

TO: Music Teachers and Parent Coordinators and School Principals who will bring students to the 2009 CUSO Youth Concerts

FROM: Elizabeth Roberts, Coordinator, CUSO Outreach Program

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RE: **October 8, 2009 CUSO YOUTH CONCERTS**

Hello. My name is Elizabeth Roberts and I coordinate the Charlottesville & University Symphony Orchestra's outreach program. We are looking forward to offering our *Youth Concerts* to you and your students next month! I'm writing to provide you with some information about the concerts, which will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 10:00AM and 11:30AM in Old Cabell Hall on the grounds of the University of Virginia.

Confirmed attendance as of 9/9/09:

10:00AM Performance

Agnor Hurt
Burnley-Moran
Clark
Crozet
Greenbrier
Hollymead
Jackson-Via
Johnson
Meriwether Lewis
Red Hill
Tye River
Venable

11:30AM Performance

Broadus Wood
Charlottesville Day
Greer
Peabody
Rockfish River
St. Anne's Belfield
Scottsville
Stone-Robinson
Home School – DeLaura
Home School - McGill
Home School - Melton
Home School - Providence

Additional Information Posted on Website: www.cvillesymphony.org

- Directions to UVA and Drop-off/Pick-up Information for both performances
- Map showing Drop-off/Pick-up for both performances
- Map of the grounds to help you find your way from the bus drop-off site to Old Cabell Hall (Symphony Society volunteers will also assist)
- OCH Seating Chart
- Seating assignments (will be added to website no later than 9/25/09)
- Directions for exiting the Concert Hall (will be added no later than 9/25/09)
- Evaluation form for you to fill out and return following the performance
- SOL activities for 4th and 5th grade students

General Information

- After students have been dropped off, teachers should keep their group together. Symphony Society Volunteers will meet school groups at the bus stop, and students will be directed from McCormick Rd across grounds to Old Cabell Hall auditorium. Please keep students quiet when indoors because UVA classes are taking place.
- Since the walk the students will have is long, please be sure they are dressed adequately for the weather that day – i.e., bring umbrellas if necessary...
- Please note that cameras, food, gum, and candy are NOT permitted in the Old Cabell Hall Auditorium. Thank you for abiding by these policies!
- Please sit only in your assigned area. Volunteers from the Symphony Society will assist you in finding your seats.
- School groups will be dismissed from the auditorium after each performance. School names will be announced from the stage, so please stay seated after the performance until your school's name is announced. When your school's name is announced, please proceed directly to your school's buses, which will be parked along the East side of McCormick Rd. (next to the West Range).

Please Label Your Buses

Please label your buses with a large sign in the front window that tells the name of your school and which bus number it is from your school. For instance, if your school is Clark and you have one bus, the sign should read "Clark Bus 1/1." If you are from Stone-Robinson and you have two buses, then the buses should be labeled, "Stone-Robinson, Bus 1/2" and "Stone-Robinson Bus 2/2." Labeling your school's buses in this way will greatly help our volunteers in directing you to the performance and will also assist in loading the buses after the performances.

Schools traveling by Car

For schools who will bring their students by car, please use the Central Grounds Parking Garage located on Emmett Street near Newcomb Hall. If for any reason that lot is full, there is another garage located near the hospital at UVA which you may use, but we recommend the lot near Newcomb because it is safer walking across grounds from there to Old Cabell Hall than it is walking along Jefferson Park Avenue from the lot by the hospital.

Lunch Following the 11:30AM Performance

Since the 11:30 am concert will finish about 12:15, we have reserved the South Lawn at UVA (accessed directly through the doors in the lobby of Old Cabell Hall) for you and your students to picnic if the weather is nice. (If the weather is poor, we recommend you eat lunch at your school, for there is no indoor space at the University available for your students' use.) If you decide to picnic on the Lawn, we have several requests:

- ⌘ Please bring all of your students' lunches in a large cardboard box, and leave these boxes in the lobby of Old Cabell Hall during the performance. Students may not take their lunches in the auditorium.

- ⌘ Please take your garbage home with you – perhaps pack it straight back into the boxes that you use to bring the lunches in. There are no large garbage bins on the Lawn, and those in the buildings nearby are not designed to hold the volume of trash that will come from the potential 500 young people eating lunch on the Lawn that day.
- ⌘ If your students need the restroom, please use the ones in Old Cabell Hall, just off of the lobby. Please remember that there are UVA students in class in Old Cabell Hall right next to where the restrooms are, so your students should remain very quiet while in the building, and an adult should accompany your students at all times.

Suggestions from past years

Each year we receive a number of wonderful suggestions from teachers who attend the performance. We do our best to implement these suggestions, but some we are not able to accommodate, and I wish to describe these below.

- ⌘ There is not time to demonstrate every instrument individually due to the short amount of time we have for the program. We will demonstrate some instruments individually, but in general we choose to use the time during the Young People's Concert to play as much orchestral music as possible. We demonstrate individual instruments with much greater depth during the Preludes school visits we make during the rest of the year.
- ⌘ We need to use the partial view seats in the auditorium, for if we don't use these seats, we would have to exclude many more children from attending the performance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at ear4x@virginia.edu or through the Symphony office (434-924-6505). If you need something the morning of the concert, you can contact me through the UVA Music Department at 434 924 3052. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday, Oct. 8th!