

# NOTES



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*"Perfection in music is elusive, but excellence is attainable and sustainable."*

## GREAT REHEARSAL!

What a marvelous rehearsal we had last night, especially the opportunity to work with a great artist like Adam Frey on the euphonium!

In order to have plenty of time with Mr. Frey, we omitted reading through the "Muppet Show Theme." This is just a reminder to the Dixieland group to stand during the drum break just before "D" and to remain standing until we take the repeat and go back to "A." That group will be asked to stand at the end of the piece to acknowledge applause.

Individual work between now and concert time on the passage between 66 and 81 in "What's Up at the Symphony?" would be very helpful.

## EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 18

Clinic. The first aspect of a busy evening will be to have a clinic, which Mr. Frey will conduct, in Room 101 of the Morris Lawrence Building at WCC at 6:00 p.m. On a space-available basis--be sure the middle and high school kids get to be "up front"--you are welcome to look in on this

clinic--especially if you are not busy helping with stage set-up.

Food and Short Rehearsal. Two things will happen at the same time at 7:00 p.m.

Band members will need to be on stage enough prior to 7:00 p.m. that you will be ready for a downbeat at that time. We need a brief rehearsal with Mr. Russ Collins, our announcer, concerning the speaking parts in "What's Up at the Symphony?" In addition, we will do other warm up, tuning, and final adjustments to the stage set-up. You'll have a short break before you need to be in place at 7:27 p.m.

Cases and coats, etc. may be left in the room immediately behind the stage.

While the Band is doing this, non-playing volunteers will be serving pizza, beverages, and dessert to those attending the clinic and those providing transportation for them.

Concert. Dress is "black." If you have any questions about what this means operationally, please check with your section leader.

At 7:32 p.m., Alan Singer will step to the podium and give two tuning notes, first for the woodwinds and then for the brass. Joe Burke, as our Band president, will come to the microphone to bring a wel-

come, to express some "thank you's," to introduce Dr. Larry Whitworth (president of Washtenaw Community College) for an announcement of our new collaboration, and to introduce Mr. Collins. While Joe is being seated, Mr. Collins will add his own welcome and bring Jerry Robbins on stage. As there is applause, please stand and face out (each time during the evening you are asked to stand). Mr. Collins will then introduce (and participate in) "What's Up at the Symphony?"

The concert order is this:

"What's Up at the Symphony?"

"Gabriel's Oboe"

"Beautiful Colorado"

"Toccatà"

Intermission

"Muppet Show Theme"

"Nessun Dorma"

"Rule, Britannia!"

"Wicked"

Encore: "Sound Off"

Immediately After the Concert. Turn in the nine titles listed above (keeping your black folder, "William Tell," and your scale book). Containers will be in the room immediately behind the stage. Having your music in concert order will be very helpful to our Library Committee.

Please help also with clearing the stage and loading the truck. (And unloading it later.)

Reception. There will be a reception in the lobby of the Morris Lawrence Building, just outside Towsley Auditorium, immediately following the concert. This is for Band members, audience, and all the guest artists to greet one another and enjoy some

refreshments. Adam Frey CD's will be for sale.

## BAND-RELATED MEETINGS

Fundraising Committee. A meeting is set for February 22, 7 p.m., at Walt Hancock's house.

Library Committee. There will be a "folder stuffing party" at Erica Levitt's house on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Another session will be scheduled soon at WLHS to put music in the file cabinets.

Town Band. A rehearsal of the "Town Band" ensemble has been called for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 23 in the Whitmore Lake High School Band Room.

Board. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 7-9 p.m., location to be announced.

Other. None known.

## ADDITIONAL CONCERT ANNOUNCED

We will perform a joint concert with the Whitmore Lake High School Band on Tuesday, April 27 (in place of our rehearsal on that night) in the auditorium of Whitmore Lake High School. Both bands will play separately and we will do a few numbers together.

## MEMBER NOTES

Condolences are extended to Rich Valencourt on the death of his mother-in-law. Barb O'Toole is recovering from major surgery and we hope to have her back with us soon!