



June 15, 2011

Dear VYO parents,

Congratulations on your child's placement in the Vermont Youth Orchestra for the 2011-2012 concert season! To mark our first full season led by Music Director Jeff Domoto, we are developing exciting additions to our music education programs, plus new training and performance opportunities for the VYOA's 500 young musicians.

Enclosed you will find your 2011-2012 registration packet, as well as tuition and participation contracts. **Please return your completed registration paperwork and VYO tuition and participation contracts by July 6, 2011, along with the tuition due according to the payment option you have selected on the tuition contract, or application for financial aid.**

Please read and complete all pages carefully as several important changes have been made, specifically regarding the tuition payment process. This season, the VYOA is offering two payment schedule options. Each option is described in the enclosed tuition contract.

As shown since his arrival in February, Jeff has tremendous enthusiasm for both nurturing and challenging young musicians, as well as building community throughout the entire VYOA. Your child will experience many exciting enhancements to their ensemble program during the 2011-2012 concert season. These enhancements include:

- The return of school tours. The emphasis will be on reaching out to non-VYOA students and encouraging their participation in music making
- Regional concerts (including a performance at the new BFA St. Albans arts center)
- Increased sectional coaching time for all orchestras
- At least one private coaching session with Jeff for each VYO musician
- A new chamber music program
- A new string master class series
- A series of "instrument days" (e.g. "Oboe Day") with workshops, master classes and instrument choirs open to the entire musical community
- Social and family events at the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College

Please understand that tuition is budgeted to cover just 50% of the VYOA's annual operating expenses. We rely on grants, corporate sponsorships, ticket and merchandise sales, building rentals and individual contributions to cover our remaining expenses. Please encourage anyone with an interest in youth music activities to become a VYOA supporter!

Being a VYO member is a full family commitment. Behind each of our students is a network of parents, teachers, and friends making their experience possible. As we look forward to a wonderful concert season, please know that my door is always open. Feel free to stop in and discuss your questions, suggestions, and concerns. The staff and Board of the VYOA are committed to working with you to ensure the long-term sustainability of the VYOA.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Rowland', written over a white background.

Randy Rowland
Interim Executive Director

VYO REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: July 6, 2011

How to complete your VYO Registration: Print out both the Info Packet & the Registration Packet. You must return the Tuition Contract, VYOA Participation Contract, Media Consent, Medical Form, Reveille! Policies form, and Theory Registration (optional) to the VYOA office along with your tuition payment or Financial Aid paperwork **by July 6**. Reveille registration will be online this year and you will receive an email with a link, soon. There are no tuition refunds after the first rehearsal of the season. *Please contact [Art DeQuasie \(art@vyo.org\)](mailto:art@vyo.org) as soon as possible if you are not going to participate this year or if you have any questions regarding the rehearsal schedule or concert dates.*

Tuition contract: This offers payment options for the entire 2011-2012 VYO season, which includes the *Reveille!* Music Festival. If you have any questions regarding tuition or Financial Aid please contact **Ale Lorenzo** at 655-5030 x100.

VYOA Participation Contract: Expectations for VYOA students are detailed here. Parent and student signatures are required.

Music Theory Tuition Form: Music Theory is an optional elective for all students. Please use this form to register for one or two semesters and include payment. If paying my check, please include a separate check for Music Theory. If paying by credit card, music theory will be a separate charge from ensemble tuition.

Reveille! Music Festival Policies: Although Reveille registration will be online, this form must be signed by a parent/guardian and the student.

What is the Media Consent Form: Due to the nature of publicizing and advertising Vermont Youth Orchestra Association concerts, activities and special events, the VYOA interacts frequently with media representatives from television, radio and print publications. Students may be invited to speak with a member of the media for the sole purpose of promoting a specific concert or event. A student is never permitted speak to a member of the media without supervision from Marketing Director, Lisamarie Charlesworth. Please mark whether or not you approve of your child being included the VYOA's media & public relations practices.

What is the Medical Form: The VYOA is obligated to have on hand signed Medical Forms for all VYOA students in the event that we need to seek medical assistance for your child during any rehearsal, camp, or off-campus event (such as a concert at the Flynn) when a parent is not present. It is also very helpful to the VYOA Staff to be aware of any medical conditions that might affect a students' behavior or ability to participate in other activities. Information on Medical Forms is kept confidential & shared only with necessary VYOA staff.

Communication between the VYOA & students: The bulk of our communication with all VYOA families is via email. Often times this means mass emails which sometimes end up in spam/ junk email folders. We urge all VYOA families to keep us updated with their email addresses & to check their spam / junk folder regularly for any VYOA emails.