

# NOTES



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

## POINSETTIAS FOR DECEMBER 15

Want to supply a poinsettia to decorate the stage on December 15, one you may take home afterwards? If so, this Tuesday night (November 24), bring your check for \$15 (made payable to Ypsilanti Community Choir) or \$15 cash and give it to Wayne Jahnke (trombone).

## "WICKED" IN TOLEDO

Christie Simonson-Bloomfield (flute) is organizing a trip to the Stranahan Theater in Toledo for YCB members and guests to see the musical "Wicked." Christie (whose email address is <[kmalts18@yahoo.com](mailto:kmalts18@yahoo.com)>) needs to know these things:

1. If you are interested in going, which date would you prefer? Saturday, April 10 or Saturday, April 17? (The date will be set by majority preference and is for the matinee performance in either case.)
2. How many tickets would you like?
3. Where would you like to sit? (The group does not have to sit together.) Prices are \$78 for orch/loge, \$68 for bal-

cony, and \$43 for gallery. You can check out the Stranahan theater's seating chart at <<http://www.stranahantheater.com/tickets.html>>.

If you have questions or need additional information or want to propose other alternatives (such as date), please communicate with Christie. Transportation, food, collecting money, etc. will be determined after Christie gets a definite list of those who are interested.

## CONCERT SPONSOR NEEDED!

Concert sponsor needed! Many thanks go to this season's financial sponsors of our concerts. These include Sue Beutler (October 22); Jim and Millie Irwin (December 15); Don and Barbara Chaffin and Metzger's Restaurant (February 18); and Tom Warner (May 27). Concert sponsorships cover the direct and many of the indirect costs of producing the event.

However, YCB is lacking a \$500 sponsor for the March 21 ensemble concert. Please contact Walt Hancock (trumpet), chair of YCB's Fund Raising Committee, at <[waltonhancock@comcast.net](mailto:waltonhancock@comcast.net)>, if you would offer to be this sponsor, if you would organize multiple people to be sponsors for this group, or if you have a suggestion for an individual/organization/company/business that should be approached for this assistance and support.

## MARIMBA!

Ever since we were organized in 1979, we have borrowed, borrowed, borrowed. Until 2002, we borrowed almost every piece of music we played. Now we have a library of more than 500 titles and sufficient funds to buy more as needed.

Until 2002, we borrowed almost every item of percussion equipment we needed--or we did without. This often meant we were limited in what we could perform without a full set of timpani, or chimes, or something else. "Borrowing" from some other band often involved all sorts of special arrangements in terms of getting permission, picking up the equipment and hauling it somewhere, using it, and then returning it before the owner needed to use it again.

In recent years, largely through "special appeals" among our constituencies, we have raised the funds for and purchased most of the major percussion equipment needed to perform demanding musical selections. There remain a few exceptions.

Our Five- and One-Year plans call for us to raise as much as \$5000 this fiscal year to purchase at least a marimba.

As of this writing, we have at least \$1,050 (from three donors) that has been designated for this special "marimba fund." Obviously, we need a lot more to make this happen.

If you would make a donation of any size to this fund for this purpose, please give a check, made out to Ypsilanti Community Band, to Walt Hancock (trumpet), chair of YCB's Fund Raising Committee. As you think of prospective donors, please ask them to contribute. Give Walt names and contact

information for prospective donors to this fund. You're going to be hearing a lot more about this "campaign"!

## VISITOR(S) AT REHEARSAL TUESDAY

Roger LeLievre, arts writer for AnnArbor.com web site and newspaper, will be at Tuesday's rehearsal (before the rehearsal) to interview YCB president Joe Burke, business manager Paul Vaughan, and conductor Jerry Robbins. It is possible that Mr. LeLievre will want to interview other band members and/or take photos. Your cooperation would be much appreciated.

## TUBA CHRISTMAS

Tell all your friends/relatives (of any age) who play euphonium or tuba about Ann Arbor's Tuba Christmas! Former YCB assistant conductor George Thompson is in charge. The date is Sunday, December 6. Rehearsal is 9:30 to noon in the UM School of Music building. The free outdoor performance is at 2:00 p.m. on the corner of State Street and North University in Ann Arbor.

Registration is \$7. Music, for those who don't have a book, is \$11. For information, contact George Thompson at (734) 395-9544 or <[slowtoreply@gmail.com](mailto:slowtoreply@gmail.com)>

## ARTS ALLIANCE CONVERGENCE 2009

The county-wide Arts Alliance annual conference will be held on December 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center at Eastern Michigan University.

For additional information, see <<http://www.a2artsalliance.org/>>