# Music Boosters of Austin
# Fall 2016 Newsletter

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# Upcoming School Concerts

## Austin High School

November:

- Fall Concert: November 1, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
  Includes Concert and Treble choirs, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble
- Fall Prep Concert: November 3, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
  Includes Mixed Choir, Prep Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band

December:

- Tuba Christmas: December 3, concert at 2:00 PM at the Paramount Theatre. This event features euphoniums, baritones and tuba players from the area.
- Holiday Concert: December 19, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium

February:

- Paramount Jazz Performance: February 12, 2 PM and 6 PM at the Paramount Theatre. This event will feature the Austin High School jazz bands and the Ellis jazz band

## Holton Intermediate School and Ellis Middle School

December:

- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Winter Band concert: December 6, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Winter Orchestra concert: December 8, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Winter Choir concert: December 15, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium

## Ellis Middle School

October:

- 8th grade orchestra and choir concert: October 27, 7:30 pm, Ellis Auditorium

## Elementary Schools

- **Banfield**
  Holiday concert: December 9. Times are 9:30-10:00 1st grade, 10:30-11:00 4th grade, 12:30-1:00 2nd grade, 1:30-2:00 3rd grade at Banfield School.
- **Neveln**
  Holiday concert: December 7 at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM in the Ellis Auditorium
- **Southgate**
  Holiday concert: December 15 at 8:30, 10:00 AM and 1 PM in the Southgate gym
- **Sumner**
  Holiday concert: December 15 at 9 AM and 1PM in the Sumner gymnasium

# Making Music In Our Community

**Veterans Day Celebration:**
The 8th grade Band, Choir and Orchestra will be performing at the Veterans Day breakfast and program at 7:45 am on November 11th.

**Austin Symphony Orchestra:**
Our Community's Symphony Orchestra is in its 60th season. This talented group of musicians, whose age and expertise spans 7 decades, will be providing entertainment in 4 concerts:

- *Heroes* in collaboration with Matchbox Children's Theater. The main performance will be on October 30th and again on October 31st for many area school children.
- *Christmas Past, Present and Future* will be performed December 11 and will feature the MacPhail Children's Chorus.
- *Remembrance* featuring Richard Roberts on violin, will be February 26 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church.
- *Homecoming* featuring Roberto Plano and Paola del Negro, duo pianists, will be May 7th. A fundraiser at the Austin Country Club will follow.

All concerts start at 2 pm and with the exception of Remembrance, the location of the performances are in Knowlton Auditorium at Austin High School.

**The Northwestern Singers:**
The Northwestern Singers will present their annual benefit concert, "Why We Sing" on Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 pm at St Olaf Church. Guest choirs will include the Austinaires, 8th grade choir, IJ Holton 5th grade choir and choirs from Pacelli.

**Austin Big Band:**
The Austin Big Band will present its annual Thanksgiving Eve dance at the American Legion in Austin on Wednesday, November 23rd from 8-10PM. The dance is free and open to the public.

**Christmas at Home**
The 2nd annual concert will be December 16 at 7:30 pm and December 17 at 2 PM and 7:00 PM. This fundraiser for Austin Public Schools music programs will feature soloists and music ensembles from the public schools and the community. It will be a holiday treat for all!!

**Welcome New Teachers!!**

Welcome to Christoph Dundas, the new Austin High School band director and David Hovland, the new music teacher at Southgate Elementary School.

**Fall Musicals:**

AHS will present "Lucky Stiff", a musical comedy, on November 17, 18, and 19 at 7:30 pm in Christgau Hall. You will be guaranteed to laugh!

**Ellis Musicians Attend Special Events**

Saturday November 5, Ellis Middle School 7th and 8th grade select musicians will attend Master classes at Blooming Prairie school from 8:30-noon.

Saturday November 19, the ACDA State 7/8 Boys and Girls Honor Choir will perform. Select singers will attend the event at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi.

**AHS Choir Upcoming Travels:**

The Concert choir students will be traveling to Memphis and Nashville, March 10-15, 2017.

