



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

A Message from the President

Congratulations to all of our orchestras on their outstanding performances at the 2012 UIL competition. In the following pages you will read the details of their accomplishments. As family and friends, let's celebrate with them!

For the past 4 years, I have had the privilege to serve as the Orchestra Board President and work with an outstanding group of parents. According to our mission statement:

The 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.*

We could not make this happen without the support of our board of directors. This year we want to say a big "thank you" to the following volunteer who is leaving the board at the end of this term:

Gwen Austin - Hospitality

As she moves on, we wish her well and are extremely grateful for her contributions to the BAOC.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU ON THE BAOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS! We meet for one hour once a month.

Please contact any director if you are interested in serving in the following areas: Hospitality or Historian.

Lynn Hoffman
BAOC President, 2011-2012

Upcoming Events

- Thu Apr 12
LJH Orchestra at DSO Rehearsal, Winspear
- Mon Apr 16, 7:00, BHS Orchestra Room
BAOC Meeting
- Tue Apr 17, 5:00-8:00
Berkner Area Orchestras CiCi's Night
- Fri Apr 27-Mon Apr 30
BHS Orchestra Corpus Christi Trip
- Tue May 1, 7:00, AJH Cafeteria
AJH Full Orchestra Preview Concert
- Wed May 2, Eisemann Center
AJH Full Orchestra at Peak Festival
- Sat May 5, Pearce HS
RISD Chamber Music Festival
- Tue May 8
LJH Intermediate Orchestra at Sandy Lake
- Wed May 9, Eisemann Center
LJH Advanced Orchestra at Peak Festival
- Fri May 11, 9:30 am, **AJH Recruiting Concert**
- Sat May 19, 11:00-4:00
AJH Orchestra at Hawaiian Falls

Spring Concerts

Liberty	Apollo	Berkner
May 15	May 17	May 22



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Berkner Ram Orchestra



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What a busy semester! UIL Results

Along with our UIL preparations, the Symphony also presented the Council of PTA's concert for 1400 5th graders; we had multiple string quartet performances, and our annual music convention in San Antonio. **It has been a semester filled with outstanding music making, hard work, and great camaraderie!**

Quartets!

Several of our students have represented our school through Chamber Music!



Above: Kayla Needham, Elissa Dabaghi, Lucy Collins, and Heejin Shin at the **Berkner Multicultural Night!**

Concert Orchestra, Ms. Johnson – Sweepstakes!

Philharmonic, Mr. Davenport & Mr. Needham – 1st Division on stage!

Symphony, Mr. Needham & Mr. Schayot – Sweepstakes!

Both the Philharmonic and Symphony performed as a full orchestra with winds and percussion. Berkner is one of the few schools in the state able to field two full orchestras!



Above: The Symphony Orchestra had the privilege of performing in the new **Allen Performing Arts Center** at Allen High School on February 25. A talented Orchestra playing Tchaikovsky, in a world class Hall! What an experience!



Left: Tiffany Wong, Kristen Reichert, Garrett Jackson, and Colin Horton, accompanied by Mr. Needham and RISD Fine Arts Director Dr. Brad Kent at the **Heart for the Arts Banquet** at the Eisemann Center!

Coming Up . . .

Corpus Christi Spring Trip, April 27-30

RISD Chamber Music Festival, Pearce HS, May 5

Grand Finale Concert, BHS, May 22, 7:00 p.m.

Banquet, May 23, 6-10 p.m. Richardson Civic Center Grand Hall





Apollo Orchestra Notes



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UIL Concert & Sightreading

Both the Symphony and Concert Orchestras performed at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest held at Poteet High School on March 8 and 9. The students in both orchestras played beautifully on stage and in the sightreading room, resulting in a **first division rating from all 6 judges**. The orchestras were proud to take two sweepstakes trophies back to Apollo.



