

Handsworth MUSIC NOTES



October 2009

HOMECOMING CONCERTS – our first concerts of the year featuring all of our band and strings musicians.

JUNIOR NIGHT -

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Handsworth Gym, 7:30 p.m.

featuring Junior Blue, Junior Gold & Intermediate Concert Bands, Junior & Intermediate Jazz Bands, and Toccati Strings

SENIOR NIGHT -

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Handsworth Gym, 7:30 p.m.

featuring Senior Wind Ensemble, Senior Jazz Band, Chamber Strings, Concerti Strings and Handsworth Alumni

Admission \$5 (elementary students free)

Music is a performance art – please try to attend the whole concert

BOTTLE DRIVE - Saturday, October 17, 2009

ALL music students are asked to help out for at least 2 hours. Parents are encouraged to complete a shift as well. We need parents to drive, supervise at the school, sort, and count, and so if you have any time to spare that day, please lend a hand. Remember to bring in all your refundables from home. The drive takes place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. It's a lot of fun. Refreshments and lunch will be served!

Thanks for your support! The Bottle Drives are major fundraisers for our program.

Questions? Contact deb.burian@shaw.ca , 604-987-6520 or handsworthbottledrive@gmail.com

PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHERS

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to give your private teacher a call. Think of private lessons as "buying knowledge" — a wise investment. If private lessons are available, if you can afford them, and have the time for them; they help ensure success. The Handsworth Music Program, has a list of private teachers that been selected over the years. The list includes Handsworth senior students, university/college students, and professional musicians (some from Handsworth).

School District Disclaimer: It is the responsibility of the family and the student to determine if the private teacher is an appropriate person for the student to be alone with. The school district has NOT screened the private teachers on the list for suitability.

NEXT MPAC MEETING - Tuesday, November 10, 2009 - 7 p.m.

All music parents welcome to attend. Meeting will be held in the music room.

BAND TOURS THIS YEAR

- **33rd ANNUAL HANDSWORTH SENIOR WINDS RETREAT WEEKEND**
Another great success of music and bonding was held September 25-27 at Camp Miriam on **GABRIOLA ISLAND**. The cost of this retreat was \$155.
- **SENIOR WIND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE & HUMANITARIAN TOUR TO LIMA, CUZCO, AGUAS CALIENTES, & MACHU PICCHU in PERU**, March Break 2010. The cost for this tour, per student, is based on the number of touring musicians from the Senior Concert & Jazz Bands. The cost will be around \$3300. Initial deposit of \$300 (plus \$82 for insurance - optional) was due on Thursday, October 8, 2009.
- **JUNIOR & SENIOR JAZZ BAND TO THE BC INTERIOR JAZZ FESTIVAL IN KELOWNA**, April 8-11, 2010. The cost for this tour, per student, is based on the number of musicians in the Jr. & Sr. Jazz Bands. The cost will be around \$400.
- **INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND & INTERMEDIATE JAZZ BAND IN KAMLOOPS**, May 13-16, 2010. The cost for this tour, per student, is based on the number of musicians in the Intermediate Concert & Jazz Bands. The cost will be around \$400. Initial deposit of \$150 was due on Friday, October 9, 2009.
This is a change from the original Sun Peaks tour from April 23-25. This will allow four more students to join the team tour AND do their international school exchanges.

STRINGS ORCHESTRA TOUR THIS YEAR

SAN DIEGO / LOS ANGELES, January 29 - February 2, 2010. Only one class of regular school will be missed. Performances in San Diego and Disneyland. The cost of the tour will be approximately \$1000 plus food and extras. Non-refundable deposit of \$300 is due by Thursday, October 22, 2009.

OTHER STRINGS INFO

- **THE PROJECT: Toward Cultural Harmony**, a project with Sinfonia Orchestra of the Northshore (www.sinfonia.ca). Students are invited to participate in a series of workshops leading to their contribution to a professional musical composition and performance. Thanks to a grant from ARTSTARTS BC, Hussein Janmohamid will lead these with musicians from Sinfonia. The workshops begin on October 8th for 8 weeks. Please indicate interest to Peter Van Ooyen.
- Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and North Vancouver Honour High School Strings and Band. Rehearsals for select secondary students will begin in February, with a gala performance on March 29th.

