



# *The MYSO Messenger*

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra  
Volume XIII No. 1 Joliet, Illinois, September, 2004

## **WELCOME**

To all of our new and returning musicians  
to the 2004-2005 Season of the  
Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra

**Our First Rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm  
Musicians are expected to be in their chairs and ready to play at 6pm – sharp!  
Seating placement will be posted at the door when you arrive.**

## **FEES**

**The \$200.00 membership fee is due at the third rehearsal which this year is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. After this date the fee is \$225.00.**

**Families with more than one child in the orchestra receive a discount of \$25.00 for each child. See handbook for more information. If you are a returning musician and paid a seating deposit of \$25 deduct this from your balance due.**

**Ticket money will be due on or before October 27<sup>th</sup>. Each family is required to purchase ten season passes for \$100.00.**

**Fees can be paid to Mrs. Nogal at the beginning of each rehearsal or Mailed to her at 45 W. Eureka Dr., Lemont, IL. 60439**

## **Newsletter**

A newsletter will be e-mailed to the parent's e-mail address at the beginning of each month.

If your e-mail changes please let Mrs. Nogal know.

The newsletter is also available at our website.

## **Handbook**

**The MYSO handbook is available on our website. Please refer to it for any questions regarding the orchestra. New members should read it and print it out for reference.**

## **E-MAILS**

Your e-mail address is VERY IMPORTANT. If I do not have your correct e-mail or your students please let me know. This is how I make contact with the musicians and it very important that this information is kept up to date.

**[www.geocities.com/mysoweb](http://www.geocities.com/mysoweb)**

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## Absence Forms

When a student knows in advance that they need to miss a rehearsal they must fill out an absence form and give it to Mrs. Nogal. Forms are available at rehearsals.

## Snack Shop

We have a snack shop for the students to purchase snacks at break time. We ask the parents to donate water, soda and individually wrapped snacks. The monies collected is used for a pizza party and the reception after the last concert. Snacks can be dropped off before rehearsal.

## Concerto Competition

MYSO holds a concerto competition each year for musicians who are current members of the orchestra. Please see the handbook for all details.

This year the competition will be held on **Monday, October 11, 2004.**

## MYSO for College Credit

Seniors who wish to take MYSO for college credit should consult the website for further information.

## Parent Meeting

We hold two parent meetings a year. One at the beginning of the season and one at the end of the season. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in Room 219 in the Fine Arts Center. Plan on bringing your musician to rehearsal and staying for the meeting. It's a chance for new parents to ask questions and meet the seasoned parents.

## New Violin Instructor

Lewis University is pleased to announce the appointment of Brad Larson to teach applied violin lessons. Mr. Larson completed a MM in Violin Performance from the University of Maryland and a BM from The Cleveland Institute of Music. He has performed with the Fairfax Symphony, Canton Symphony, Akron Symphony and the Erie Philharmonic. He is currently teaching at Lewis University on Wednesdays and will add another day of teaching as his studio grows. He can be reached at 847-636-2199 or e-mail at [brad\\_larson@hotmail.com](mailto:brad_larson@hotmail.com).

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