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December, 2009

Dear Parents:

The Irvine Public Schools Foundation is proud to sponsor the **28th Annual Donald Bren Honors Concert**. This concert showcases our outstanding vocal and instrumental musicians from elementary, middle, and senior high schools. The **Honors Concert** provides an excellent opportunity for these musicians throughout the district to perform together for one outstanding evening.

This year's concert will be held at the prestigious **Henry and Renee Segerstrom Concert Hall** at the **Orange County Performing Arts Center** (600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626) on one night only, **Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** Both vocal and instrumental students will perform on the same night.

One purpose of this event is to provide financial support to the Visual and Performing Arts Department of the Irvine Unified School District. Your support is requested through ticket purchases, and other congratulatory options to recognize your student. More information regarding the purchase of tickets, advertising, and special well-wisher messages will be sent to you if your child is selected to participate.

Please consider with your child the opportunity to be a part of this unique performance event!

Sincerely,

Cathy Campbell
Honors Concert Co-Chair

Kathy J. Nelson
Honors Concert Co-Chair

Shelli Diamond
Honors Concert Co-Chair

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Irvine Unified School District

5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604-4652, 949/936-5000, FAX 949/936-5259 www.iusd.org

December, 2009

Dear Parents:

The Irvine Unified School District is proud to announce the formation of the **Middle School Honor Orchestra**, which is designed to provide challenging experiences beyond those provided in the individual school site music class.

In order to qualify for membership, students must pass the audition and be currently enrolled in their own school's instrumental music program. Each instrumental student will be allotted a period of time, not to exceed ten minutes, in which to demonstrate musical skills and musicianship.

Detailed explanations for the audition are available at: "<http://sierravistams.org/miller/iusdho/home.htm>". Those wishing to audition are required to prepare the following exercises and music:

Wind and Percussion

- 1) Play scales by memory according to audition website.
- 2) A concert piece, available online at the audition website.
- 3) A solo piece, as listed on the audition website.
- 4) Sight-reading.
- 5) Rudiments (percussion only) - listed on the audition website.

Strings

- 1) Be able to play the following scales by memory:
2-3 octaves, when applicable
A flat Major
E flat Major
F Major
A Major
Basses only: A and F Major, 2 octaves
- 2) A concert piece as listed on the audition website.
- 3) A solo of student's choice (with approval of music teacher) which illustrates capability.
- 4) Sight-reading.

Audition Information

The instrumental music staff will hold their central auditions as follows:

**Monday, January 25, 2010
Northwood High School, 4515 Portola Parkway, Irvine**

Students must sign up for one appointment time on the audition website. Missed appointments cannot be made up. Please be prompt.

If you have any questions about auditions, contact the instrumental music teacher at your school:

Lakeside - Nathan Robinson (936-6144)	Rancho San Joaquin - Ron Smart (936-6536)
Sierra Vista - Henry Miller (936-6642)	South Lake - Jason Grenier (936-6744)
Venado - Brendan McBrien (936-6853)	Plaza Vista and Vista Verde - Mark Ghiassi (936-6398); Naoko Maruko (936-7561)

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If a student is selected to be in the Honor Orchestra, he/she **will be required to attend six rehearsals**, as listed below (a dress rehearsal is also required on April 27, the day of the concert). Also, please be aware he/she will need to wear a **white dress shirt/white blouse, tie, black slacks/skirt, and black shoes and socks** at the honors concert and Disneyland performances. Also, there will be a mandatory cost of **\$15 transportation fee** for the Disneyland performance trip.

Students who have been chosen for a group need to follow through with all the requirements for rehearsals and performances, regardless of what chair or seat they may have earned. **If your child fails to follow through for any reason other than bereavement or illness, he/she will not be allowed to audition the following year.**

Rehearsal Information

The rehearsals/performances will be as follows:

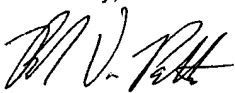
- Tuesday, March 30 @ Northwood High School (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**
- Wednesday, April 14 @ Northwood High School (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**
- Saturday, April 17 @ Northwood High School (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**
- Monday, April 19 @ Northwood High School (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**
- Monday, April 26 @ Northwood High School (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**
- Tuesday, April 27 @ Orange County Performing Arts Center; sound check time TBD**
- Monday, May 3 @ Northwood High School (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**
- Tuesday, May 4 @ Disneyland's Plaza Gardens Stage; time TBD**

****Attendance at all rehearsals is required for participation in Honor Orchestra**
(including Saturday, April 17, 2010)**

**The Honors Concert is on April 27, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at the Orange County Performing Arts Center
and
There will be a performance at Disneyland on May 4, 2010
(Note: There will be a \$15.00 transportation fee for the Disneyland performance)**

One purpose of the Honors Concert is to raise funds for the district music program, and we thank you for your continuing interest and support. Every person who wants to attend the concert must purchase a ticket. **Prices will range from \$25 - \$45**, with a small number of tickets available for \$15. Of course, students performing in the concert do not need to purchase a ticket. On the evening of the concert, we anticipate a **parking fee of \$8.00**. There are limited free parking options in nearby lots.

Sincerely,



Brad Van Patten
Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts

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Northwood High School
4515 Portola Parkway, Irvine 92620
(949) 936-7200



Please bring this form (filled in and signed) to your audition

**Audition Form
for
Middle School Honor Orchestra**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Student's Name: _____ Instrument: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

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PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

By signing this form, I agree to have my child present at all rehearsals and performances, if he/she is chosen for this year's Honor Orchestra. I understand that an absence from a rehearsal will be excused only in the event of illness (from school) or dire family emergency. If this occurs, we will contact the orchestra manager (Brendan McBrien) at 936-6853 (*parents: please make note of this phone number*). **In the event of an unexcused absence, I understand that my child will be removed from the orchestra.**

Parent's Signature: _____