



# The MYSO Messenger

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*MYSO Musicians* are to be congratulated on two very fine performances this fall. All the hard work really showed.

The performers are on stage but as you know a lot of other things are happening at each concert. Our thanks go to the parents who help out at the concerts. Deb Wassink for selling tickets; Linda Hodges & Vivienne Stapleton for taking tickets; Noreen Dollinger for chaperoning. To Karen Campbell and her helpers at the bake sale, Lisa Friel, Lori Hanko and Julie Shepherd. The Bake Sale brought in a profit of \$97.70.

To Josie Sheppard and Patti Daniel for running the 50/50 raffle. The winner took home \$166.00.

Our Musicians like a snack before they perform at Philip Lynch Theatre and the snack (apples) were provided by Patti Daniel and Lisa Friel. Bottled water was donated by Maria Rosas and Josie Sheppard.

You are a great help to the orchestra and MYSO appreciates everything you do!

The annual MYSO Concerto Competition was held on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. All the contestants were well prepared and played their best for the judges. The winner of the competition is Jessica Ondracek. She will perform The Saint-Saëns *Concerto in A minor*, Opus 33 for the March concert. Congratulations to Jessica and to all the musicians who tried out!

Congratulations to the following MYSO musicians who have been chosen to attend the IMEA State Concert in January. They are: Cody Taylor-Cottle, tuba; Manda Sheppard, clarinet; Renee Vogen, Horn and Brittney Walker, bassoon.

Next Rehearsal will be January 16, 2008

Next Concerts

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Philip Lynch Theatre 7:30pm

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Joliet Junior College 4pm

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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