STUDENT KUDOS

Congratulations to the following students participating in ensembles at the BC Music Educator's Conference from October 20-23, 2009:

- Strings players Brittany So, Max Lai, Matt Logan, and Hayden Sidey-Philips are participating in the BC Honour String Orchestra.
 - Band musicians Trenton Galozo, Min Young Yoo, Jason Cyr, Polly Lee, and Lily Ye are participating in the BC Honour Wind Ensemble.
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UNIFORM INFORMATION

On October 8th or 9th, music students received their uniform(s) pieces that are provided by the school. Please note that the following items are to be supplied by each student:

BLUE, GOLD, AND INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BANDS **JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE JAZZ BANDS**

WHITE long-sleeve dress shirts with collars
BLACK dress pants

TOCCATI STRINGS

WHITE long-sleeve dress shirts / blouses with collars
BLACK dress pants or knee-length skirts

CONCERTI AND CHAMBERS STRINGS

Boys: WHITE long-sleeve dress shirts with collars
BLACK dress pants

Girls: BLACK long-sleeve dress shirts / blouses with collars
BLACK dress pants or knee-length skirts

SENIOR WIND ENSEMBLE & SENIOR JAZZ BAND

BLACK long-sleeved dress shirts
BLACK dress pants

ALL GROUPS—All Black Dress Shoes and Black Socks/Stockings

Be an outstanding musician. Don't be the musician who stands out.

Parents, please help your student by ensuring they follow the uniform requirements.

All shirts must be tucked into pants. Pants must be dress pants (no yoga pants, sweat pants or jeans).

Running shoes are not permitted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our uniform coordinators: Kathleen Whyte (kjwhyte@shaw.ca), or Janet Holley (jholley@shaw.ca).

STUDENT TOUR ACCOUNT FUNDRAISING

Our Student Tour Account Fundraising program assists students (if they wish) in offsetting the costs for music tours throughout their years at Handsworth. This year we are offering the following fundraising opportunities:

Innisbrook Giftwrap - September 29 to October 16 (turn sales envelopes in by Oct. 19th)

Magazine Subscriptions – October 14 (campaign runs for about a month)

Purdy's Chocolates - November (orders due by November 23rd)

These fundraisers are for the students themselves. The money raised by individual students goes into their own individual tour account, and can be withdrawn at any time to assist in covering the costs of music tours. For more information on this program please contact Carol Piercy at piercyburge@shaw.ca. For account balances contact Teresa Pedersen at teresa_pedersen@scotiamcleod.com.

MPAC ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are in need of parent volunteers for the following easy tasks:

- Concert Programs (type in the names in MS Word - a template is available).
- Posters - create simple 8 ½" x 17" posters for each concert (we have someone to put them up).
- Person with a vehicle big enough to look after putting out and taking down the large (3'x6') wooden concert sign at the corner of Capilano Road and Ridgewood.

Contact Carol Piercy at piercyburge@shaw.ca or 604-988-3516 if you can help.

JAZZ WORKSHOP PERFORMANCES FOR ALL JAZZ MUSICIANS

- **Friday, November 20th** starting at 1:00 p.m. will be Canada's finest post secondary jazz music program performing/workshopping in the Handsworth Jazz Cellar (Music Room). Featuring the "Studio Jazz Orchestra," directed by Denny Christianson of the Humber Music Program. This is a big deal for Handsworth.
 - **Monday, November 23rd or Tuesday, November 24th** (TBA) featuring Cuban trumpet player Alexis Baro and his Jazz Septet in the Handsworth "Jazz Cellar."
 - **Friday, December 11th** at 3:00 p.m. we will be treated to the University of Manitoba Jazz Studies Program Faculty Jazz Combo. This will be a combination Handsworth/U of M performance/workshop.
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