

05-23-08 Post Concert Notes

GENERAL NOTES

CONCERT REMARKS

Congratulations to everyone on a great Spring Concert. The concert performance was exceptional. Everything came together well: accurate playing, good dynamic contrasts and articulation. I was especially impressed with the demeanor of our student members at both the dress rehearsal and concert. Cadets did a great job at their first formal concert. Particular congratulations to the small core of Symphonic members that hung in there until the end still striving to come in correctly on Nabucco. Practice makes perfect. The behavior of all band levels was mature and professional. It is a great pleasure for me to be associated with such a fine group of young people. I am also thankful to have the assistance of wonderful and talented adult members.

Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Helen Herbst, the Booster volunteers and Mrs. Marla Sheldon for once again producing such a smoothly run event. We are also very grateful to Mr. Guest for running the post-concert celebration and generously providing all the beverages. To Mrs. Dawn Larsen, please know there is always a place for you in the WSHSB.

On behalf of Mrs. W-P, Mrs. Pfauth and I, we thank you for the beautiful roses and gifts as a sign of your appreciation. It is our pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to be associated with such a fine group of families. Mrs. W-P and I were also touched by the graduating Seniors' kind words and surprise gifts. We love you and will miss all of you.

To everyone, thanks for all the teamwork. We did it!! Congratulations again on a great year! Have a wonderful summer.

PROCEDURES FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29

Thursday, May 29, marks the end of our concert season and the beginning of the Summer Marching trimester. There is no regular practice, rather a preliminary marching practice will follow immediately after all music and band property has been returned. **Band members should arrive at 7 PM.** Volunteers will be stationed around the practice hall to assist in collecting various items. Please follow the tables around the room. If one collection station has a very long line, you may do them in any order and return later when the line is down. **When you have completed all the steps listed below, those not participating in any summer events are free to go.** However, all those participating in any summer parade and/or the DuPage County Fair Opening Day will remain for practice as detailed further on.

- **Marching Registration Forms and Fees** All outstanding summer marching registration forms and fees must be turned in this Thursday. Remember - No checks will be accepted without a completed form and vice-versa.
- **Cummerbunds and Bow Ties** All cummerbunds and bow ties are to be returned. Please check the back of the cummerbund for the size number, 1 through 7. Lay it out on the table, number side up, in the correct number pile. Hand in your bow tie. You need to be sure that you are checked off by a parent helper for each item you return. If it is not recorded that you returned these items, you will be billed for them.
- **Blue Band Blazers** If you are not returning to band in the fall, or if you are returning in fall but have outgrown your jacket and/or pants, return the dry-cleaned jacket, in the cleaner's bag with cleaning tags/receipt attached. Pants being returned should be laundered. Those returning to band will be fitted for a different jacket and/or pants in the fall.
- **WSHSB Rental Instruments** Return ALL rental instruments even if you plan to rent one over the summer. Those using their rental instrument for marching practice on Thursday night will turn it in after the practice. Parent helpers must also turn in the instruments they have been using, as we need to make them available to incoming Cadets in the fall. Anyone planning to rent an instrument for the summer must pay for the summer's rental this Thursday. It will be returned to you once the instrument is inventoried and checked over.

IMPORTANT RENTAL INFO – Even if you are playing a rental instrument over the summer, there is no guarantee that anyone will have the same exact instrument they played previously. Our first priority is to provide rental instruments new Cadets. After Cadets are taken care of, remaining band members will be accommodated.

- **Percussion Equipment** ALL WSHSB percussion equipment is to be returned to the band this Thursday. This includes but is not limited to such things as, mallets, carriers, quad set, maracas, etc. There is to be no percussion equipment kept at anyone's home.
- **Music Collection and Amnesty Returns – Odds and Ends**
Instructions for returning all music are below under Music Notes.
CADETS MUST RETURN MAGNIFICENT 7.
- **Lost and Found – Going Once...**
Please look through the Lost and Found items on May 29. Anything unclaimed items that remain after that date will be gotten rid of.
- **For summer parade and/or DuPage County Fair Opening Day participants**
After having turned in all music, bow ties, and cummerbunds, rental instruments, etc., anyone participating in summer marching band events needs to do the following –
 - Pick up a marching hat.
 - Check your band folder for any new marching music that may be there. Put it in your flip folder immediately.
 - Prepare for practice with your instrument, lyre, flip folder and music.
 - Wait patiently for music collections to be completed before practice begins.

