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BYSO Newsletter



April 17, 2020

On-Going Event

Virtual Growing Musicians Garden Party April 6 - May 9.

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Dear BYSO Families,

We want to do everything in our power to mitigate Covid-19 and its impact on our community. For this reason, we must sadly announce that we will not be able to hold our spring rehearsals and concerts. We realize many of you were looking forward to playing at Benaroya Hall on May 16th, and we are sorry that you will miss that opportunity. However, we have been able to reschedule the Spring Masterworks concert for May 8, 2021 at this same prestigious venue. Please mark your calendars!

Tuition refunds are available and we would appreciate if you would consider donating part of or all of your tuition to BYSO. This is a difficult time for our organization as we rely on tuition, ticket sales and sponsorships to allow us to be able to provide dynamic musical experiences, to foster collaboration, to help build confidence and personal responsibility through the pursuit of musical excellence.

We plan to bring our students back together as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. In the meantime, BYSO has many expenses to cover, including rent, utilities, and salaries for our core team. Please **fill out [this form](#)** on our website and let us know how you would like us to manage your Spring tuition credit. Due to recent Federal Legislation, everyone will be able to deduct donations on their taxes for 2020.

Finally, we are very thankful for your patience, understanding, and kindness these last few months. It is a very challenging time for Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, along with other arts organizations across the globe.

We greatly appreciate your continued support. Our staff and board wish our BYSO families health and moments of joy during this difficult time.

Trudi Jackson, Executive Director

Virtual Fundraiser is Loads of Fun!

Our awesome 5th annual fundraiser, the **Growing Musicians Garden Party**, is well underway!

This year, our fundraiser features online performances by our brilliant staff and student musicians. Video performances are posted on our social media and website each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

As an attendee of BYSO's Virtual Garden Party, you can enjoy these inspiring performances from the comfort of your home. If you missed Dr. Metzger Howe playing Chopin or the two fabulous sibling duets, all videos are still available to watch on the front page of the website.

30% of BYSO's support comes through contributions, and this Spring event is a critical part of our annual fundraising, so please [donate!](#)

Calling All Seniors!

If you're a senior this year, we want to celebrate you! We should have you correctly tagged in our database, but we might have missed someone. Please email admin@byso.org to make sure we know you.

Have a jaunty weekend!

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