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Finneytown Music Parents' Association Newsletter

Fall 2011

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Thank you.

"Playing scales is like a boxer skipping rope or punching a bag. It's not the thing in itself; it's preparatory to the activity" – Barney Kessel – Jazz Guitar

Dear Finneytown Music Fan,

Happy Fall! Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, not just because of the pleasant temperatures and beautifully colored leaves, but also for the activities we get to enjoy. For our family, that means marching band competitions and football and volleyball games. Speaking of the marching band, aren't they looking great in their new uniforms? These uniforms were purchased with funds from both FMPA and the Board of Education, for which we have been saving for the past **nine years!** A BIG thank you should go out to our Uniform chairs, **Cheryl Shrider** and **Marsha Grubbs** for organizing the purchase and fitting of these uniforms, and **Brenda Dennis** for outfitting the color guard uniforms.

This is just one of the many ways that FMPA monies are being used to benefit our music students. Already this year, FMPA funds have been used for sheet music, choir dresses and student scholarships for private lessons. Money for our annual budget of approximately \$25,000 is raised through efforts like our recent **Savory Sweets** Cookie Dough and Popcorn sale, the upcoming **Luminaria Kit** sale, and of course through memberships and patron donations. With the start of concert season upon us, please consider becoming a member of **FMPA** if you have not already done so. For just \$25 per year, you receive **free** admission to all concerts for your immediate family and you help provide many of the things that your child will need in his/her music groups. Contact Membership chair, **Angela Murphy** (a.murphy720@gmail.com) or check our website (www.finneytownfmpa.org) for more information.

I hope you enjoy reading about music department happenings in this edition of *Music Notes*. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank our new newsletter editor **Renee Keith** for doing such a great job of keeping us all informed. Enjoy this busy time of year, and I'm sure we will be seeing each other soon at the PAC for an upcoming concert.

Best regards,

Penny

Penny Sauer
FMPA President

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Upcoming Events and Theatre Production – **Larceny and Old Lace**



Thanks to **FMPA Member Honor Roll** and a membership form to join or renew your membership



Bravo, Brava!, Music Department News and **Notes on your Calendar**

Singing for a Cause

By Jason McKee

The **Finneytown Chorale** will join forces with the Taylor High School Senior Choir and the Lakota West Chorale for "**Sing for a Cause**" on Saturday, **December 10th** at **7:30pm**. The concert will be held in the **College Auditorium** at the **College of Mount St. Joseph** to perform the Christmas section of Handel's *Messiah*. All proceeds after expenses will benefit the **Alzheimer's Association**, and last year's event raised approximately \$7,000! We're hoping to get some publicity through local media, so you won't want to miss this event. Ticket order forms can be obtained from

Mr. McKee – tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Please come out to hear three very fine choirs and to support a very worthy cause!

What NOT to do at a Concert:



For information on how to behave properly at Finneytown Concert Events, read the article written by Heidi Johnson called "You are Part of the Concert"

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YOU ARE PART OF THE CONCERT

by Heidi Johnson

The audience members, as well as the musicians, are participants in every concert. When you participate in listening to the music, you will be taking an important part by sharing this experience with others in the audience and with the musicians on stage. Formal concerts are much different from rock concerts or sporting events, and require you to know some specific concert manners. In order to make a concert enjoyable for everyone, here are some tips to remember:

- * Enter the auditorium quietly. Once you have been seated, be alert to activity on the stage as the musicians take their place for the concert. At an orchestra concert, the concertmaster begins by tuning the orchestra. The audience must be quiet while the orchestra tunes.
- * When the conductor enters, it is customary to applaud politely. Whistling, yelling, or screaming is not appropriate at any time before, during, or after a concert.
- * Never stand or move around while music is being performed. It distracts listeners around you, as well as the performers. If you must leave for any reason, wait until a piece is finished, and the audience is applauding. Also, return to your seat only between numbers.
- * It is impolite to talk, or even whisper, while the music is being performed. Listeners and performers are also distracted by cell phones, sounds from programs, candy wrappers, jewelry and other objects. So turn off cell phones and remain still, and be thoughtful of others by talking or making sounds only between numbers.
- * It is impolite to wear hats or caps during a concert.
- * It is impolite to eat or drink refreshments during a concert.
- * Always say "excuse me," if you must pass in front of someone while going to or from your seat.
- * If you must cough or sneeze while the music is being performed, always try to muffle the sound with a tissue or handkerchief. Wait until the piece is finished if possible.
- * Watch the conductor when the music stops to decide whether or not to applaud. Some musical works have several parts or movements and the audience is expected to applaud only after all movements have been performed.
- * When leaving an auditorium, always return your seat cushion to the upright position to make it easy for others to pass through the rows.

