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Announcements | October 30, 2020

Halloween Rehearsal Participation

We hope you noticed a new picture at the top of our newsletter! While there were quite a few students who dressed up for rehearsal this past Monday, Flute Orchestra had the most participation.

Outstanding costumes include a doctor with her flute as the Covid virus, a Santa with his flute as a gift and many others. We even have a Hufflepuff violinist! Be sure to check out our FB page to see Mr. Blough as Mr. Incredible, as well as others who shared their costumes.

We appreciate all of your participation.

Halfway Through Fall Quarter

We are already half way done with the quarter and our online ensembles are charging ahead, with exciting and creative approaches to learning music. The Full Online Orchestra is starting its recording practice, Premiere string ensembles are playing music originally written for trumpet, and the Youth Wind Ensemble is playing a piece originally written for strings. Everyone is to be congratulated for their hard work and commitment.

Remember to keep your camera **on** during the sessions. Directors are not able to engage or assist students who have their cameras off. According to one director, 90% of her teaching is based on visual cues. So please remind your students to keep the cameras on when possible!

It's also time to start thinking about Winter quarter, which will start January 4, and what type of ensemble your student would like to participate in. The choices are

- Small Ensemble - winds or strings

- Full Online Orchestra
- For Flutes only - Flute Ensemble OR Wind Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- A combination of both a small ensemble AND Full Online Orchestra

Start thinking about it and if you need a reminder of what the sessions look like, please check out the [ensemble pages](#). Signup information will be available in November.

Winter Auditions - All Instruments

Winter auditions for new students are coming up! Read about requirements and how to prepare [here](#). We will be accepting all instruments for the winter quarter.

Please tell your friends and siblings about BYSO -- we'd love to have them join us!

Tuition Reminder

Tuition was due on October 18th. If you have not yet paid, your student will not be able to participate in the Winter quarter. You can pay on the website [here](#) or you can send a check to:

Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra
PO Box 3774
Bellevue, WA 98009

Click [here](#) if you require financial assistance.

Fall Back an Hour

Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night! Get an extra hour of practice - or sleep.

Sensory Friendly Halloween Children's Concert

Our friends at Lake Washington Symphony recorded their annual Sensory Friendly Halloween Children's Concert. This is a fun and free concert you can watch at any time. Be sure to check out the virtual instrument 'petting zoo'!

<https://lws.org/halloweenconcert/>



Online Concerto Competition Signup Open

Don't forget the November 18 deadline for submitting your audition video for BYSO's online Concerto Competition. This is a great opportunity for advanced musicians to take on a longer work and get constructive feedback. Check the website for complete [information](#).

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Happy Halloween!



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