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RAVE REVIEWS

Positive Reviews keep rolling in....



"The quality of the programs and the virtuosity of the musicians have attained an extraordinarily high level," wrote Charlie Bates about the SSO Finale Concert May 17 & 18 in a recent season wrap-up in the Steamboat Pilot & Today newspaper."



"Anna Roder "did not play like a "prodigy", rather a mature violinist," Bates wrote of the 16-year-old SSSH junior, "Anna received a well-deserved and instant standing ovation."

In addition to playing regularly in SSO, Anna was recently named concertmaster of the Colorado Allstate Orchestra, a first for someone so young from Steamboat Springs. She is also assistant principal violinist with the Denver Young Artists' Orchestra.

FUND DRIVE UPDATE

With a month to go in our fiscal year we have raised more than \$167,000 in cash and pledges toward our goal of \$185,000; this includes a generous \$15,000 Challenge Grant. Thus, all further donations received will be worth twice as much! To date, nearly \$9,000 has been raised towards the match; nearly \$3,100 of that figure was contributed by local music students!! Thank you to all our donors for helping to make this past season such a triumph for all our musicians!!!

Youth Program Grant

SSO recently received another \$20,000 grant from the Education Excellence Committee of the Education Fund Board, which is paid for by the city's half-cent sales tax for education. This generous grant will be applied to the Youth Programs for the next school year.



Bonnie Murray brought her boundless energy to the job of coaching the string students in Youth Orchestra each week, preparing them to be handed over to John Fairlie for "concert polishing".

2008-2009 Season Concerts

October 1

An Evening at Harwig's/L'apogee

October 4-5

2008-2009 Season Opening Concert

December 6-7th

Holiday Concert

January 17-18

Music of the Beatles, A Pops Spectacular

February 14-15

The Annual Valentine Soiree

April 4-5

2008-2009 Season Finale

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.steamboatorchestra.org or call 970-870-3223.

Watch for an updated website in time for next season!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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June 6

First Friday Art Walk

Features several SSO Youth Program student ensembles playing at Colorado Group Realty, 5-7pm.

June 10

Strings Garden & Kitchen Tour

Features several youth ensembles from the SSO Youth Program playing at homes along the tour.

July 23-26

Rocky Mountain Summer Conservatory

NEW PROGRAM for Suzuki Book 4 and above students! This features instruction from both Ernest Richardson and Teresa Steffen Greenlee, as well as free concerts featuring both faculty & students.



Bonnie McGee, Linda Hamlet and Jeanette Robinson enjoyed a reception before "An Evening at Harwig's/L'apogee" last fall. All three have contributed greatly to the success of SSO: McGee takes the helm of SSO's Board of Directors right after the next Harwig's fundraiser, set for October 1; Hamlet joined the BOD this past season, and Robinson co-chaired the popular Valentine Soiree event.