



# 2011-2012 Season Bulletin

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## Maestro's Corner

The North Texas Youth Orchestra's mission statement has become a reality for the upcoming 2011-2012 season. One of our goals was for our musicians to benefit from the expertise and talents of the exceptional professionals in the north Texas area. We have put together a talented team of professionals who will be working with NTYO this year. We are excited and cannot wait to get started!

Our guest conductor for the season's opening concert is Ms. Michelle Brians. Ms. Brians is an outstanding director from Denton Texas. Her groups are consistently ranked among the states best orchestras and she is a diverse and talented violinist and jazz vocalist. Her rapport with students is unparalleled and her musicianship is outstanding. Ms. Brian's rehearsals will definitely be fun, fun, fun! Look for her trademark "tuxedo" during the performance!

Mr. David Mairs, retired north Texas teacher and former youth orchestra conductor from California, will be one of our section coaches and will be working closely with the orchestra throughout the season. He will also guest conduct several pieces throughout the season. His experience with conducting youth orchestras and his ability to select the special repertoire needed to showcase their talents is amazing.

Mr. Derek Hawkes from SMU has loaned the musicians his expertise this past season and the brass section loved working with him. Mr. Hawkes will return as a section coach and conductor as well.

As Artistic Director, I will be working closely with all the section coaches and conductors and will be conducting the season's final concert on March 27, 2012.

We have a terrific group of volunteer parents, new volunteers and a board president who will be working for our musicians to have a terrific experience performing at an outstanding level and giving back to our communities.

Serve, Enrich, Elevate, Motivate. Let's get ready for an amazing season! Go NTYO!

Maestro Booth

## Program Cover Contest

Are you an artist or know somebody artistic? Want to show off your artistic / design talents? NTYO is holding a contest for our 2011-2012 Season program covers. Please submit your cover art design (in 300 dpi) by September 4, 2011, to [info@northtexasyouthorchestra.org](mailto:info@northtexasyouthorchestra.org). Come up with a cover idea that best depicts each of our concert series: "Bach to Beethoven," "The Romantics," and "A Night at the Movies." The winner of the contest will be featured on our program covers for the upcoming season! Best of luck!

## Volunteers Needed!

Dear Parents,

As you know, we are a non-profit organization comprising of volunteers. In our attempt to make the 2011-2012 Season spectacular, we need help! If you can donate some of your time, PLEASE let us know by e-mailing [info@northtexasyouthorchestra.org](mailto:info@northtexasyouthorchestra.org)! We need:

- CD Burners (3) – will burn CD's of concerts for "donations"
- CD Donations (100 CD's) – donate CD's for burning
- Ticket Sales / Concert Welcome Committee (3/concert) – take care of selling tickets at the door on concert dates. One person in charge of credit card machine, one in charge of cash, one in charge of checks.
- Pre-Ticket Sales (1) – coordinates pre-concert ticket sales. Needs to be at the beginning of each rehearsal to collect paperwork / payment form
- Poster Distribution (no limit) – distribute concert posters one month prior to concert
- Rehearsal Chaperone (1/rehearsal + backup) – chaperone for Sunday rehearsals at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship from 2:00-4:30 PM
- Dress Rehearsal + Concert Chaperone (2/concert + backup) – chaperone for our dress rehearsals and concerts, Tuesday from 5:00-9:30 PM
- Concert Meals (1/concert) – takes care of meal orders on concert dates and also silverware, etc.
- Photographer (2/concert) – take photos at rehearsals, concerts, various events
- Concert Greeters (2/concert) – pass out programs, collect tickets, and direct people in the concert venue
- Graphic Coordinator (1) – puts together concert programs and coordinates posters, programs, covers, etc.
- Corporate Sponsorship (2) – research and put together a list of target organizations / corporations to be contacted for sponsorship, helps to get sponsors
- End of Season Reception (2) – coordinate the end of season reception on 3/27/2012
- Cookie Collection (1) – contacts Willie Mae's or other local bakeries for donations for end of season reception on 3/27/2012
- Community Service Outreach Liaison (1) – contacts local symphony orchestras for orchestra exposure, i.e. pre-concert performances, etc.
- Senior Group Outreach Liaison (1) – researches and puts together a list of 10 retirement centers in the area to be contacted for free concerts for senior citizens
- Youth Group Outreach Liaison (1) – researches and puts together a list of 10 youth groups in the area to be contacted for recruitment

"Faith sees the invisible,  
believes the incredible  
and receives the  
impossible."

## Parent Orientation

Our parent orientation for the 2011-2012 Season will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2011, from 1:00-1:45 PM at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship [4141 International Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75007] in room F201. Following the orientation will be our kick-off rehearsal for the 2011-2012 Season, from 2:00-4:30 PM, in room F217.