DRESSING FOR MARCHING CAMP

There are to be no short-shorts, and no low-cut, skimpy or tight-fitting tank tops worn to camp. There should be no bare midriffs. Everyone must wear good shoes that cover and support your feet, **no sandals or flip-flops.**

WANTS TO SELL/MOVE

A woman contacted Mrs. Borow last week saying she would like to "sell/move" an Ancona accordion and a Wurlitzer organ. The accordion is full size, from the early 40's, in fine working condition - \$75, or best offer. Her name is Pam Vargo and her phone number is 630 569-1217

MUSIC NOTES

All band levels

Music Collection

There should be **no original music remaining** in anyone's folder, or in piles in your home. Keep any photocopies you made for yourself. There is a fine of **\$4 per song**, for damaged (in our judgment) or lost/unreturned music. Bring cash or a check with you. **All fines are due on May 29.**

Do not keep ANY music presuming because you are returning to band you can use it next year. This has caused problems in the past with people playing formerly assigned parts which are no longer current. All music is redistributed and part assignments can and do change.

There are music lists for each band. To help lines move more quickly, arrive at band with your music in alphabetical order. Take your music to one of the moms at the front table and wait while she checks it in. **The fine for any missing marching size music is \$1.00, while any full size missing music is \$4.00.** You are expected to pay your fines when you return your music. Come prepared to do so.

Note - Members who previously returned their music should double-check the lists and return anything you may have overlooked. Also, some may find they do not have a few titles because they turned them in earlier this trimester. That fact will already be recorded on the lists.

AMNESTY RETURNS – ODDS AND ENDS

If you find you have any other music that should have been returned previously (music from Christmas, the winter trimester or a previous year) or any other **originals** of titles not included in the lists below. Titles from the winter trimester are listed below spring. Put your first and last name and band level on a slip of paper and clip it together with the music. Now is your opportunity to return any and all music that you haven't known what to do with.

MUSIC TO RETURN

Cadets

Cardiff Castle
Dancin' On the Bayou
(*The two titles above should have been turned-in on May 1*)
Magnificent 7

Concert Junior, Senior and Symphonic combined songs

The Star Spangled Banner
American Pride
God Bless America
Magnificent Seven

NOTE: Anyone with any **Happy Birthday music** should also turn that in.

Junior - spring trimester

Camelot
Clash and Roar
Dona Nobis Pacem
Medallion Overture
Mister Joe (March)
Samba Sauce
Symphony No.40

Senior - spring trimester

Hello Dolly Highlights
Hymn of Thanksgiving
March in F
Midnight Sun Overture
Nimrod
Spychase
following should have been turned-in previously
Slippery Slide Rag

Symphonic - spring trimester

Ammerland
Concerto for Two Piccolos
Fanfare Prelude on the "Italian Hymn"
Lohengrin-Prelude to Act 3
Nabucco Overture
Sons of Veterans
Spirit of the Sequoia
Tico-Tico
following should have been turned-in previously
Carmina Burana
Hansel and Gretel
Let It Shine

JUNIOR – winter trimester

Alpine March
Christmas Fun

Deck the Halls
Good King Wenceslas
Happy Polka
Morning Has Broken
Russian Sailor's Dance
Sandpaper Symphony
Victory Overture
Wassail March

See Finale and Christmas parade songs at the end of the list

SENIOR – winter trimester

Batman
Christmas Prologue
Do You Hear What I Hear
Hall of Fame
Menuetto and Trio
Once in Royal David's City
Scherzo from Sym #4
Silesian Folk Song
Tiger Rag
Toccata for Band

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SYMPHONIC – winter trimester

Belle of the Ball
Children of Sanchez
El Capitan March
Hallelujah Chorus
Iliad, The
In The Bleak Midwinter
Suite #2 in F
Sleigh Ride

Winter Finale

St. Louis Blues March
6/8 March Trio - *Liberty Bell, Washington Post, Our Director*

Christmas Parade

Christmas Spectacular
We Need a Little Christmas