



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

From: Elizabeth Roberts, Outreach Coordinator, CUSO

Date: August 12, 2011

Re: Invitation to Annual Youth Concert

Close Encounters of the Orchestral Kind

The Charlottesville & University Symphony Orchestra will offer its annual **Youth Concerts on Thursday, October 20, 2011 in Old Cabell Hall on the UVa Grounds at 10:00AM and 11:30AM**. Join us that morning to meet Alvin the Alien. In the middle of his weekly bath, Alvin falls out of the Big Dipper and lands on the stage of Old Cabell Hall during a concert! Guest Conductor Stephen Czarkowski will lead the Charlottesville & University Symphony Orchestra on a fascinating tour of famous orchestral works as we explore the orchestral families, the expressive nature of music, and learn how a beautiful melody can energize us. Join Alvin as he has a “Close Encounter” with an orchestra for the first time, and hear how Principal Tuba Seth Cook helps Alvin find his way home!

There is no charge for this event. Funding is provided by the Bama Works Fund in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF), the Charlottesville Symphony Society, the McIntire Department of Music at the University of Virginia, Bailey Printing Inc., 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:

<i>Flying Theme</i> from ET	John Williams
Carnival Overture, Op. 92	Antonín Dvořák
Holberg Suite, Op. 40	Edvard Grieg
I. Praeludium: Allegro vivace	
Serenade No. 12 for Winds in c minor, K. 388	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
I. Allegro	
Festive Overture in A Major, Op. 96	Dmitri Shostakovich
<i>Semper Fidelis</i>	John Philip Sousa
<i>Bacchanale</i> from Sampson and Delilah	Camille Saint-Saens
Pelléas et Mélisande, Op. 80	Gabriel Fauré
III. Sicilienne: Allegro molto moderato	
Tuba Concerto in f minor	Ralph Vaughan-Williams
I. Prelude: Allegro moderato	
Symphony No. 2 in c minor, Op. 17	Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
IV. Finale: Moderato assai – Allegro vivo	

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. For home-schooled families, siblings are welcome, however no one under age five will be admitted. All students must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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 will offer two performances on **Thursday, October 20, 2011**, one at **10:00AM** and the other at **11:30AM**. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Advance reservations are required. To reserve seats, please call the Orchestra Office at (434) 924-6505 or email kaltenbach@virginia.edu with all of the following information. Incomplete reservations will not be accepted.

- ❖ 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 day-time phone number and email address
- ❖ your preferred concert time and whether or not your school can attend the other concert
- ❖ how you will travel to the concert (i.e, by car or bus)
- ❖ if you will travel by bus, how many buses will be bringing your students

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 20, 2011.

Deadline for Making a Reservation:

Reservations will be accepted through Thursday, September 29, 2011. Please contact us at the orchestra office at the above-listed number or via email no later than September 29, 2011. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Preparatory Materials and Activities:

We will supply the music teacher at each school (or parent coordinator for home-schooled groups) with an age-appropriate program booklet for each student and one CD recording per group reservation of the music that will be performed. The 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. A list of suggested activities to help you address a number of the Virginia state-mandated SOLs will be posted on the orchestra's website:

http://www.cvillesymphony.org/index.php/education/youth_concerts

Logistical Information

Logistical information, including seating charts, directions, maps, bus drop-off, and parking information will be posted on the orchestra's website: www.cvillesymphony.org

Questions

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

Thank you and we hope to see you on Thursday, October 20th!