



June 15, 2011

Dear VYP parents,

Congratulations on your child's placement in the Vermont Youth Philharmonia for the 2011-2012 concert season! Conductor Anne Decker is looking forward to another year of great music making. VYP programs will include works with senior soloists as well as performing with the Vermont Youth Orchestra Chorus on the Orchestrapalooza program!

Enclosed you will find your 2011-2012 registration packet, as well as tuition and participation contracts. **Please return your completed registration paperwork and VYP 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.**

As our first full season with Music Director Jeff Domoto begins, we have some exciting additions to our music education programs and new opportunities for the VYOA's 500 young musicians.

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.

Jeff and Anne have tremendous enthusiasm for nurturing and challenging young musicians as well as building community in the VYP, and 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
- Increased sectional coaching time for all orchestras
- Increased opportunities for one-on-one coaching sessions with conductor Anne Decker
- 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 VYP 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', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Randy Rowland
Interim Executive Director