

Pakachoag Music Plays Round the Clock

Worcester Youth Orchestras Set the Stage; Rehearsals Move to Saturdays Starting September

Sundays are bustling this year with strings and winds and tympani— as the Worcester Youth Orchestras, including the WYO Chamber Orchestra, (back cover) with Artistic Director Audrey White, and the new **Young Peoples Orchestras** of Greater Worcester (YoPO) with Susan Kirchhausen (below) rehearse throughout the education wing here at Pakachoag. YoPO is fast becoming the prep orchestra for WYO and we're delighted to see so many young musicians having fun playing together and learning new music. Watch the WYO website for information on Fall 2011 auditions.

Worcester Youth Orchestras
Sunday, June 19th
45th Gala
End of Season Concert
Mechanics Hall 3:00 p.m.

Saturday Rehearsals starting September
9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Education Wing at Pakachoag

www.worcesteryouthorchestras.org



Photo courtesy Sandy Polhemus

Violin Gifted to Reward Exemplary Achievement

Pakachoag is honored to receive a gift of a quality violin suitable for a serious high school student. The violin, which will be awarded on an annual basis as a special loan to a deserving student, will be known as the **Stanley & Eileen Berman Award for Exemplary Achievement in Violin**. Dr. Eileen Berman of Rhode Island contacted the School this winter, writing: "We would like to think this will be a motivator and incentive for some young student who aspires to do great things, to look forward to playing an instrument he or she could not otherwise afford."

The violin will be loaned each year to a Worcester Youth Orchestra or Pakachoag student who is in at least the 10th grade. Precedence will be given to students who toggle both organizations—taking lessons at Pakachoag and playing in WYO. For more information on how to apply for consideration, please contact the Pakachoag office.

School Calendar Now On-Line

You can now view an on-going roster of Pakachoag events and other date-oriented postings such as program start dates, openings of registration, and payment due dates, on the School's web site. The calendar is updated monthly.



Student Highlights:

*Oxford University, England
Opera at La Scala, Milan*

Alumna Heidi Grek, above at Oxford, a graduate of Pakachoag's Music Together program, is spending her Junior year abroad at Oxford University as the recipient of a Holy Cross fellowship where she is double majoring in English/Creative Writing and German.

While in Europe, Heidi is traveling and studying German at the Goethe Institute in Göttingen. During a visit to Milan, Heidi attended, at Italy's renowned La Scala Opera House, *Ulisse*, an opera by Luigi Dallpiccola composed in 1968.

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◀ Jessica and Josh of Douglas, while it was snowy outside, were keeping warm with Music Together inside at Pakachoag during January.

Photo courtesy Linda Croteau-Brooks

Summer 2011

For more information, click on 'Summer' on the home web page.

Music & Movement Samplers

for ages birth thru four;
also ages 2 to 8 - for children with and without special needs.

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Fiddle! (Suzuki Book Level II & III; or Level IV) -Adults Welcome

Guitar Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble

Foundation for Advancement of String Education (FASE, Inc.) Promotes String Education at Pakachoag and Around the World

Pakachoag is pleased to be the recipient of a FASE grant award this year which is being used to support string education through financial aid provided to young violinists and cellists studying at Pakachoag.

FASE, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the promotion and development of string education through financial support, and teacher training, and by promoting the philosophy of Dr. Geroge Bornoff.

Dr. Bornoff was a leader in string education for many decades in Canada and the US. As a teacher at Columbia University in the 1940's, he published a number of method books which provide a unique system of string education. Dr. Bornoff went on to serve as a professor of string education at BU from 1953 until his retirement in 1970. He is often known as the 'teacher of teachers' and continued to train string teachers until his death in 1998 at the age of 91. Today, FASE continues the work of Dr. Bornoff.

Pakachoag's music library includes a set of Bornoff Method Books for Strings, available for loan, donated by Sarah Smongeski whose own music education training included instruction linked to the Bornoff method.

For more information about Dr. Bornoff and FASE, visit www.fase.org.

New Board Members Bring Unique Expertise

Pakachoag Music School announces three recent additions to its Board of Directors. These newest members bring specialized business expertise designed to move the School into a new strategic phase tied to growth and sustainability.

George Charles Allen of Millbury is Founding Director and Vice President of The Worcester Regional Flight Academy (WRFA). He is a published author and the recipient of several literary awards which accompanied a B.A. in classics and philosophy from Clark University, with postgraduate studies at the University of Edinburgh. George is the Founder/President of the Worcester Aerospace Education Foundation, Inc., and an active member of several local business associations. He has appeared on various Worcester radio stations and cable channels in connection with his role at the WRFA, and was recently featured in the Worcester Business Journal. George, a vocal supporter of early musical education, grew up 'down the hill' from Pakachoag (which is located 'up the hill' from Holy Cross College), attended Pakachoag Music School concerts in his youth, and is a self-taught classical pianist who often jokes that his life is a three-part fugue between his love for literature, music and aviation.

Jean Jesensky of Bolton is Principal of Endswell Indexing, a professional indexer of books, web/HTML documentation, and technical and business documentation in both print and electronic format. Jean is a member of the American Society for Indexing, and past President of the New England ASI chapter. She is also a member of BNI, Holden Chapter, Bookbuilders of Boston, CAEN (Cambridge Academic Editors Network), the Editorial Freelancers Association, the League of Vermont Writers, and the Society of Professional Communicators. Jean holds a degree in music from Clark University.

Andrew Weigl of Southborough is a product management consultant in the financial services industry. His focus is on marketing, strategy and customer service delivery. He spent 13 years with Fidelity Investments in marketing and service operations roles, and prior to that held management positions with Motorola and Digital Equipment Corporation. Andy holds a B.S. in Operations Research/Industrial Engineering and an MBA, both from Cornell University. Andy and his wife, Bonnie, live in Southborough. Their two children both took private instruction at Pakachoag and are continuing to play at college.

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Clockwise from Upper Left:

WYO Conductor Audrey White leads chamber ensemble;

Tenor Daniel Allison, Alumnus, sings Bernstein's *Maria*;

A little one keeps the beat during Music Together;

The Unison of Strings performs with director Amy Matherly & family for the annual Cabaret;

Musical Theatre's Barnyard Moosical presented in April;

Singers and pianist provide background music during the Cabaret WineTasting;

a WYO flutist rehearses in preparation for the June Gala concert.

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