

Quarter Notes

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The official newsletter of the Arcadia Music Club



Presidents' Message

It is the end of the school year bringing with it the final musical events of the spring. In May we enjoyed the Pops Concert highlighted performances by Bands

II & III, Orchestras II & III, as well as Choral groups and the Color Guard Spring Show with all three Guards, both Percussion groups and the 2nd annual performance of BHLAST. The Concert in the Park featuring Band I, Orchestra I and Jazz Band will be Saturday, June 4th in the Rally Court. These exciting concerts and shows mark the end of a year full of great performances by our students.

The Color Guard and Percussion traveled to the National competition in Dayton, Ohio with Percussion placing 9th and Color Guard placing 5th (the highest ranking of any school in Southern California). Our Orchestra trip to Northern California was a fantastic outing for all the students and parents who went, highlighted by the Orchestras returning with an arm load of Gold Awards (the highest possible award) and specialty trophies from the judges.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board Members, Committee Chairs, and all those who volunteered this year to help make all the music programs a success. It takes countless hours by hundreds of volunteers to provide the type of program we have at Arcadia High. I would also like to thank the directors for their support of the parents as well as their continued excellence as teachers and role

models for our kids. It is also appropriate to thank the students, many hundreds of them over the years, who have enriched all of our lives by their performances, their spirit and the joy they bring to every practice, parade and concert. The best part of every year is the time we spend with the various music groups and the time we spend with our fellow parent volunteers. The work has been hard, the pay low, and the laughs nonstop. The sense of community built up with directors, students and parents makes a difference in our lives and the lives of our students. Thanks for a being willing to make a difference!

*Sandy DeSurra
President
Arcadia Music Club*

Scrapbook Class

NEW AT MUSIC CAMP THIS YEAR – In addition to watching students practice, enjoying fresh air and delicious food, making life long friends and helping with the music program, you'll have the opportunity to attend workshops to 'create scrapbook pages' and have them ready for all those memorable Music Program pictures you'll be taking the rest of the year. Come and discover your hidden talents! If you are new to scrapbooking, come and get started. If you are an advanced scrapbooker, come and share your ideas with us. This is an attempt to make your camp experience more pleasurable. Please come and join us as a chaperone

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this summer. For more information and pre-registration: please email Irene Kahn at irenekahn@yahoo.com.

Orchestra News

Congratulations to Orchestra 1 for receiving unanimous Superior ratings at their recent SCSBOA Festival held at Long Beach Poly High School. Also, a big congratulations to Orchestra 2 and 3 for each receiving Gold Awards at the Heritage Festival in San Francisco. At the San Francisco Heritage festival they also received an Adjudicators Trophy, the Outstanding Orchestra Award and Instrumental Sweepstakes. We are very proud of our students for their outstanding performances.

As we look back and reflect on the entire year, there have been many rewarding experiences for the students. Music Camp, the Fall String Concert, the two Holiday Concerts, Movie Night, the Benefit Dinner, the Spring Concert, Orchestra Vertical Concert Spring Tour and Santa Barbara Trip, just to name a few. The students have been great and fun to work with all year long.

We still have a couple performances left so mark you calendar for the Pops Concert on May 19th and the Concert in the Park on June 4th.

A Big Thank You goes out to Carol Chao and her crew of parents who have worked so hard to make all of our jobs a little easier. Thank you to all the parents who have helped as chaperones, Benefit Dinner workers and organizers, our father equipment crew and those helping with all the small things to make the Orchestra even better.

Finally, a Thank You to all the Orchestra Officers and Students who worked so hard to make this year really exciting. Seniors, we wish you the best of luck in the future and remember you are always welcome to come back and visit. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors, we look forward to seeing you back in the Fall and remember to sign up for Music Camp August 28 to

September 2.

Best Wishes everyone and have a restful summer!!

