

Dear Music Instructor:

The Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra is pleased to personally invite you and other Lehigh Valley music teachers to participate in our *Be Our Guest* music student program. This *Be Our Guest* program is an important part of our educational outreach effort, offering students complimentary concert tickets and a special rate of \$15.00 per ticket for accompanying parents and guests. Tickets may be ordered for any, or all of our five concerts (our upcoming 2009-2010 season is highlighted in the enclosed brochure).

I encourage you to copy and distribute the enclosed flyer and letter to your music students as soon as possible. Sinfonia's season begins October 10th at Symphony Hall collaborating with the Allentown Band to commemorate the bicentennial birth year of Abraham Lincoln. We will be performing an Americana program entitled History in the Making featuring Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait narrated by Greg Funfgeld, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem. It promises to be an exciting, community event I am sure you won't want to miss!

Sinfonia's five concert series will feature varied programming with works by Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn and Barber, as well as other composers; *in November, we will be joined by Eliot Fisk, a world renowned guitarist performing a Fantasy by Rodrigo. In March, we welcome local Zen for Primates band with a premiere by Mike Krisukas entitled "Lazy Dogma" for Trombone and the Subconscious Protagonist" featuring Rick Chamberlain on trombone.* We round out our season with pianist and Philadelphia native, Peter Orth performing a Chopin Piano Concerto. Other guest performers will include Father Sean Duggan, Carmit Zori and Michael Gurt, perennial audience favorites. Detailed information (and even a link to listen to music) is available on our website at www.pasinfonia.org.

Music Teachers we invite you to attend our concerts at the special rate of \$15.00 per ticket! The free tickets for students and low cost of \$15.00 per ticket for family members and guests provides a significant savings over the normal adult ticket price of \$25/\$40.00 per concert. ***We emphasize that the complimentary tickets are to be used by the students only.*** Attached is a simple ticket order form designating a space for your (the teacher's) signature. Each student returns their order to you for signature before they forward it to us with payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Sinfonia will send the tickets directly to the student. We discourage having the parents or students call us for tickets directly, ***as this special offer is directed through music teachers only.*** Make as many copies of the student letter and ticket order form as needed to distribute ***to all of your students.*** If you would like additional brochures, please call or e-mail us at PSOboxoffice@verizon.net we will be happy to send you as many as you need!

If you have any questions pertaining to the program, please call me at the Sinfonia office- 610-434-7811. ***With your help, the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra will continue its tradition of making fine music accessible to the entire Lehigh Valley!***

I look forward to meeting you and your students at the concerts!

Executive Director

Dear Music Student:

We invite you to attend performances of our 2009-2010 season as our guests. With the Be Our Guest educational outreach program, the PSO makes a limited number of concert tickets available to music students so that they may experience high quality, professional live performances of fine classical and contemporary orchestral music for free. Your parents or guests may also attend the concerts at a very special rate of \$15.00 per ticket (normally \$20/40.00 per ticket). This year, we kick off our exciting season on September 27, 2008 when we will collaborate with the Allentown Band to perform an all-American concert commemorating the bicentennial birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Come and be inspired!

Included is a brochure listing dates and details of our Subscription Concert Series. ***You may choose to come to any or all of these concerts!*** Because it is an expense to the orchestra to offer these complimentary tickets, we respectfully encourage that they be used for *music students only*. You may order your own complimentary ticket and those for guests by completing the attached simple order form. Please have your music teacher sign the completed form and then you may return it to the Sinfonia office at 1524 West Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18102. ***Please be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment so that we may send you your tickets!*** Orders without return envelopes will be held at the box office for pick up before the concert. Note: Sinfonia is happy to provide you with these free/discounted tickets. We do so by giving away seats which others would love to have. If you find you are unable to use your tickets, please call us so that we may offer them to other patrons.

(Music teacher- for multiple copies, copy this page front and back)



We personally invite you to take advantage of our

Be Our Guest

educational outreach program, now in its 15th season!

Thanks to *Be Our Guest*, more than 14,000 students and their families have seen and heard live orchestral concerts presented by the PA Sinfonia Orchestra.

We invite *you* to be our next guest!

Executive Director

Complimentary Tickets Order Form

#Free #Guests

Saturday, October 10
History in the Making
Symphony Hall, Allentown _____

Saturday, November 21st
Fisk Picks a Fantasy
Symphony Hall, Allentown _____

Sunday, January 17th
Winter Vivaldi
Wesley Church, Center St.
Bethlehem _____

Saturday, March 27th
Zen for Primates
Symphony Hall, Allentown _____

Saturday, April 4th
Orchestral Classics
Symphony Hall, Allentown _____

Total Student Tickets _____ **FREE**

Total Tickets _____ X \$15. = _____

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

e-mail _____

Student's Instrument/Voice _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Teacher's Name _____

e-mail _____

2009-2010 Concert Highlights

Saturday, October 10th, 7:30 p.m.
with the Allentown Band,
Ron Demkee and Greg Funfgeld
Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait and
Fanfare for the Common Man
Lyric Harmony by
(Pulitzer Prize winning) Yehudi Wyner,
Also works by: Persichetti,
Gershwin and Grainger
Symphony Hall, Allentown

Saturday, November 21st, 7:30 p.m.
with Eliot Fisk, guitar soloist
& the Camerata Singers
Rodrigo's Fantasia
para un gentilhombre
Other works by:
Schubert and Mendelssohn
Symphony Hall, Allentown

Sunday, January 17th, 3:00 p.m.
with Father Sean Duggan, piano soloist
Bach Piano Concerto in A
Other works by: C.P.E. Bach,
Vivaldi, Handel and Gabrieli
Wesley Church,
Center St., Bethlehem

Saturday, March 27th, 7:30 p.m.
with Zen for Primates and
premiere of "Lazy Dogma"
by Mike Krisukas
Other works: Mozart,
Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev
Symphony Hall, Allentown

Saturday, April 24th, 7:30 p.m.
with Peter Orth, piano soloist
Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor
Other works: Beethoven's
Symphony No. 3 - "Eroica" and
Samuel Barber's- Adagio for Strings
Symphony Hall, Allentown

*2009-2010
PA Sinfonia's Season of
Collaborations for Community
through Music!*

Music enriches all of our lives!

We have collaborated with different talents
to make our 2009-2010 season exciting and
community-oriented. We would like to
include you in our outreach, creating
more of a close-knit community
through the universal language of music!

Our *Be Our Guest*
educational outreach program, not only
helps to educate our concert attendees, but
also cultivates new supporters of the arts.

Please help us in our quest!

If you haven't been to a
PA Sinfonia concert lately,
I personally invite you to do so.
My own students and their
parents have commented
how much they
enjoyed sharing such
a special event together.

Sinfonia looks forward
to providing
top quality performances
now and in the future.

Supporting *Be Our Guest*
by encouraging your
students and their guests
to attend our concerts helps
inspire young people
in their musical studies and
promotes a positive
cultural landscape
for everyone
in the Lehigh Valley!

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**Allan Birney
Music Director**



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