

Quarter Notes

Jan./Feb. 2006

The official newsletter of the Arcadia Music Club



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January Calendar

17 Music Club
General Meeting AHS
Music Room 7 PM

18 Spaghetti Dinner
Rehearsal MB
AHS North Gym 6-9 PM

20 Orchestra Movie
Night OR 1,2,3 AHS
North Gym 6-9:30 PM

21 Spaghetti Dinner
MB AHS North Gym
4-11 PM

February

7 Music Club Business
Meeting 7 p.m.
AHS Music Room

21 Music Club General
Meeting 7 p.m.
AHS Music Room

25 Orchestra Benefit
Dinner 6 p.m. Arcadia
Community Center

President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Winter Break!

The Instrumental Music Department starts the New Year with the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Recognition Show on January 21st.

It is the final performance for the Marching Band and Color Guard for the fall season. The shows are at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. with dinner being served throughout the evening. For only \$7, which includes dinner and a show, you can't find a better deal for an evening out. Please come and support the 400+ students who have put in countless hours of hard work resulting in outstanding performances all fall.

Second semester is just around the corner at Arcadia High and with it brings the second semester of events for the Music Program. The highlight of February is always the Orchestra Benefit Dinner, which features student ensembles, guest performers and over

300 strings playing in surround sound for the finale. This year's theme is a Medieval one entitled "Strings of the Round Table" It is always a memorable evening for all who attend.

Color Guard and Percussion have already begun their Winter Seasons. Color Guard has three teams competing in three different divisions. Percussion has two competitive Drum Lines. One or more teams from both of these groups are performing every weekend from February through April, so come out and support them. They are amazing!

It is hard to believe but we are already making plans for next year. This process starts with the election of next year's Executive Board. The nominating committee will be meeting in January. The nominations will be announced at the February General Meeting and will be

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Percussion Notes

The first semester is quickly coming to a close for our AHS Percussion Ensembles. The varsity ensemble finished the marching season with a strong performance in the SCSBOA championships on Dec. 3. The performance was the best of the season, and really showed significant improvement from our start in July. The students have worked very hard for a long period of time, and have really developed a strong work ethic. The result was an outstanding championship performance that received a score of 92.3 and a second place award.

The JV Ensemble had a great showing at the Festival of Bands on Nov. 19. The group performed at the beginning of the parade, marching to cadences down Baldwin Avenue. The students followed with a great performance at the Percussion Festival at Salter Stadium. The students did a great job in their initial performance of the year, and received some valuable feedback from our percussion adjudicator.

The second semester has a lot in

store as well. Both ensembles will be performing indoor percussion shows in the SCPA (local) and WGI (national) circuits. These performances involve music created by percussion instruments only, and involve a themed marching presentation on a gym floor. If you've never seen an event like this, you are missing out on a very entertaining performance situation. Both groups will present previews of their spring shows at the Spaghetti Dinner on Jan. 21, 2006.

You can catch our percussion ensembles this spring at the following events:

Varsity Percussion Spring 2006

- Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11-12, 2006
WGI Regional at RCC
- Saturday, March 4, 2006
SCPA Competition at Aliso Niguel HS
- Saturday, March 18, 2006
SCPA Competition at Mission Viejo HS
- Friday-Sunday, March 25, 2006
WGI Regional at Hayward, CA
- Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9, 2006
SCPA Championships
at Los Osos HS
- Saturday, April 15, 2006
SCPA Dayton Send-Off Exhibition Show
at Rancho Cucamonga HS

-Wednesday-Sunday, April 1, 2006
SCPA Dayton Send-Off Exhibition Show
at Rancho Cucamonga HS

-Wednesday-Sunday, April 19-23, 2006
WGI National Championships
at Dayton, OH

JV Percussion Spring 2006

- Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006 SCPA
Competition at Los Alamitos HS
- Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006 SCPA
Competition at Chino Hills HS
- Friday-Sunday, March 10-12,
2006 WGI Regional Las Vegas
- Saturday, March 18
2006 SCPA Mission Viejo HS
- Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9
2006 SCPA Championships
at Los Osos HS

Finally, I'd like to thank Ed Schreiner, Kevin Doran, and Bruce Renfrew for their help with equipment this season.

