Dear BYOV Families, Members and Supporters,

It's hard to believe that we are into November already! Things are about to pick up with TWO concerts this month. We will also welcome 21 members to the stage for this season's Concerto Competition on November 19. It is our greatest joy to provide performance opportunities for our members and we hope you will attend these excellent performances, even if you or your member are not performing!

We hope you enjoy this installment of the BYO-Graph, complete with photos from the last few weeks and a breakdown of upcoming concerts and events. We also want to extend a special thank you to our school rehearsal venue hosts, Norview Middle & High Schools and Greenbrier Middle School, for providing us with ideal rehearsal locations for our members to gather, rehearse, and thrive.

Sincerely,
Dr. Elizabeth Richards

Upcoming Concerts!

Bay Youth Wind Ensemble
Opening Concert
November 13, 2016, 2:30pm
Salem High School
By Michael Oare, Conductor, BYWE

I am excited to start my second year with the Bay Youth Wind Ensemble! Last year we introduced a new format, a new rehearsal location, a new direction, and a new staff of instructors. We have also grown a bit this year and are expecting a wonderful group of approximately 80 enthusiastic young musicians. The BYWE instructional staff includes Ms. Stephanie McRae, Band Director at Greenbrier Middle School, serves as manager and woodwind instructor; Mr. Rob Carroll, Band Director at Great Bridge Middle School, as brass instructor; and Mr. K.J. Stafford, Band Director at Hickory Middle School, is our percussion instructor. Our goal is to help our students grow musically throughout the year and to foster our partnership with the Hampton Roads band community.

I am also thrilled we are continuing our partnership with the Virginia Wind Symphony and the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School. The VPAA and the Virginia Wind Symphony have enjoyed an educational partnership for several years, featuring VWS concerts and guest conductors from across the world. The Bay Youth Wind Ensemble
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Bay Youth String, Concert, & Symphony Orchestras  
Tuesday November 22, 7:00pm  
Roper Theater, Tidewater Community College  
By Helen Martell, Music Director & Conductor, BYSO

Many of you have made our November concert a Thanksgiving tradition and we thank you for that! Our extended families and friends will love this upcoming concert with Bay Youth String, Concert and Symphony Orchestras. A special opening fanfare will be performed by the combined forces of BYCO and BYSO brass and percussion on the regal Vienna Philharmonic Fanfare by Richard Strauss. This sets the stage for two more important German composers: Brahms and Beethoven performed by our String Orchestra. The Concert Orchestra will be conducted by Mary Ann Hughes on an eclectic group of pieces.
including Russian Sailors Dance by Russian Rheinhold Gliere and Fiddle Faddle by American Leroy Anderson. After the intermission, the Bay Youth Symphony will be performing Hector Berlioz' groundbreaking work, Symphonie Fantastique. Inspired by French Grand Opera, Beethoven and Shakespeare, Berlioz tells the tale of a love sick artist through extraordinary musical techniques. This piece requires a huge orchestra including two sets of timpani, four trumpets, four bassoons, two harps and two tubas. You don't want to miss this amazing work.


$10 adults/$8 students/
**$8 seniors & military**
(advanced)
$12 adults/$10 students/$10 seniors & military (at the door/day of concert)

Group rates available. Check Roper site for more details. Complimentary tickets available for music teachers and BYOV members who are not performing. Email richards.byov@gmail.com to reserve your ticket. Performers do not need tickets.
BYOV 2016 Concerto Competition

Grace Liu performs in March 2016 as a winner of the BYSO concerto competition. Photo by Ratan Joshi.

The annual BYOV Concerto Competition will take place on Saturday, November 19. This is earlier than in year's past! 22 members of our
Symphony and Concert Orchestras will participate in this year's competition! This is an incredible recital opportunity to showcase their talents.

**Concert Orchestra Division:** 9:00-10:00am

**Symphony Orchestra Division:** 1:00-5:00pm

The competition is free and open to the public :) Come support your friends and orchestra colleagues!

Three winners will be chosen to perform with their orchestra (1 BYCO, 2 BYSO) at the Concerto Concert on March 22 at Norfolk Academy.

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**Stephanie McRae** serves both as our Wind Ensemble Manager and woodwind instructor. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Old Dominion University in 2003, and her Master's Degree in Music Education from Old Dominion University in 2006. While at Old Dominion, Stephanie was a Graduate Assistant for the Monarch Pep Band, and she studied flute with Debra Wendells Cross and Patti Watters.

She has performed with the Tidewater Winds and currently performs with the Virginia Wind Symphony. As a member of the flute section of the Virginia Wind Symphony, she has performed at the American Bandmasters Association Convention and the Midwest Clinic. She is also a member of the National Band Association and NAFME. Stephanie has been teaching for eleven years. Currently, she is in her ninth year as Director of Bands at Greenbrier Middle School in Chesapeake, Virginia. Additionally, she is a marching band consultant, and an active church musician. Stephanie also teaches privately and is a freelance musician in the Hampton Roads area.

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Born in Geneva, Switzerland, **Kirsty Barnett Green** has been a member of the
Ms. Green has appeared as soloist with orchestras in Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Switzerland and the United States, as well as with her very own orchestra, the VSO. Kirsty graduated with honors from the Conservatoire Populaire in Geneva and then moved to the United States where she received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the North Carolina School of the Arts while studying with Kevin Lawrence.

In addition to performing, Kirsty is a dedicated teacher and she teaches private lessons for Norfolk’s Academy of Music. She has held adjunct positions at Christopher Newport University and Virginia Wesleyan College where she currently teaches. She has spent several summers performing and instructing at the Eastern Music Festival, and the Portsmouth Chamber Festival, and is a coach for Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia and occasionally the Hampton Roads Chamber Players. Her students have won numerous awards, and many have gone on to successful careers in music.

BYSO Makes Music with JoAnn Falletta

Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia Symphony Orchestra had an open rehearsal on Berlioz’ Symphonie Fantastique on October 19.

We are so fortunate to have a close relationship with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the support of their music director, JoAnn Falletta. After a long day of rehearsals and meetings, she took time to work with our BYSO and called it the "highlight of her day." The open rehearsal ended with a question and answer session that was both informative and inspiring for our young musicians!
The opening notes of Symphonie Fantastique.

An inside look at rehearsal.
BYSO clarinetist Alexandra Kropp takes a photo with Maestro Falletta.

Some orchestra members with their conductor, Helen Martell and special guest JoAnn Falletta.
Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia celebrated Halloween with some costumes and trick or treating during rehearsal break.

A unicorn and a Scooby Doo cellist.

BYSO winds in sectionals.
A cool sheep!

It was a fun, festive rehearsal.

Harriet Smithson made an appearance to conduct.
String Orchestra takes a break to trick or treat.
Mozart conducting Brahms with String Orchestra.

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