



February 16, 2010

Dear OHMI Troy Parents & Students,

Our **March Showcase Concert is March 16th!** Groups included on this concert are: Beginning Orchestra, Elementary Music Class, Beginning Band, Young Strings, Elementary Chorus, Guitar Class, and Intermediate Orchestra. They should wear their concert attire - OHMI blouse/black skirt for the ladies, OHMI polo/black pants for the gentlemen, and nice outfits for EMC and Young Strings.

This year we have decided to split the winter combined concert as it was getting too long in length, and the evening too late for the younger students. This way it will be earlier in the day, allow the younger groups more time to “showcase” what they are doing in class, and give them more time in class to work on technique.

This concert will be during regularly scheduled OHMI times at the Troy branch. The concert is at the **Bridge Community Church on Tuesday, March 16th at 4 - 5:15 pm.** This is also the concert where we take the group photos, so we would like everyone there. Concert attendance is **mandatory** – the entire group suffers if students are missing. If your child is ill the day of the concert and cannot attend, please let us know.

Mark Trupiano Photography will be taking our group photos, and will be available if you would like individual photos of your children with their instruments, or with siblings. Mr. Trupiano is a homeschooling dad, and comes recommended by other homeschool groups he has done photos for. Information is included in this packet on package prices, if you are interested. Fill out the order form & bring it with you the day of the concert.

For all ensembles: Please arrive at the church 10 minutes BEFORE the specified time for your group (see below) so you are ready to play. If you would like individual photos, you need to come earlier during the time frame specified. Students should come dressed for the concert so they will be ready for the group photo. Your hair (and make-up for the ladies, if applicable) should be done when you arrive. Instrument cases will be put in the choir room next to the Sanctuary.

Pictures and Video: Flash photography can be very distracting to performing ensembles, therefore we ask that there be no flash photography during the concert. There will be a few minutes before each group performs for the parents to have the opportunity to photograph their child and the ensemble, after which we request that you just sit and enjoy your child’s performance. We do allow videotaping, but please be sensitive to others around you, and do not block their view of the group. The side aisles are the best place to do this so you are not in others’ way. A reminder that any video taken cannot be duplicated/sold due to copyright laws. It should be for home viewing only.

Reception change: Because the concert is close to dinnertime, we will be doing a snack for the students instead of a reception. There would be no room for dinner after all of those goodies! That way, if you are going right home to have dinner, they can save the treat for later, or if you are not having dinner for a while, they can eat it right away. After the concert they can choose between a juice box or a water bottle (provided by OHMI), and will receive a snack bag. OHMI will provide the ziploc baggies, but in lieu of reception items, we request the parents send in snack items that are **wrapped or sealed** that we will distribute among the snack

bags while the students are having photos taken. No cupcakes, please - the frosting would be a mess in the baggie. You can buy individually wrapped snacks, or homemade ones wrapped individually in saran wrap will work fine too. We will have about 60 students performing on this concert.

Please feel free to invite other family members or homeschoolers, as well as others that you know that are interested in OHMI to come to the concert. We are very family - friendly and encourage you to bring your little ones – we just ask that you take them out of the Sanctuary into the lobby if they are fussy so they are not a distraction.

The students are looking forward to performing for you.

We are excited about the concert, and hope you are too!

Musically yours,

Mrs. Rhoades

Mrs. Lewis

Mr. LeVeck

Mrs. Gunn

Mr. Bono

Time	Warm-up in the Sanctuary	Photos in the Gym	Warm-up in Classroom
1:30 pm		Individual Photos	
2:20 pm	Guitar Class	Individual photos	
2:35 pm	Elementary Chorus	Guitar class	
2:50 pm	Beginning Band	Elementary Chorus	
3:05 pm	Intermediate Orchestra	Beginning Band	
3:20 pm	Beginning Orchestra	Intermediate Orchestra / EMC	Young Strings
3:35 pm	EMC	Beginning Orchestra/ Young Strings	
4:00 pm	Concert begins		