



August 17, 2011

Dear Players:

We are fast approaching another fantastic Orchestra Omaha season! I hope your summer was as productive as mine was! I am very excited about getting back to rehearsals and performing the great music that Ken has lined up this year. Rehearsals will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Lutheran Church of the Master East Campus. The concerts for our thirteenth season will be held on the following dates:

September 11, 2011 at 7:00pm (with Sing Omaha Canticum Chorale)

October 9, 2011 at 3:00pm

November 20, 2011 at 3:00pm

February 19, 2012 at 3:00pm

April 15, 2012 at 3:00pm

The September 11<sup>th</sup> concert is a special event with Sing Omaha to commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9/11. For this concert, two extra rehearsals have been scheduled at LCM-West. These will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:30pm, and Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-noon. Please refer to the Season Schedule and Concert 1 Memo for additional details. If you are unable to play for the September 11<sup>th</sup> concert, please notify Linda Autenrieth as soon as possible.

Auditions for new players are scheduled for the evening of Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage anyone you know that may be interested in playing with us to audition. They can sign up by contacting our Personnel Manager, Linda Autenrieth by phone (402-502-7641) or e-mail ([violinda@cox.net](mailto:violinda@cox.net)).

As we start rehearsals, I would like to remind everyone that regular attendance is crucial. In order for our ensemble to be the very best, we need to make the most out of rehearsals. Please arrive at rehearsal no later than 6:55pm so we can take care of any announcements and business prior to tuning. It is critical that we start rehearsal promptly at 7pm so we can be out of the building by 9:30pm. If you need to miss a rehearsal, please inform Linda as soon as possible. Wind, brass and percussion players should arrange for a substitute for rehearsal – refer to the Attendance Policy for more information. Rehearsals suffer when even *one* part is missing!

Thanks again to everyone that participates in the orchestra. We had a great season last year thanks to everyone's efforts. Special thanks are extended to the Board and other volunteers who put in extra effort to keep things running smoothly. I am looking forward to another great season – see you in September!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nate Griffith'.

Nate Griffith

Orchestra Omaha President

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