**Congratulations** go to our Austin All-State Musicians who spent a week over the summer rehearsing with other high school musicians for their upcoming All State Concerts on February 18, 2017. All-State students from Austin were:

- Choir: Noah Lund, Grace Thoen, and Kassie Fate
- Orchestra: Emma Andersen, Brock Lawhead, Charlie Kanne, and Matt Fennell
- Jazz Band: Arn Huizinga

**Fundraisers:**

Currently, Music Boosters and Austin Public School music students are selling the Xtraman card, featuring discounts to local businesses. Discounts to national businesses are also available by registering online. The cards cost $20 each and will be valid for 1 year according to the date on the card.

## Instruments and Lesson Books Needed!!

Austin Public Schools music programs are accepting donations of instruments and/or gently used "Accent On Achievement" and "Essential Elements 2000" music books for band and orchestra. Donated item(s) can be dropped off at any Austin Public School. If donating an instrument, please include your name and contact information. The band and orchestra programs have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students so instruments are in demand!!

## *An Important Announcement from the President of Music Boosters of Austin:*

Greetings from the Board of Directors of the Music Boosters of Austin (MBA). I am proud to have been elected as President of the MBA in May of 2016. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the music programs of the Austin Public Schools in this capacity. Along with the other members of the board, I am open to questions, comments, and concerns about the MBA and any ways that you may feel we can be of more assistance to the music programs.

As this school year opens, the students look forward to many successful rehearsals, concerts, festivals, and contests. The resources needed to maintain the music programs is primarily provided by the school district, including staff salaries and benefits, facility space, supply budgets, equipment budgets, and much more. The MBA is designed to provide additional resources to the music programs, be they for exciting new opportunities, upgrades to existing opportunities, or to meet ongoing needs.

In recent years, the MBA has provided scholarships for students attending summer music camps, purchased numerous instruments, provided transportation to events both within and outside of Austin, and contributed towards the purchase of new chairs for the stage in Knowlton Auditorium. We accomplish this through support from fundraising and memberships.

Throughout the year, memberships in the MBA may be purchased. The price of membership starts at $1 and as your contribution increases, you may receive a season ticket (single, couple, or family) to music performances at Austin High School. This is an exceptional value and proceeds go to fund music programs across the Austin Public Schools. Membership contributions in excess of the value of the season tickets provided are tax deductible. A membership form is included in this newsletter, otherwise you can find us at music concerts this fall. You can also contact us at our website: http://www.mbaustin.org/ or you can find us on Facebook.

Additionally, the MBA has recently rolled out its annual fundraiser. Music students throughout Austin will be selling discount cards. For $20, these cards provide wonderful discounts at fourteen local businesses. We thank our local businesses for supporting this fundraiser and encourage you to visit them.
Thank you for your support of MBA and the music programs of the Austin Public Schools!

Bradley Carlton
President
Music Boosters of Austin

**2016-2017**
**MBA Membership Form**

*Please note that a season ticket may be included, depending on the selection of your membership level*
*Donations above actual ticket value are tax deductible.*

**Name _____**

**Address _____**

**Email address _____**

**City _____ State _____ Zip _____**

**Name as you would like it to appear in the concert programs:**

**_____**

**I do not wish to have my name appear in the concert programs _____**

**___ Maestro Level - $450 and up (includes 1 *Family* season ticket)**
**___ Virtuoso Level -$200 to $449 (includes 1 *Family* season ticket)**
**___ Conductor Level - $60 to $199 (includes 1 *Family* season ticket)**
**___ Director Level - $40 to $59 (includes 1 *Couple* season ticket)**
**___ Sponsor Level - $25 to $39 (includes 1 *Single* season ticket)**
**___ Member Level - up to $24**

**___Amount Enclosed**

*All music concerts at the high school require a fee for admission. A season ticket from MBA will allow admission to public school music concerts held at Austin High School for the 2016-2017 academic year. All money collected from membership sales goes directly to music students in the Austin Public Schools. Note that Austinaire performances and the Paramount Jazz performance require a separate ticket purchase.*

**Based on my membership level selected above please send me: (mark appropriate box)**

**___ Single (valued at $25) ___ Couple (valued at $40) ____ Family (valued at $60)**

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