Pre UIL Performances	TBA	<a href="#">Eisemann Center</a>
March 10-11	BHS	UIL	TBA	<a href="#">John Horn HS</a>
March 12-13	Apollo/Liberty	UIL	TBA	<a href="#">Garland HS</a>
March 14-21	All	Spring Break	TBA	Party Time!
March 25, 2008	BHS	Council of PTA's Concert (Symphony)	9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Lake Highlands HS</a>
April 10-13	BHS	Spring Trip to Corpus Christi	TBA	Corpus Christi
April 26, 2008	All	RISD Chamber Music Festival	All Day	<a href="#">Pearce HS</a>
May 5-16	Elementary	6th Grade Assessments	TBA	Individual Campus
May 8, 2008	Apollo	Peak Music Festival (Symphony)	TBA	<a href="#">Murchison Performing Arts Center</a>
May 10, 2008	BHS	BHS Orchestra Banquet	TBA	TBA
May 12, 2008	Apollo	Sandy Lake Music Festival (Concert 1 and 2)	TBA	<a href="#">Sandy Lake</a>
May 14, 2008	Apollo	5th Grade Recruiting Concert (Symphony and Concert1)	TBA	Apollo JH
May 19, 2008	All	Grand Finale Concert	6:00 p.m.	BHS
May 29, 2008	BHS	Senior Recognition Night	6:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
June 7, 2008	BHS	Graduation	TBA	Garland Events Center

