



May 2010

Dear YOCA Parents,

A successful musical season takes a great deal of planning ahead, and we are already arranging auditions, rehearsals, and concerts for the upcoming 34th season that begins in September. It also requires a goodly amount of financial planning.

Paying for conductors, coaches, administrative staff, music, concert venues, and all the many other required expenses, is always a concern. We are proud of the fact that we do not pass along to families the full amount required per member to participate for the season - which is approximately \$500. We are also happy that, until this coming season, we have been able to maintain the same participation fee for the past five years.

Beginning with the 2010-2011 season, the following participation fees are in effect, as voted upon by the YOCA Board of Directors on May 3, 2010:

Junior Strings	\$275	Clarinet Ensemble	\$275
Evans Orchestra	\$350	Prelude Flute Choir	\$275
Youth Orchestra	\$350	Flute Choir	\$350
		Flute Ensemble	\$350

As in past seasons, tuition assistance is available for those on the school free lunch program and those families with multiple YOCA participants. In order to apply for assistance, you must fill out the financial aid application, found on our website (www.yoca.org), and send it to the YOCA address below. All applications must be received immediately following spring auditions and acceptance into one of the YOCA programs. Assistance is based on first-come, first-serve basis, as well as need.

On behalf of the YOCA Board of Directors, please accept my best wishes for a restful and joyful summer!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bancroft
YOCA Board President 2009-2010