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Full Online Orchestra - Waltz of the Flowers Collaboration

This fall, BYSO Conductor Barney Blough took on the challenge of leading a full online orchestra and making it a fun and relevant learning experience for our talented young musicians. The goal for this orchestra is to offer students the opportunity to improve their musical skills while learning to record like professionals. At the end of the quarter, the orchestra will have a complete virtual performance.

Extending on the original plan, Mr. Blough has arranged for a collaboration with the Evergreen City Ballet to record *Waltz of the Flowers* from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker. This recording will be used by the dancers both for rehearsals as well as the final performance in their Nutcracker movie. This collaboration is going to be a unique experience and unlike anything BYSO has done. Evergreen City Ballet Artistic Director Bennyroyce Royon as well as dancers Anna Doucette and Emiliano Rivera Patton came to talk to Online Orchestra students at their rehearsal last week.

You can read more about this production and <u>Evergreen City Ballet</u> on the Ensemble page, <u>Full Orchestra</u> <u>Online</u> on our website.

For information on what our other ensembles are working on, check out their <u>ensembles</u> page on our <u>website</u>.

Upcoming Concerto Competition

Every year, BYSO hosts a Concerto Competition. 2020 is no different, although it will be an Online Concerto Competition this year. The deadline for submissions is November 18th, and the top performances will be featured on our website in December.

In normal years, a Concerto Competition is an opportunity for advanced musicians to perform advanced solo repertoire in concert, with orchestral accompaniment. This year, auditions and performances will be online, with piano accompaniment only. This competition is open to students in Youth Symphony, Philharmonia, Flute Orchestra and Percussion Ensemble and applicants must be current BYSO students. Entrants will receive written commentary on their performance to help their future development.

To read more about our Concerto Competition and to see a list of previous winners, click here.

More detailed information about this years Concerto Competition will follow next week.

BYSO is Hiring

Audio/Video Editor Needed

BYSO is looking for one or more contract audio/video editors who can stitch together individual recordings into a visually aurally pleasing performance.

If you are interested in applying or learning more, email into@byso.org.

Halloween Fun!

Let's have some fun with Halloween! On Monday, October 26th, wear a Halloween costume for your rehearsal. The ensemble with the best participation will have their ensemble picture (screen shot) featured in November newsletters and on our social media. Up to the 31st, take a picture of yourself rehearsing in your costume and tag us on Instagram. Let's show our Halloween spirit!

Pass the Hat with BYSO

We are so thankful for all the families who have donated to our Pass the Hat campaign. Your generosity is truly what is keeping us going.

Our goal this year is for 85% of our families to participate and we are currently at just under 20%. Even \$5 or \$10 goes a long way to support our programs.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts.

Tuition Due

Tuition is due next week. If you asked for a credit last year, please contact <u>admin@byso.org</u> for next steps. For general questions, contact <u>info@byso.org</u>.

You can pay your tuition here or you can send a check to our office at:

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