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# Walton High School Orchestra Notes

## LETTER FROM THE ORCHESTRA CO-PRESIDENTS

**W**elcome future Walton Orchestra parents and rising freshman students from our feeder middle schools.

You will find that choosing orchestra will be a rewarding and enjoyable choice. As students you will make long lasting friendships with both your peers as well as upperclassmen – quite a unique situation at Walton – and perform at levels you never thought possible under the inspirational and experienced directorship of **Dr Perry Holbrook** and **Ms Rebecca Dosch**.

As parents there is a formal Booster Club which oversees many programs that make our orchestra the best in the state. Please feel free to get involved, it is a lot of fun.

If you have never been to a Walton Orchestra concert our concert on **March 18th** will give you a fantastic opportunity to see the FOUR orchestras perform on the same night (see program highlights on page 2 of this newsletter).

This is a very exciting time of year for our graduating orchestra students who are preparing for life beyond Walton and their Orchestra family. Most seniors have been with the Orchestra program since their freshman year and I know they have very fond memories of times at camp, trips and performances. To all of you, we wish you the best in making final decisions on college and your futures, and please come back and visit us when you can. We will miss you!

Thank you once again to all our fantastic volunteers, student officers and students, who try so hard in orchestra and in their general subjects, and give orchestra such a great name. Thank you especially to Dr. Holbrook and Ms. Dosch for the endless hours they put into the orchestra program, and for providing quality instruction and mentorship to our students.

Walton Orchestra is truly a unique place to be.

*Your Co-Presidents*  
**Fred and Ingrid Taute**

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### PRE-FESTIVAL CONCERT

Mark your calendar to attend **Walton's Pre-Festival Concert Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in the Walton Theater. Come and enjoy an evening of music presented by the Concert, Serenade, Sinfonia and Philharmonia orchestras. (Program on page 2)

### SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

At the March 18<sup>th</sup> Concert, Walton Orchestra will be collecting donations for the following scholarships that will be awarded at the end of the 2009-2010 school year:

#### **KIRK D. MOSS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kirk D. Moss Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating orchestra senior who is committed to pursuing music in his or her post-secondary education. The scholarship was created and is maintained in honor of Kirk Moss for his contributions as Director of Walton High School's Orchestra program from 1993-2001. Contributions to this Orchestra Scholarship Fund may be donated at the March concert or mailed to:  
WBOP, Inc. c/o Walton Orchestra  
Kirk D. Moss Scholarship Fund  
1590 Bill Murdock Road Marietta,  
GA 30062

#### **BURNOSKY/BRENNAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Burnosky/Brennan Memorial Scholarship is an award presented in memory of Ed Burnosky and Terry Brennan. Ed and Terry passed away while in office as officer/coordinators of WBOP. ..cntd on page 2

## ORCHESTRA AWARDS BANQUET 2010

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRIDAY, MAY 7TH AT 6:00 PM**

A great evening is being planned for parents and students. Come and join us as we celebrate another successful year with the Walton Orchestra. The banquet will be held at a new and exciting venue, the beautiful **Atlanta Country Club** just off Paper Mill Road right here in East Cobb! **Tickets will still be \$30.**

Please contact Vicki Mullis at [vicki@mullistechnologies.com](mailto:vicki@mullistechnologies.com) with any questions. Tickets will be available via an e-blast coming soon and will also be sold at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Dessert Concert.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We have had two Walton Orchestra nights at the California Pizza Kitchen this year. The Walton Orchestra family spent \$406.45 in January and \$421.30 in February at CPK with a total profit of \$164.55 going to the orchestra. Thank you to all the students and their families who participated. Our next CPK date is April 15th.

Please remember to use **your Publix swipe card for all purchases** to ensure that the Walton Orchestra continues to receive that income. We will be including swipe cards in the Spring Packet so please give it to a friend or family member if you already have one.

Please take advantage of the remaining California Pizza Kitchen dining rebates for Walton Orchestra, as well. Dates will be communicated for April and May events via email.

Dessert Concert on April 22 which includes and introduces our feeder middle schools is both fun and a fundraiser. Why not invite your neighbors to join you for that concert and a delicious dessert? Bring the grandparents and the aunts and uncles to see the show!

We anticipate a BIG overseas trip in 2010-2011, but details are still in the planning stages and subject to change. What are your ideas for how to fund this effort? Do you have new approaches you would like to see us consider for the coming year?

Please remember to fill in the volunteer form in the Spring Packet.

Thank you for your support!

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## IMPORTANT CAMP UPDATE

Due to changes in the academic school calendar, this year's **Orchestra Camp at Reinhardt College will be held:**

### July 18th-23rd

Instead of the week of July 25th as stated in previous newsletters. We hope this still gives you plenty of time to arrange your summer calendars.

