

April 21, 2004

Orchestra Musicians;

Congratulations on another successful season! Please know how much your time and efforts at rehearsals and the concerts are appreciated. You are vital to the success of this orchestra and we hope you will continue to be a part of it in the future.

Along with wishing you well on tomorrow night's concert, I also wanted to give you information about next season. Here are the 2004-2005 concert dates at the Heritage Center:

Choral Celebration	Saturday, September 25, 2004
Fall Concert	Saturday, November 6, 2004
The Messiah	Sunday, December 12, 2004
	Monday, December 13, 2004
Children's Carnival	Saturday, February 12, 2005
Winter Concert	Thursday, February 17, 2005
Spring Concert	Saturday, April 30, 2005

As you may notice, some of the concerts have been scheduled for Saturdays. In the past, our concerts have been held mainly on Thursdays. This decision to try Saturdays was made by the board at the request of many of the musicians. It has been implemented for a one-year trial basis during the 2004-2005 Season. We welcome your input on this new arrangement.

The rehearsal schedule for next season is still being worked out. You will receive notification about the exact dates near the end of the summer, but plan on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. as a general rule. Also, as an incentive, each musician who attends 100% of rehearsals and concerts will receive a bonus of \$15 per concert. Each musician will still receive 2 free tickets per concert.

I also wanted to make you aware of new ticket prices that will go into effect for the 2004-2005 Season. Adult concert tickets will be \$10; students and children will be \$5. A group rate of \$30 for 6 people has also been added. Season tickets will remain at \$25 and includes front center section seating with a reserved seat for the *Messiah*. Ticket prices for the Fall Recital Series will remain at the suggestion donation amount of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children.

Speaking of the Fall Recital Series, we encourage adult musicians and advanced students to participate in these recitals. Please feel out the enclosed form and return to Sara Penny if you are interested in participating.

Last but not least, we encourage you visit the new OSU website, www.orchestraofsouthernutah.org, designed by Ken Hedgecock and Todd Seipert. It contains information about upcoming rehearsals, concerts, and recitals; CDs for sale; small ensembles for hire; personnel lists; and lots more!

Again, thank you so much for your contribution to the Orchestra of Southern Utah!

Marlo Ihler
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