

2010 Southeastern String Orchestra Festival

At
The University of South Carolina

Monday, March 15, 2010

Dear Orchestra Director:

We are very excited to host the First Annual Southeastern String Orchestra Festival this coming September (23-25), 2010 and are hoping that you will apply to bring your top string orchestra to join us. Our main goals are to inspire young musicians, and increase their awareness of the talent that is in our field.

We are now accepting applications (as we have a limitation of approximately 100-120 musicians) to be a part of this festival. The best part is that there is **No Cost** to participate. The only cost that you will incur is for travel and hotels. We will provide a list of hotels that are both close to town, or slightly outside that include breakfast upon acceptance to participate.

On the next page is a detailed schedule of events. The Second Annual Donald Portnoy International Violin Competition will take place that same weekend, and your students will be able to observe the finals. Also, USC Symphony will perform its first concert of the 2010-2011 season on that Thursday evening, featuring violinist Rachel Barton Pine. Tickets will be provided free of charge for those participating in the festival.

As you can see on the next page, we have a lot planned and believe this will be a tremendous inspiration for your students going forward. Please feel free to e-mail us with additional questions, and we'll get back to you as soon as possible:

Dr. Donald Portnoy, Director of Orchestras: dportnoy@mozart.sc.edu
Mr. Neil Casey, Assistant Director of Orchestras: ncasey@mozart.sc.edu
Charlene Rackley, Administrative Director: charl@mailbox.sc.edu
Or call at: (803) 777 -7500

Hope to hear from you soon-

Donald Portnoy
Neil Casey
Charlene Rackley

Thursday, September 23, 2010:

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7:30 p.m. Koger Center for the Arts USC Symphony Concert

Program:
Star Spangled Banner
Shostakovich, Festive Overture
Bruch, Scottish Fantasy
Rachel Barton Pine, violin (www.rachelbartonpine.com)
Elgar, Enigma Variations

Friday, September 24, 2010:

9:00 a.m. Koger Center for the Arts Stage Rehearsal

Program for Festival Orchestra:
Arensky, Variations on a theme of Tchaikovsky
Jones, Elegy
Elgar, Introduction and Allegro (with the USC Graduate String
Quartet as soloists)
Peck, Signs of Life (first movement)

NOTE: Bowed parts will be sent in advance for you to prepare.

Noon LUNCH PROVIDED PIZZA

1:30 p.m. Various rooms Master Classes
(Master classes will cover audition material for all-region/all-state)
Students will meet with the string-applied faculty here at USC.
Teachers will meet with Mr. Neil Casey, and string quartet to do a
Conducting Master Class.

3:30 p.m. Koger Center for the Arts Stage Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. DINNER PROVIDED CHINESE

7:30 p.m. Koger Center for the Arts Violin Recital

Approximately 45 minutes – one hour, featuring:
The Winner of the 2009 Donald Portnoy Int. Violin Competition

8:30 p.m. Social Activity, TBA (ice cream or something just to end the day)
(possibly a master class with Rachel Barton Pine)

Saturday, September 25, 2010:

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9:30 a.m.	Koger Center for the Arts	Finals of Violin Competition
Noon	LUNCH PROVIDED	Burgers, Hot Dogs
1:00 p.m.	Koger Center for the Arts	Final Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Koger Center for the Arts	CONCERT

Concert will begin with the Winner's Recital from the 2010 Donald Portnoy International Violin Competition

To be followed by the Festival Orchestra.

Information for teachers:

During the Friday morning sessions, you would be able to either observe the rehearsal in the Koger Center, or attend the semi-finals of the Violin Competition next door in the School of Music.

We also hope to have a clinician do a presentation during the Friday afternoon Rehearsal time for you all about shoulder/chin rests or another string topic of interest.

There will also be several tables with information from music publishers, as well as instrument repair and possibly dealers.

We haven't forgotten about you either!!!

The Next page is the application, and we urge you to apply soon. Please get in touch with us if you have questions.

TO APPLY, Please fill out the following and submit by: April 15, 2010.

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School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Approximate Number of Students in String Orchestra for Fall/2010: _____

School Mailing Address:

Due to limited number of enrollment, please also submit the following:

Programs from the past year (recordings if available)

Send to:

**Attn: Mr. Neil Casey
School of Music
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208**