Above: Officers and section leaders from the Apollo Symphony Orchestra with their UIL Sweepstakes trophy

Back row: Scott Wright, Brandy Leising, Emma Petty, Landon Adcock, Shelby Wood
Front row: Victor Granados, Alex Buchanan, Angel Cheng



Above: Concert Orchestra with their sweepstakes trophy at UIL

Upcoming Activities

Ensemble Projects

Both orchestra classes will be spending some time in the month of April in class working in small chamber music groups. Each ensemble will work as a team to learn a different piece of music and perform it for the class. This is an important and fun opportunity for students to make music with their friends.

Full Orchestra

Apollo students are looking forward to working on music with their peers in the Apollo Band. Concert and Symphony orchestra students will rehearse with Symphonic Band members to perform two full orchestra pieces for the PEAK Music Festival held at the Eisemann Center on May 2. After they perform, they look forward to some time at Main Event.

Recruiting Concert: May 11, 9:30am

Spring Concert: May 17, 7:00pm

Hawaiian Falls Fun Day: May 19, 11-4

Fundraising

After taking a break for a while from raising money, the Apollo orchestra students are currently selling king size candy bars and Twizzlers after school for \$2 each.



The funds raised will go towards copy machine expenses, refreshments, awards, and music supplies.





Liberty Orchestra Notes



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UIL & Ram Fest



Congratulations to the **Liberty JH Advanced Orchestra** on their **SWEEPSTAKES at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest.**

Tunes on the concert included Westminster Prelude and Fugue by Shaffer, Starfleet by Meyer, and Intensity by O'Loughlin. We were awarded a 1st Division rating by all six judges!

Fundraising

We are working hard on our **Spring Fundraisers!**

We are selling **Ozark Lollipops** after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



We are also selling **food and other goodies** from Express Fundraising.

Thank you for your support of the Liberty JH Orchestra!

Congratulations to the **Liberty JH Intermediate Orchestra** on their **1st Division rating at Ram Fest** on Friday, March 23. They performed Ancient Hunters by O'Loughlin, Sahara Crossing by Meyer, and Dragonhunter by Meyer. Way to go Intermediate Orchestra!



Upcoming Events

Field Trip

On April 12th, the Liberty JH Orchestras will be going on a **Dallas Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal Field Trip**. We are so fortunate that we received a field trip grant through Target this year. On this field trip, we will get to see the Dallas Symphony rehearse, take a tour of the Winspear Opera House, and eat lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Dallas!



Spring Festivals

Our Advanced Orchestra will be competing in the **Peak Music Festival** at the Eisemann Center on Wednesday, May 9 and afterwards will be having some fun at Main Event.



Our Intermediate Orchestra will be competing at **Sandy Lake Music Festival** on Tuesday, May 8.





BAOC News



Available BAOB Positions

Hospitality – With a co-director, contact volunteers, obtain supplies, arrange refreshments and oversee events to ensure that they run smoothly.

Historian – Collect photos, news articles, and other items pertaining to the BAOB students and their activities. Keep an updated scrapbook of these various items and turn it in to the BAOB at the end of the year.

Please contact any of our current directors if you are interested in serving.

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Social

CiCi's Night

**Tuesday, April 16
5:00-8:00 pm**

All Berkner Area Orchestra 6th-12th grade students and their families are invited to CiCi's, at the southeast corner of Jupiter and Arapaho, for pizza and fun.



Fundraising

Chick-Fil-A Days

**1st Thursday of each month:
April 5, May 3, June 7**

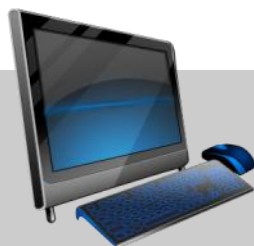


Remember: you must ask for your receipt to be put in the box for Berkner Orchestra. We get 15% of those sales.

Dave Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund

BAOB always accepts donations to this fund, which allows more students to take lessons and raises the level of excellence in all orchestras for the benefit of all our students.

To contribute, give cash or check, payable to BAOB with note "Scholarship Fund," to any of the Board members, who will see that it gets to treasurer Rebecca Wood.



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