



Welcome to Vermont Youth Chamber Winds!

Please print out this packet & read this important information carefully.

IMPORTANT VYCW DATES

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Please contact Berta Frank with any questions you may have regarding participation in VYCW. The best form of communication will be via email as Berta does not hold regular office hours.

Rehearsals: Saturdays; 10am – 1pm at Elley-Long Music Center. Each student will be assigned to a small chamber group that will rehearse for 1 hour within the 10am – 1pm time frame. These assignments will be made 2 weeks prior to the first rehearsal of each semester. The chamber groups may change each semester.

Fall 2011

Sept. 17, 24

Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29 (no rehearsal Oct 8)

Nov. 5

Spring 2012

Jan. 21, 28

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Mar. 10, 17

Please mark these dates on your calendar! **See below for Concert Dates.**

Attendance Policy: VYCW students are allowed no more than 2 absences per semester. Students / parents must contact their chamber coach regarding any rehearsals that must be missed. The success of each VYCW chamber group is dependent upon the full participation of all members.

Concert Dates: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011; 1pm [Elley-Long Music Center]

Saturday, Mar. 24, 2012; 11:30am [Elley-Long Music Center]

Please note that for all of these concert dates the students will need to arrive early for a dress rehearsal. More detailed information will be sent out in regards to timing prior to the concerts.

A complete list of VYCW's rehearsal & concert schedule will be listed on www.vyo.org by late August

2011-2012 VYOA Music Theory Classes

Each level of VYOA Music Theory Classes consists of ten one-hour sessions taught by composer Erik Nielsen. The classes are informative and engaging, containing both history and humor. Not only are the materials helpful to students in understanding more about the music they perform, they are essential to those who have any thoughts of further musical study after high school. Enrollment costs \$55 for each ten-week session (i.e. only \$5.50 per class), and students are welcome and encouraged to sign up for more than one. Sign up by checking the appropriate boxes on the enclosed registration form. Students or parents who have questions about the classes can contact Erik Nielsen at nielsen@sover.net.

IMPORTANT NOTE

*These music theory classes meet only ten times, which means that a great deal of material must be presented in a short time and the amount of work required is fairly substantial. The classes are geared toward getting older students ready for further study in music. **Parents who are considering theory classes for a child who is 12 years of age or under must contact Mr. Nielsen first.***

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR THEORY CLASSES PLEASE MARK THE BELOW DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Fall Sessions

(September 11, 18; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20)

2:45-3:45 **Theory Level II** (triads and the fundamentals of harmony)
Open to VYStrings, Sinfonia, VYP, VYCW, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus

4:00-5:00 **Theory Level III** (harmonic principles of four-part writing)
Open to VYCW, VYStrings, VYO, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus
Students must have already taken Theory II in a previous year or have spoken with Mr. Nielsen about taking this class.

Spring Sessions

(January 8, 15, 22; February 5, 12, 19; March 4, 11, 18, 25)

2:45-3:45 **Theory Level III** (harmonic principles of four-part writing)
Open to VYCW, VYStrings, Sinfonia, VYP, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus
Students must have already taken Theory II in a previous year or have spoken with Mr. Nielsen about taking this class.

4:00-5:00 **Theory Level I** (scales, keys & key signatures, rhythmic notation & intervals)
Open to VYStrings, VYCW, VYO, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus