

## **The UPBEAT May 2008**

### **A Monthly Message**

from David Phillips, Board Chair and Cheryl Jukes, Executive Director

***Through this monthly UPBEAT email, we communicate with our MCYO families briefly about various MCYO happenings.***

#### 2008 SPRING CONCERTS:

Congratulations to all of our wonderful conductors, managers and students on presenting terrific end-of-season concerts! The two community "Outreach Concerts" were a treat and we urge our families to attend these in the future. Each group plays more than twice as much as on a regular concert in the concert hall and audiences can really see the fruits of the groups' labors in these culminating performances. Sinfonia and Harp Ensemble performed their final concert on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, which provided spectacular acoustics for the recording, not to mention a lovely setting. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Chamber Strings performed at Asbury Methodist Village to a house packed with parents and senior citizens, anxious for a replay. Kudos to violinist, Myung Jee Noh, for her beautiful solo in "Celtica."

The pre-concert May 21 by the MCYO Percussion Ensemble, a group created under the new Chamber Music Program, knocked our socks off with pulsating rhythms and energy! Thanks to Coach Ken Krohn for preparing students so well and setting the rest of the evening's tone.

Young Artists, Symphony and Philharmonic all gave great final performances, garnering cheers and standing ovations from the enthusiastic audience.

Our senior reception was, as always, a bittersweet occasion. As we bid farewell to our seniors, we wish them every success as they begin their college careers, confident that they will always hold music near and dear. We will miss you – please keep in touch!

#### VOLUNTEER THANKS:

We extend our special thanks to all of the volunteers that make it possible for us provide this program. MCYO is indebted to Cathy Dobos, for all of her time, talent and effort designing our beautiful programs, posters, and fliers for the past few years. Photographer Bruce Boyajian, for his time and artistry in producing the fantastic images of our musicians and conductors. Philip Larkin, for his help compiling and arranging the TEMPO newsletter

throughout the season. The many concert volunteers who show up every time to help with the merchandise sales table and who serve as chaperones to the orchestras.

For Wednesday's concert help, we thank Menghang Xia, Lori Yeh, Cynthia Farrell Johnson, Wanda Jones, and Marian Sullivan.

Special thanks to our Music library volunteers--Christina Yen, Robin McCue, Daniel Bogacheck, Yvonne and Allen Luk--for their help inputting and updating the music library catalogue over the past several weeks. We could not do it without you!

#### AUDITION WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Audition week is a hectic time and we need volunteers each and every day and evening during the week of August 18-23. We need parent helpers to staff the check-in desk and to run errands. We need many students to act as "runners" escorting the auditioners to and from audition spaces.

Food and SSL hours are provided. Please check your schedules and email the office to let us know of your availability that week. Plan to commit to "shifts." (3-4 hours at a time).

We need you!

Spread the word about MCYO Auditions – tell friends and neighbors, help us distribute audition fliers and postcards to local libraries, school and businesses. Contact the office for these materials.

AUDITION QUESTIONS? Please contact John Park, in the MCYO office 301-581-5209 or email him at [john.parkus@gmail.com](mailto:john.parkus@gmail.com)

#### GO GOLF!

MCYO is embarking on a new fund-raiser next season. Get involved! We need golfers and sponsors. Register to participate in the tournament on October 17 or help us obtain sponsors. For more info, see the MCYO website.

#### INTERNATIONAL TOUR

We are planning a beautiful 10-day tour to Vienna/Prague/Budapest for next June with our Philharmonic musicians. Stay tuned for more information and an itinerary.

Have a fabulous, fun-filled summer everyone!

Practice hard...we look forward to seeing you back for auditions in August!