### BURNOSKY/BRENNAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP *Information continued from page 1*

This award is presented to a graduating senior who will be pursuing a post secondary education. Students qualify for this award by demonstrating dedication to the instrumental music program at Walton and by submitting a written essay stating why they deserve the award. Contributions can be donated at the March concert or may be sent to: WBOP, Inc. c/o Burnosky/Brennan Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta, GA 30062. Please indicate whether your donation is for the Orchestra Scholarship Fund.

### SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM

MARCH 18TH, 6PM

WALTON THEATRE

#### **Concert / Serenade:**

Momentum	Richard Meyer
A Quiet Music	Douglas E. Wagner
Arlington Sketches	Elliot Del Borgo

#### **Sinfonia:**

Festliche Musik	Hermann Schroeder
Two Pieces for Strings from the film music Henry V	William Walton
Death of Falstaff	
Touch her soft lips and part Perseus	Soon Hee Newbold

#### **Philharmonia:**

Air on the G String from Ste No. 3 in D	Johann Sebastian Bach
Five Variants of 'Dives and Lazarus'	Ralph Vaughan Williams
Prologue and Variations	Ellen Taaffe Zwilich
Andante misterioso	
Allegro	

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Please remember to visit the orchestra website:  
<http://www.waltonorchestra.org/>

We have added a number of new features, one of which is an up-to-date calendar that should become your **FIRST POINT OF CONTACT.**

**STUDENTS RECEIVE  
ALL STATE ACCOLADES**

High school orchestra students from all across Georgia earn this honor by excelling during two rounds of auditions—district-level (October) and state (January). As members of Georgia's All-State Orchestra, these students travel to Savannah in March to work with nationally known conductors and play professional-level music. A concert on Saturday, March 6 highlighted the talent of these remarkable musicians from our Georgia high schools.



6 of our grades 9-10 Walton All State participants .

*Congratulations to the following All State finalists who went to Savannah March 4-6, 2010 to perform:*

**Zenas Han**, grade 11 viola  
**Tatsuya Kudo**, grade 10 violin  
**Alex Li**, grade 11 violin  
**Tyler Liu**, grade 10 viola  
**Catherine Niu**, grade 9 violin  
**Ashley Park**, grade 10 violin  
**Elizabeth Park**, grade 9 violin  
**Andrew Sommer**, grade 9 bass  
**Stuart Taute**, grade 10 bass  
**Anne Wang**, grade 11 violin

**Walton Orchestra Students  
play at the new East Cobb  
Library opening.**

**Lorren Lo—violin**  
**Zach Meyer—violin**  
**Tim Lo—viola**  
**Bennett Kane—cello**

*Congratulations and thank you  
for making us proud!*

**MORE STUDENT KUDOS:**

*Congratulations to the following orchestra students who received the*

***Raider Pride award:***

**Catherine Cheng, Brad Fulkerson,  
Jessica Haswell, William Kent,  
Hanssen Li, Abhi Ramesh, Rebecca Rollolaso, Ethan Treadwell  
and Vangelis Zafiroulis**

The Raider Pride Award recognizes students who consistently demonstrate exceptional character traits, particularly honesty, integrity, and kindness. Walton High school teachers nominate students for this award.

**KEEPING UP WITH...  
MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC**

**DODGEN ORCHESTRA NEWS**

Congratulations to the following Dodgen Orchestra members who were chosen as members of the 2010 Middle School All-State Orchestra:

**Bailey Holbrook**, cello  
**Keren Park**, cello  
**Hana Oberst**, violin  
**Adam Zhang**, violin

Also, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert will be Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Dodgen Theatre.

**Joyce Kemper**

*Dodgen/Walton Orchestra Liaison*

**DICKERSON ORCHESTRA NEWS**

We are so proud of all of our students for their hard work this year. A special congratulations to **Joon Park** (cello) for making All-State. Please remember the following concert dates and plan on coming out to see them play; you will enjoy the music and the fun. The Dickerson Middle School Orchestra concert dates are as follows:

March 16<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra LGPE  
 April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus and Orchestra Trip  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert

**Kim Johnson**

*Dickerson Orchestra Liaison*

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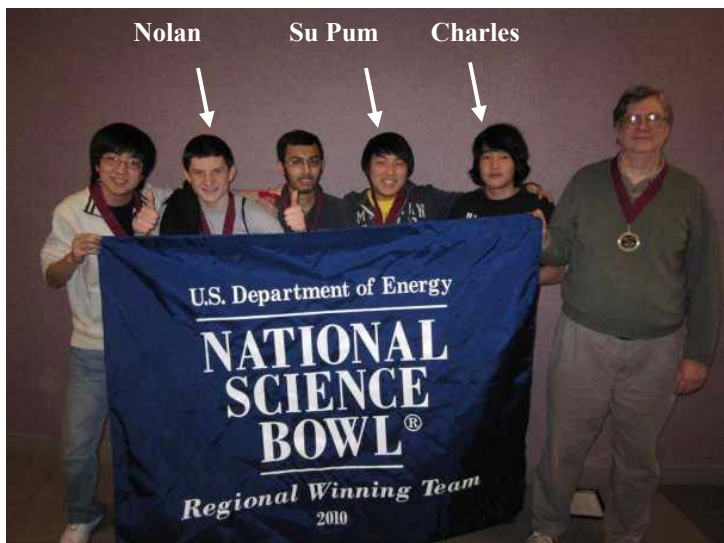
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In order to recognize our orchestra members for any academic, leadership, or sports awards received, or if a student's name has been inadvertently omitted from a list, please contact Administrative VPs Katy or Jeff Kopach (below).

Katy and Jeff Kopach

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## National Science Bowl State Champions

Congrats to orchestra members **Nolan Hackett, Su Pum Lee & Charles Wang** for their superlative performance!

The five member Walton Science Bowl A Team with three orchestra members plowed through their competition without losing a round at the National Science Bowl State Championships in Savannah in February and will participate in the National Championship competition in May in Washington D.C.

Kudos also goes to **Ricky King** who was on the Walton B Team that placed 4th at the Regional Championship.

Thanks for making us proud.

## Orchestra Students Perform in Spain while travelling on their AP Spanish trip

Congratulations to:

**Abhi Ramesh,  
Gracie Sommer,  
Alex Li, and  
Zenas Han**

for representing Walton Orchestra in the concert performed in Spain last month.

The AP Spanish class take a trip to Spain each year. Dr Holbrook accompanied the group and our orchestra students performed a thank you tribute for the host college. This might become a tradition!

## Kaiser Permanente Donates \$500

**Anne Wang—violin  
Michael Joh— violon  
Tiler Liu—viola  
Katerine Shi—cello**

This chamber group were invited to perform at a Kaiser Permanente function in January. A \$500 donation was given to the Orchestra program for their performance. Thanks to Kaiser Permanente and this chamber group for your contribution to our program.

## Orchestra Team win at Model UNITED NATIONS

In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. Students make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

Congratulations to **Alex Carrera and Sloke Carpenter** representing Walton who won the "Distinguished Delegation" award at the University of Georgia Regional Conference in early March.

## CONCERT CALENDAR

### Pre-Festival Concert

The pre-festival concert will be held at Walton on Thursday, March 18th in the theater. Concert/Serenade will play at 6p.m., immediately followed by Sinfonia and then Philharmonia. Come and support your students!

### GMEA

The GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation (Festival) will be held McEachern High School on Tuesday, March 30th. Exact times will be determined later.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DESSERT CONCERT

The annual Dessert Concert for all **Walton Orchestras** as well as our rising freshman class from **Dickerson and Dodgen** will be held at Walton in the gym on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Spring packets with camp registration will be due at the concert. A notary will be available immediately before and after the concert to help with notarizing Spring Packet Forms.

### ORCHESTRA ENROLMENT AND SUMMER CAMP PACKETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON

Please be on the lookout for the spring packets including summer camp information and required medical forms.

These will be distributed to all orchestra classes (including current middle school students) immediately following spring break and will need to be returned by the Dessert Concert on April 22<sup>nd</sup>!

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# Walton Orchestra Camp

Camp Dates  
July 18-23

Location

Reinhardt College, Waleska  
(just north of Canton)



*A great time for students of all grades to meet and form lasting friendships.*



This overnight camp program is for **ALL** Walton orchestra students, with incoming freshman extended a particularly warm welcome into the WHS orchestra tradition.

In addition to fun and games, the camp will feature exciting workshops led by accomplished guest clinicians.

The WHS Orchestra Summer Camp is the only one of its kind! Come for the *fun*, the *camaraderie*, and oh yes, the *music*.

Look for more information to come in your Walton Orchestra Spring packet.



# *Calendar of Events*

<b>March 18</b>	Pre-festival Concert 6PM
<b>March 22</b>	Combined Serenade and Concert Orchestra Rehearsal - MANDATORY - 3:30-5:00 pm
<b>March 30</b>	Orchestra required LGPE McEachern High School
<b>April 15</b>	California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser Night
<b>April 22</b>	Dessert Concert 6PM
<b>April 22</b>	ALL Spring Packets due back at Dessert Concert
<b>May 7</b>	Banquet at the Atlanta Country Club 6PM
<b>July 18 to July 23</b>	Orchestra Camp, Reinhardt College

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