If you always remember these simple rules, and use your own good manners, you can feel confident attending a concert anywhere.

The Cookies are Coming!

By Ric and Jenny Towner

Thanks to all of you who participated in our fall Savory Sweets music education fund raiser! The cookie dough and popcorn orders have been turned in and will be delivered to the **High School campus gymnasium on November 17th**. A team of music parent volunteers will have your orders sorted and ready for pick up between **3:00 and 6:00 pm**. If you would like to pick up your order earlier in the day please call or email Jenny Towner (513-931-0178, ricjentowner@gmail.com) and let her know when you'd like us to have your order ready. We encourage early pick ups - especially of large orders!

It's critical that all orders are picked up and safely stored (refrigerated) or delivered on the 17th.

We always order some extra cookie dough for folks that decide they'd like to purchase a few more tubs. We'll have additional items available for sale at the high school on the 17th and from our home for as long as the inventory holds out!

Please contact **Penny Sauer** if you're available to help with unloading and sorting orders on the 17th for a 2 hour or longer shift - we always have a great time working together. See you on the 17th!



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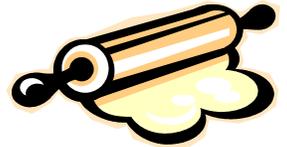
LOCKLAND INVITATIONAL: 1st in Class, Best Overall Visual Performance, Best Overall Auxillary (Color Guard), Best Overall Field Commanders, 9/10 Superior Ratings (one II in Music) and GRAND CHAMPION!

FOREST HILLS EXPO : Best Overall Music, Best Overall Visual, Best Overall Percussion, Best Auxiliary in class, Straight I's and for the second time this season, GRAND CHAMPION!

Congratulations and Good Luck at STATE on October 30th!

“DOUGH” All Around

Submitted by **Cathy Zimmerly**,
FMPA Treasurer



Thank you to all of you who have paid membership dues, purchased cookie dough, ordered luminaria kits, bought a cow bell, have ever attended Dinner And a Show, came to the Faculty concert, and who support our organization in so many other ways. I am proud to be connected with a group of very dedicated and involved group of parents. We have had successful fundraisers in the past but none of these can happen without the time and effort of our wonderful volunteers.

We raise funds to support our Music staff and their students. Monthly treasurer reports are available on the FMPA web site at <http://www.finneytownfmpa.org/subpages/Treasurer.html> Examination of these reports will show how committed FMPA is to supporting our Music staff from the elementary to the secondary level including Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. Soon, FMPA will be awarding monies directly to students who have earned “cookie dough” cash. In the past, students have sold enough cookie dough to pay for expenses such as instrument rental fees, voice lessons, and band camp. This year, we expect to give back over \$1500 to those students who earned cash by selling cookie dough. Packed into those little square tubs of cookies is not just delicious dough but “dough” to encourage and support every music student.

We hope you will support our students and staff throughout the year not just financially but by attending concerts and contests as well. Thank you for your support!

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CARE & CUSTODY OF CONCERT WEAR

By **Brenda Dennis**, Concert uniforms chair

Your student is part of a music ensemble at the high school, and they come home with a dress, tuxedo, or skirt—now what?



First, FMPA sets aside funds every year for the purchase, repair, and maintenance of the concert wear. Thank you for your support! All concert wear purchased by FMPA is considered a donation to the school (and is school property, like textbooks). Students are assigned their clothing, take it home, wear it for each concert, and return it in May. It gets pretty warm under the stage lights, so if your student's clothing gets a little "ripe", we suggest the following:

Please hang them up at home. Really! Your student's locker (or Mr. McKee's classroom) are not good places to keep concert clothes.

Tuxes are DRY CLEAN ONLY. A shower and a clean shirt before the concert will help, but if your son's clothing starts to stand up by itself, a visit to the dry cleaner is in order. Ties and cummerbunds can be spot cleaned with a damp cloth.

Ladies' dresses, black skirts, and black tops are all washable; refer to the care label (machine wash cold, mild detergent, low dryer or hang to dry). Please don't wash these items in the load following bleaching those tidy whites! Bleach residue and black skirts do not mix! Dresses and skirts can also be carefully ironed, on a low temperature.

