



Welcome to Vermont Youth Orchestra Chorus (VYOC)!

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

IMPORTANT VYO CHORUS DATES

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Please contact [Art DeQuasie](#) with any questions you may have regarding participation in VYO Chorus. The best form of communication will be via email as Art does not hold regular office hours. If you would like to call please be prepared to leave a message on his voicemail.

Mini-Camp: Thurs & Fri, August 18 & 19, 2011; 9am-3pm at Elley-Long Music Center
This is the first opportunity students will have to rehearse their music & meet the other students. Attendance is expected of all VYO Chorus members, but if you must miss Mini-Camp please inform [Art DeQuasie](#). Missing both days of Mini-Camp counts as 1 whole absence & missing 1 day of Mini-Camp counts as 1/2 an absence. Additional information will be sent out in early August, including carpool lists.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays; 7 – 9p.m. at Elley-Long Music Center

Fall 2011

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Dec. 6, 13 (no rehearsal Dec. 20, 27)

Spring 2012

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb. 7, 14, 21 (no rehearsal Feb. 28)

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Apr. 3, 10

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

Attendance Policy: VYO Chorus students are allowed no more than **3** absences per semester. Students / parents must contact [Art DeQuasie](#) regarding any rehearsals that must be missed. The success of the VYO Chorus is dependent upon the full participation of all members.

Concert Dates: Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 *Orchestrapalooza*; 4:00pm [Flynn Theater]

Friday, Dec. 16, 2011; 7:30pm [Middlebury College]

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011; 7:30pm [Elley-Long Music Center]

Thursday, Apr. 12, 2012; 7:30pm [BFA St Albans]

Friday, Apr. 13, 2012; 7:30pm [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 VYO Chorus' 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