Also, my thanks go out to Kris Johnson and Paula Gallaher for their help with planning for the second semester events, including travel arrangements, costumes, and countless other details.

Kevin Sherrill
AHS Percussion Director

Band News

Can you believe that the Marching Season has come to an end? As I look back at the accomplishments and progress we have made, I am filled with pride in our students. The Band and Color Guard demonstrated great growth and achievement at many levels:

personally, sectionally, and as a full ensemble.

Often success is only marked by the trophies you earn. If that were the measuring stick, you would have to say this was a successful year. Top awards were earned by the Band, Percussion and Color Guard throughout the season.

I want to thank every student for

the commitment they made to the 430 other members of our program. I also want to thank every parent who gave of their time, energy, and interest in our students to help us accomplish all that we did.

Thanks also to George Armenta, Mindy Cobb, Rick England and Tom Forbes for outstanding instruction,

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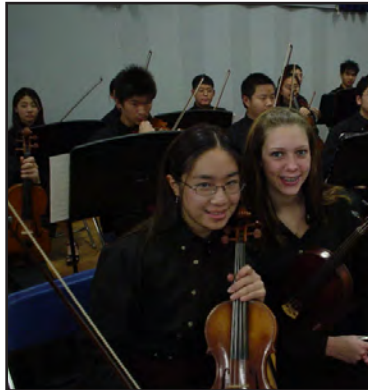
Orchestra Info/Benefit Dinner

Hear Ye, Hear Ye: For the Arcadia High Orchestras, January and February offer a chance to step back and catch our collective breath after the hectic fall season. Each orchestra prepared two concerts this semester, one in October and one in December.

Students, who have conscientiously worked to improve their skills during the fall, have the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work when the orchestras are reseeded following the Holiday and Winter Concerts.

Each student will play for one of the directors, not for a grade but as an opportunity to celebrate a semester's growth. Three such opportunities for students each year translate to a staggering 1100 auditions – almost 90 hours. We believe this is time well spent as the end result is stronger orchestras, where standards of excellence are both our goals and our means of measurement.

When the students return in January, they will have the opportunity to form an ensemble, and to learn and perform a piece of chamber music of their own choosing. Student performances take place during finals week and the best of the best are selected to perform at the



Photos courtesy of ORCHESTRA

Orchestra Benefit Dinner.

This year's Orchestra Benefit Dinner, "Strings of the Roundtable," will be held at the Arcadia Community Center on February 25 and will have a medieval theme. The event will feature special guests Alan Mautner and Viofonik. Ticket information will be forthcoming.

Just in case one is tempted to think that the orchestra students don't have enough to do, during this same period they will also be preparing concerts for Disneyland and competitive festival programs for Long Beach and San Diego.

To blow off steam all orchestra students (including wind and percussion section members) are encouraged to

attend the second annual Orchestra Movie Night held on January 20 in the Music Building. It was a big success last year and we are looking forward to a bigger and better version for 2006.

Thanks to all our wonderful Orchestra prents for their hard work so far this year.

Our big event is coming in February and they have already logged many, many hours in preparation for the Orchestra Benefit Dinner. If you would like to help with any of the Orchestra activities, please contact Carol Chao and she will be happy to find an area for you to help.

Tom Forbes & Rick England
AHS Orchestra Directors

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observations and administrative support, truly a team effort.

January brings with it the last time to either experience or remember what this season was all about . . . at the Spaghetti Dinner. You should have received your packet of 10 tickets for the evening with each ticket priced at \$7 for both the performance and the dinner. We encourage you

to invite family and friends to be a part of the evening. If you know a family that has an eighth grade band student, this is a great way to begin their exposure to the band they will soon be a member of. Your positive opinion of the band program will carry a lot of weight in the eyes of a new band member or their parent. Our band program is only as strong as our investment in it. Thank you

for investing all that you do to help make us all that we are.

We are looking forward to seeing you on January 21st at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Tom Landes & Kevin Sherril
Directors, Arcadia High School
Apache Marching Band