-Tom Forbes and Rick England

Orchestra Benefit

The 11th annual Arcadia High School Orchestra Benefit Dinner was held on Saturday, February 26 at the Arcadia Community Center. This fund-raising event themed – “Lights, Camera and Music” was attended by more than 300 persons. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by La Grotta di Capri. The Community Center was transformed into a glamorous “Hollywood” stage with decorations created by Susan Lai.

The evening began with student ensembles playing various pieces on a stage that was set in the center, much like the Disney Hall in LA. Special guest artists were three members of the Los Angeles Baroque Orchestra. The evening’s highlight featured all Orchestra students who surrounded the audience performing their finale.

Many thanks for the evening go to the Orchestra students, Music Directors Tom Forbes & Rick England and the parent volunteers. This 11th Benefit Dinner was graciously co-chaired by Charlen Chien and Evelyn Yen who made this fund-raising event memorable as well as successful.

*- Mee Jin Leong,
Publicity Committee*

Percussion News

Both the JV and Varsity Percussion Ensembles completed their 2005 indoor seasons with great final performances. The JV ensemble qualified for the finals competition in the SCPA Southern California Percussion Championships at Los

Osos HS on April 9. The group placed 9th out of about 40 groups in the "A" division. This was our first JV ensemble to qualify for SCPA Championships. Earlier in the season, the group also made the finals in the WGI Las Vegas Regional. The students played well all season long, and showed tremendous growth from the beginning of the season.

The Varsity Ensemble also ended the season in excellent fashion. The group placed 9th nationally in the "World" division of the WGI Percussion Championships in Dayton, OH on April 14-16. The ensemble played their best show of the year at the finals competition- a great ending to a successful season. Prior to the Dayton trip, the group took the silver medal in the "World" division at the SCPA Southern California Championships on April 9. Arcadia is the first school to ever have two marching percussion ensembles in the Finals competition of the SCPA Championships. Earlier Varsity competitions in the season resulted in either first or second place finishes at each show, including a first place finish at the WGI RCC Regional in February.

All our students did a great job throughout the course of the season. Additionally, many parents helped tremendously throughout the year. Parents helped with costumes, equipment transport, trip planning, and countless other tasks. Kris Johnson and Sabrina Strobel coordinated the Varsity and JV parents respectively, and did an amazing job. Both the students and I wish to express our thanks to ALL our fantastic parents.

Additionally, Ed Schreiner worked tirelessly (as always) on equipment fabrication, transporting equipment, and fixing everything in sight. Dennis (and Sheila) Davies spent almost two weeks transporting percussion equipment to and from Dayton so that our students could participate in a World Championship event. We all send our thanks to them for spending so much time helping us achieve our goals.

Finally, we are now looking ahead to next year. Auditions are under way, and next

year promises to be another great year. A great group of seniors are graduating and moving on, and a great group of 8th graders are about to join us. Final results of the auditions will be available the second week of June. Summer rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 23 to August 4. Students have been given specific times for their sectionals. The summer will come to a close with Music Camp in late August, and then, another exciting year begins.

-Kevin Sherrill

Music Camp

It's time to think about the beginning for next year already, and it all begins with Music Camp. Music Camp forms were mailed May 9th so watch for yours! Forms will also be available at the school office as well as thru the web site at www.arcdiamusic.org. You don't want to miss this essential opener of the fall season. If you were one of the very few who did not attend Music Camp you would miss out on intense sectional instruction to prepare you for the upcoming season. You would miss out on getting reacquainted with friends and meeting new ones- this bonding is an underlying necessity to a functioning musical group. So, don't miss out. Sign up now for Music Camp!

In order to make a more relaxed outing, we are exploring the feasibility of having a bus available for those who want to attend the Wednesday Visitors' Day, August 31. If you want to leave the driving to a professional and enjoy the day in the mountains alive with music, check the box on the blue Visitors' Day form.

-Coyla Grumm

Calendar of Events

May

- 19 Pops Concert
- 20 Pops Assembly
- 27 Disneyland

June

- 1 Concert in the Park
- 7 Music Club Business Meeting
- 12 Baccalaureate
- 17 Graduation



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