## Closing Words

A warm welcome to the new members of North Texas Youth Orchestra and to our returning members! I am sure all of you had a fabulous summer and are set to begin another wonderful year of school!

Our orchestra is now in its third season and I feel very privileged to be a part of such a wonderful organization. I remember clearly 3 summers ago, when Mrs. Booth invited me to join with 2 other pioneer volunteers to discuss putting together a youth orchestra. We gathered at a quiet restaurant and spoke about the inspirations and motivations behind the forming of the orchestra. Our intention was to create and provide an environment where young musicians from all around the North Texas area could gather to play music outside of the school environment, have the opportunity to experience a wide scope of music, be challenged and have fun doing what they love: playing music. Over the last 2 years, the orchestra has grown from the seed of an idea to the realization of a vision. Thanks to all the dedicated members from past and present, our talented Maestro Booth, and a wonderful team of volunteers.

As we begin this year, I am excited to see so many returning members, as well as new additions to the orchestra. There is no doubt that this will be an amazing year for all of you!

And to the parents of our members, welcome to the orchestra as well! We look forward to having the opportunity to work with you. Please share your talents with us as we continue to seek growth and development. There are lots of volunteer opportunities so please write, call or speak to us about your interests. Your active participation will be invaluable to the orchestra!

I look forward to meeting everyone at the parent orientation meeting and at the kick-off rehearsal!

*Agnes Chelliah*

Parent Volunteer, Coordinator

Greetings students and parents! I hope you all had a well-rested summer and are ready to get back in gear for our 2011-2012 Season!

I was asked to come onboard in June by Maestro Booth to help manage the orchestra and we have been working furiously all summer to prepare for this upcoming season. We have many great ideas and hope that it will be our best season yet!

A little background about me: I was a Jasper Jaguar from 1999-2001, and am a TAMS Alumnus from the Class of 2003. I volunteered for the JHS Orchestra all throughout high school and played the violin and piano for ten years prior to attending college at the University of North Texas. Although my instruments are currently collecting dust, I am very excited to be working behind the scenes of this great organization and cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us!

I had the opportunity of meeting some of the new incoming members at our auditions on July 30<sup>th</sup> and cannot wait to see everyone else at our parent orientation and kick-off rehearsal on August 28<sup>th</sup>!

*Maike Cheng*

NTYO Coordinator




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*"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."*

Steve Prefontaine





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## Rehearsal / Concert Schedule

Our schedule for the 2011-2012 Season is as follows:

| Series 1 - Bach to Beethoven     |         |                                  |  |   |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 8/28/2011                        | Sunday  | Parent Orientation Rehearsal     | 1:00 - 1:45 PM<br>2:00 - 4:30 PM                 | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 9/4/2011                         | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 9/11/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 9/18/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 9/25/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 10/2/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 10/9/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 10/16/2011                       | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 10/18/2011                       | Tuesday | Full Dress Rehearsal and Concert | 5:30 - 6:30PM Rehearsal<br>7:30 - 8:30PM Concert | Custer Road United Methodist Church (Plano) |
| Series 2 - The Romantics         |         |                                  |  |   |
| 10/30/2011                       | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 11/6/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 11/13/2011                       | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 12/4/2011                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 12/11/2011                       | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 12/18/2011                       | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 1/8/2012                         | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 1/15/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 1/22/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00 - 4:30PM                                    | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 1/24/2012                        | Tuesday | Full Dress Rehearsal and Concert | 5:30 - 6:30PM Rehearsal<br>7:30 - 8:30PM Concert | St Andrew's United Methodist Church (Plano) |
| Series 3 - A Night at the Movies |         |                                  |  |   |
| 2/5/2012                         | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 2/12/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 2/19/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 2/26/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 3/4/2012                         | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 3/18/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 3/25/2012                        | Sunday  | Rehearsal                        | 2:00pm - 4:30pm                                  | Bent Tree Bible Fellowship                  |
| 3/27/2012                        | Tuesday | Full Dress Rehearsal and Concert | 5:30 - 6:30PM Rehearsal<br>7:30 - 8:30PM Concert | St Andrew's United Methodist Church (Plano) |

As a reminder, our absence policy is as follows:

Members are allowed one (1) excused absence due to illness, and one (1) excused absence due to school related activity provided documentation is submitted prior to the start of the rehearsal series. Members may NOT miss more than 2 rehearsals per rehearsal/concert series for any reason. Musicians will give at least 48 hours notice in advance if a rehearsal will be missed. You must provide the notice via email at [info@northtexasyouthorchestra.org](mailto:info@northtexasyouthorchestra.org) or call the NTYO line at 214.702.6896 only. Except for emergencies or medical conditions, you will be marked as absent if at least a 48 hour notice is not given.