



Orchestra Newsletter

J. J. Pearce High School



Congratulations to Sonya Yun, the 2009 Pearce High School Salutatorian! Sonya started fourth grade at Bowie Elementary after moving to Dallas from South Korea. She quickly proved herself as an academic leader and talented artist: her award winning art has been displayed in the State Capitol.

Sonya is currently a member of the Chamber Orchestra, principal violinist, and two-time all-state pianist. Additional achievements have included being Math Club President, a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. In her free time Sonya volunteers at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital. She will attend NYU this fall to study accounting and law.

The RISD Excellence in Education Foundation has announced their 2009 Scholarship Recipients, including orchestra's

GHIANDA BECERRIL

who was awarded the Katie Richards Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations Ghianda!



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Special points of interest:

- Scholarships!
- Pictures!
- Banquet!
- Chamber Music Festival!

Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn.
Charlie (Byrd) Parker

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The Pause is as important as
the Note.
—Truman Fisher—



Letter from the Editor

This is Volume 1, Number 2 of the J. J. Pearce Orchestra Newsletter, the final newsletter for the 2008-09 school year.

This issue contains information about and pictures of orchestra life this spring: the Chamber competition, the spring trip, the banquet, and graduating seniors.

Be sure to keep your pictures and ideas for next year's newsletter editor.

All the best,

Liz Alewine l

There's music in the sighing of a reed;
There's music in the gushing of a rill;
There's music in all things, if men had ears:
Their earth is but an echo of the spheres.

George Gordon, Lord Byron

Chamber Music Festival

Congratulations to Pearce Orchestra members who performed at the Richardson Chamber Music Festival on April 25 at Richardson High School.

Students who earned a Superior rating on "one" on their solos and ensembles were:

Ethan Abels, Ghianda Becerril, Emi Soda, Taylor Pitts, Carly Cowen, Jonathan Myers, Drew DeCrescenzo, Parker Blackman, Travis Kannarr, Alex DeCrescenzo, Kathlynn Todd, Faraz Damghani, Elissa Moss, Mere Rosales and Jessica Weidler.

Additionally, several students earned Honor Awards which is better than Superior or "one" rating. Those students were:

Meghan Guajardo, Hannah Park, Anna Park, Alan Lu, Parker Blackman, Leigh Kellner, Romel Shearer, Duffy Hogan, Taylor Piske, Sonya Yun, and Kaitlin Valentine.

Congratulations to all of these students on their excellent performances.



Seniors '09

Music is forever; music should grow and mature with you, following you right on up until you die. —Paul Simon



Pearce Area Orchestra Booster Club Board Positions

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President. Presides over board and general meetings, sets agendas, and keeps the board members on track. Administers Parliamentary procedures so board meetings run smoothly.

Treasurer. Keeps track of all the deposits and expenses. Helps prepare the budget and prepares the financial reports for each board meeting.

Assistant Treasurer. In charge of Student Ledger management and is responsible for entering into the CHARMS system all payments made to the PAOC, including student fees, fundraising payments, trip deposits and the like. Also maintains the individual student ledgers, assuring that all payments are posted to the students' ledgers in a timely manner.

Fundraising. Fundraising for the organization, like the popular chocolate fundraiser. These fundraising efforts support scholarships for private lessons, the yearly spring trip, and creating annual college scholarships.

Spring Trip Organizer. Assists Mrs. Livings in organizing the spring trip. Plans and organizes fundraising activities to keep the costs of the trip relatively low.

Banquet Coordinator and Publicity Officer. Banquet Coordinator organizes the annual Orchestra banquet, which consists of a buffet dinner for parents and students, followed by awards presentations.

The Publicity Officer submits articles and photographs of the orchestra students to various media such as the school e-news website, local newspapers, and the orchestra newsletter editor.

Hospitality. Responsible for soliciting baked goods and other miscellaneous items for sale prior to and after orchestra performances.

Web master and Communications, assists Mrs. Livings in keeping the orchestra web site up to date and makes sure that the orchestra members and their parents are notified of upcoming events. Check out the website at <http://jjpearceorchestra.com>!

Newsletter. Publishes two issues a year, containing pictures and information about orchestra students and events.

Spirit and Pride. Orders Pearce orchestra spirit wear such as T-shirts and sweatshirts, as well as decals, and yard signs.

Uniforms. Ensures all the orchestra students have their tuxedos and dresses and that all the orchestra attire is returned, cleaned and ready for the next year.

Winter Dinner/Concert. Responsible for the winter Concert/Dinner.

VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER!

Any parents who would like to volunteer for general help on any of the activities or events, please contact Mrs. Livings.

Additional help is *always* appreciated!

Contact information for all board members as well as the orchestra directors is on the Charms website.



SPIRIT ORDERS

Orders will be taken at summer orchestra registration, the October concert, and at school. Spirit items will be given out Fall 2009. Spirit items are T-Shirts, car decals, and yard signs.





Orchestra Student Officers 2008-09

Carly Cowen	President
Sonya Yun	VP Chamber
April Chow	VP Philharmonic
Haley Hawkins	VP Concert
Kara Murphy	Publicity
Sonya Yun Samar Danghani April Chow Nikki Schafer	Librarians
Kara Murphy April Chow	Attendance
Farrell Tes	Fundraising
Leigh Kellner	Social
Haley Hawkins	Asst. Social
Taylor Pitts	Photographer
Alexx DeCrescenzo	KROO



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Uniforms should be returned by Thursday June 4, 2009 Spring Semester. All dresses and tuxedos MUST be dry cleaned before they are returned, and the dry cleaning receipt MUST accompany the uniform.

Scholarships

Scholarship applications for financial assistance for private lessons and the orchestra 2010 Spring Trip will be accepted during the fall semester. The application will be available at the orchestra website (www.jjpearceorchestra.com), Applications must be submitted to Mrs. Livings or Mr. Bolak no later than January 7, 2010.

Music is love in search of a word.

—Sidney Lanier—



Banquet and Spring Trip

If I were to begin life again, I would devote it to music. It is the only cheap and unpunished rapture on earth.

Sidney Smith

