



Letter to Players
August 13, 2008

Dear Orchestra Omaha Musician:

It is August again and time to get ready for the new season. Rehearsals start on Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. They will again be held at Lutheran Church of the Master, East Campus. Four concert locations have been scheduled, including the Jewish Community Center for our first concert. The Orchestra has received a grant from the Javich Fund for this concert, which will be performed on stage in the auditorium. Please note that the dress rehearsal will be at the JCC on Thursday night. A regular rehearsal will take place at the Lutheran Church of the Master on Saturday morning. Please refer to the schedule for full information.

Something extra is being added this year. A fundraising dinner to be held at the Omaha Country Club on April 20, 2009, is being planned. The orchestra, as well as solos and/or ensembles, will perform. Ken has started programming some music and is thinking about using "An American In Paris" and building the rest of the music around an early 20th century theme. If you are interested in performing as a soloist or in a small ensemble, please let me or Ken know. More information will be available through the season as plans are developed.

The rehearsal schedule for some of this year's concerts includes only five rehearsals and the dress rehearsal. Attendance will be even more critical so that we can produce the best concerts possible. The board has drafted an attendance policy and asks your cooperation in adhering to it.

Finally, folders for the strings should be available at the Horn Works after August 18. The wind and percussion folders are there now. Please call 592-5655 to be sure the music is available before going to pick up your music. If you are not going to play this season, please contact Linda Autenrieth as soon as possible (502-7641 or violinda@cox.net).

Thanks. See you on September 4!

Nate Griffith