

Handsworth MUSIC NOTES



November 2009

SWEET MUSIC CONCERT – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009, 7-10 p.m.

You won't want to miss our **BIGGEST CONCERT OF THE YEAR**, featuring all of our band and strings groups in one fantastic evening of seasonal music!

Holiday Bake Sale
Music Stocking Fund Donation Drive
(tax receipts for donations \$25 or over)
Musicware for Sale
(hoodies, boardshirts, travel mugs)

Admission \$10 per person (for all seats - table & bleachers)
Music is a performance art – please try to attend the whole concert

SWEET MUSIC HELP NEEDED

Please contact Carol at piercyburge@shaw.ca, as soon as possible, if you can help with any of the following:

- **BAKE TABLE DONATIONS** - Package your baked goods ready to sell and drop off in the music room on the morning of the concert (Dec. 10th), or the evening before (Dec. 9th) to 4086 Sunset Blvd., anytime after 3 p.m.
- **HELP PRICE BAKING** - beginning at 1 p.m. on the day of the concert, in the school staff room.
- **HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS** - at the concert, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

MPAC HELP NEEDED

Beginning next year we will need a new **Concert Producer**, whose role is generally to assist in keeping the performances running smoothly at concerts. Kris Christensen has diligently performed this role for many many years. Her youngest son will be graduating this year. It would be great to have someone shadow Kris this year to learn the ropes. Contact Carol at piercyburge@shaw.ca if you are interested.

Next year we will also need someone to coordinate **Concert Decor**. This does not have to be an onerous task, just a few embellishments for each concert. Contact Carol (email address above) if you could help with this.

Many thank to **Carol Aitken** who has volunteered to design the concert posters, and both **Carla Hronsky** and **Viv Tigges** who volunteered to produce the concert programs!

BOTTLE DRIVE THANKS

Over \$2800 was raised during the bottle drive held in October. Many thanks to all who assisted! Keep saving those returnables for the next drive to be held on **April 17, 2010**.

BAND & STRINGS UNIFORMS

REPAIRS & EXCHANGES: Our Uniform Coordinators, Kathleen Whyte and Janet Holley, will be in the music room during classes on **December 3rd & 4th** to exchange uniform pieces, assist with repairs, etc. If you need assistance with your uniform, please bring it into class on one of those days.

INTERMEDIATE JAZZ BAND (boys only): Please bring your vests to band class on December 3rd or 4th for exchange. We need to redistribute the sizes for your group.

SWEET MUSIC CONCERT: We will be available before the Sweet Music Concert, but only for uniform checks and emergency loans (and NOT exchanges, sizing or repairs). Please remember your uniform requirements (check the posters in the music room or email us if you're unsure). Almost everyone did a good job for the Homecoming Concert. Remember that black socks should be all black (no white Swooshes please!) and long enough to cover your entire leg when you're sitting down. We loaned out 21 pairs of black socks at the Homecoming concert.

Janet Holley (jlholley@shaw.ca) and Kathleen Whyte (kjwhyte@shaw.ca), Uniform Coordinators

STRINGS NEWS

- **STRINGS ORCHESTRA TOUR - LOS ANGELES / ANAHEIM / SAN DIEGO**, January 29 - February 2, 2010. Twenty-five people will be travelling on this strings tour. The tour orchestra will have a special repertoire list to prepare. The tour includes a city tour of Los Angeles, a performance in Anaheim at Disneyland, unlimited rides at California Adventure &/or Disneyland Theme Parks, the San Diego Zoo, Horton Plaza, school performances in Huntington Beach, plus loads of fun and adventure.
 - Selected strings students will perform Britten's "Simple Symphony" with the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** on March 29th at Centennial Theatre. Strings students will be auditioned and invited by the VSO to participate in rehearsals, workshops and concert. Information is forthcoming.
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FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

February 16-17, 2010, featuring **MUSIC, ART, SPOKEN WORD, & FILM**. All Strings & Winds groups and small ensembles will present mini concerts. Headline concert by Infinitus! (see infinitusmusic.com).

BAND TOUR INFORMATION

Deposits should be in for all of the Concert Band and Jazz Band Tours taking place this year:

- Senior Winds Tour to PERU, March 8-18, 2010
 - Junior & Senior Jazz Band to Kelowna, April 8-11, 2010
 - Intermediate Concert & Jazz Band to Kamloops, May 13-16, 2010
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