

To: Music Teachers, Elementary School Principals, and Parent Coordinators
*Charlottesville City Schools; Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Nelson
Madison, Greene County Schools; Area Private Schools; Area Home-School
Groups*

From: Ibbby Roberts, Outreach Coordinator
Charlottesville and University Symphony Orchestra

Date: August 19, 2009

Re: Symphony Youth Concert, Thursday, October 8, 2009

“Beethoven: Back to the Future”

The Charlottesville and University Symphony Orchestra will offer its annual ***Youth Concerts on Thursday, October 8, 2009 in Old Cabell Hall on the UVA Grounds.*** Music Director Kate Tamarkin will lead the orchestra in a program that presents the life of the mighty Ludwig van Beethoven. Beethoven will be portrayed by Professor Richard Warner, Head of Acting in the UVA Drama Department. He will introduce the audience to Beethoven’s music and his life challenges and victories, and will describe some basic musical concepts throughout the performance. There is no charge for this event – funding is provided by BAMA Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band, Dominion Resources, the Charlottesville Symphony Society, the McIntire Department of Music at the University of Virginia, and the Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brown Endowment Fund, whose support is gratefully acknowledged.

Program:

The program will include excerpts from the following works by Beethoven:

Overture to Fidelio
Für Elise
Symphony No. 5
Symphony No. 6
Symphony No. 7
Symphony No. 8
Concerto for Violin and Orchestra
Symphony No. 9

Who is eligible to attend:

As in years past, fifth graders from the Albemarle County Schools, and fourth graders from the Charlottesville City Schools are invited to attend. Additionally, we are pleased to extend our invitation to fourth and fifth grade students from private schools or who are home-schooled in the Charlottesville area, and to fourth and fifth grade students from school districts in surrounding counties. Due to space limitations, we ask each school to limit to one grade level only. CUSO’s Youth Concerts are designed to aid recruitment for local band and orchestra programs by targeting students the year before they begin band and orchestra instruments at school. By targeting students in the grade just before they start a school instrumental music program, we help them make more informed decisions about which instrument they will choose to play.

Reservations:

We offer two performances on **Thursday, October 8, 2009**, one at **10:00AM** and the other at **11:30AM**. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Orchestra Office at (434) 924-6505 or email jk3xa@virginia.edu with the following information:

- ⌘ your name
- ⌘ your school's name/home-school group name
- ⌘ the total number of students and the total number of chaperones who will attend from your school
- ⌘ the grade level of the students attending (limited to Charlottesville City Schools fourth graders, Albemarle County Schools fifth graders, and comparably-aged children, as described above)
- ⌘ your contact information, including your phone number and your email address
- ⌘ your preferred concert time and whether or not your school can attend the other concert

IMPORTANT: Reservations for the Charlottesville City Schools have already been made through Jeff Suling, Arts Coordinator. All Charlottesville City School students will attend the 10:00AM performance on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Deadline for Making a Reservation:

Reservations will be accepted through September 24th. Please contact us at the Symphony office at the above-listed number or via email no later than the 24th. Seat availability cannot be guaranteed after the deadline.

Preparatory Materials and Activities:

We will supply the music teacher at each school (or parent coordinator for home-schooled groups) with a CD recording of the music that will be performed, and age-appropriate program booklets for each student. These booklets offer information about the orchestra and the music that will be performed in the concert. Please use these materials to prepare your students in advance. Also included will be a list of suggested activities to help you address a number of the Virginia state-mandated SOL's. Finally, we will also provide logistical information – such as directions to Old Cabell Hall – under separate cover.

Please direct questions to Ibbey Roberts, Outreach Coordinator at ear4x@virginia.edu or Janet Kaltenbach, Executive Director, at jk3xa@virginia.edu or 434-924-6505.

Thank you and we hope to see you on Thursday, October 8th!