Size changes happen over the school year. Feel free to lower hems if needed (or contact me if needles and thread are not your friend), and let me know if your student needs a size change in their uniform. We want them looking their best on stage, so fit changes are not a problem. The only rule for alterations is **please don't do anything we cannot undo**. No cutting away of extra length, for example—we will need the longer legs when your son hits his growth spurt. When the students look sharp, they grab the audience's attention. Any questions or comments, feel free to contact Brenda Dennis, @931-8312.

Bravo, Brava!

Congratulations to **Abby Bolling** and **Philip Colegrove** for being selected to represent Finneytown in the 2012 OMEA All-State Choir! The choir will perform in Columbus at the OMEA Professional Development Conference **February 16-18, 2012**.

In addition, congratulations are in order for our OMEA All State Band alternates : **Kara Sauer, Kristi Cowan, Janelle Bouman** and **Megan Zimmerer**.



by **Heidi Johnson**

FUSION is a new and exciting performing group in the Finneytown HS Music Department! FUSION features the brand new quartet of electric string instruments (2 electric violins, 1 electric viola, and 1 electric cello) along with acoustic string instruments, keyboard, electric guitar, bass guitar, and drums playing a wide variety of music genres: Pop & Rock music, Fiddling, Latin styles, etc. The eleven members of FUSION have already performed in the FHS Homecoming Parade, at the Diamond Oaks Open House, and on stage at the Finneytown PAC. FUSION will be performing at the **Union Terminal Museum Center** on Saturday, **December 19th at 11:00am**. ROCK ON!



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Sunday, December 18, 2011

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Thank you for your support!

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ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY _____

Deliveries will be made the week of December 11th.



Finneytown Night at the Symphony

Thursday, **January 5th** 2012

Light dinner at **6:15 pm**,

followed by Symphony Concert at **7:30 pm**

Thanks once again to the generosity of **Dr. & Mrs. William Newell**, we have 200 FREE tickets for this event!! Emanuel Ax is the piano soloist for the Mozart Piano Concerto No. 22. The rest of the concert includes the Schumann “Manfred Overture” and the Symphony No. 5 by Prokofiev. Last year we ran out of tickets, so reserve your seats early. For questions and/or to reserve tickets, email Heidi Johnson at hjohnson@finneytown.org and write CSO tickets in the subject line.

YOU’VE HEARD IT SAID...

that people look and act like their pets, but what does your instrument say about you? Read on to find out.

Picture your favorite tuba player, the soprano hitting the high notes, or the orchestra student sidling up to the bass. Do certain images come to mind? In this article, Ms. MacLellan, who is a doctoral music student at Indiana university, contemplates how students personalities often match up to stereotypical views we have of musicians. She cites the following from Tim Lautzenheiser’s book, Rare Birds of the Band Shell:

Lautzenheiser describes each instrument of the band as a species of bird. Flutists, or “Flutarium Perfectus”, are described as perfectionists in everything they do, always behaving well and striving for meticulous performance. Trumpet players, or “Hollywood Screamerium Grandeur” are known to be leaders of the flock. Possessing a brash and forceful personality, trumpet players desire to be in the spotlight and strive to outdo one another.

She writes, “While we can appreciate these stereotypes as inside jokes among musicians, in every joke, there lies a tiny seed of truth.” MacLellan goes on to explore what causes people to attach predetermined identities and personalities to players of different instruments and members of different ensembles. She discovers fascinating Myers-Briggs connections among students involved in some form of musical ensemble (comparing them to each other as well as those students not involved in music in any way). For example, MacLellan discusses research that suggests that music ensemble students differ in personality from their nonmusical peers (music students as a whole have a much stronger preference for Feeling over Thinking; for Intuition over Sensing, and Perceiving over Judging). If this notion of personality development as it relates to music or vice versa has captured your interest, you can read the entire article on the FMPA web site as follows:

<http://www.finneytownfmpa.org/subpages/mejarticle.pdf>

Enjoy!

Excerpt from Music Educators Journal, Volume 97, Number 4, June 2011, “Understanding Your Band, Orchestra, and Choir Students”, by Christin Reardon MacLellan





It Takes a Town

By Cheryl Shrider

It takes a "town" to care for the FHS Wildcats Marching Band! The passion and the "yes I'll help" attitude from so many people made the uniform process go smoothly! Thank you cannot be enough for the parents who have stepped up this year. Here is the FABULOUS team.

Uniform Storage Improvements: **Art Schwartz** for building hat storage (he took a vacation day from work to do this for us!). **Tim Fain** for reconfiguring uniform racks. **Jim Dickerson** for enlarging the plume box.

Painting the band room: **Lindsay Salters & Sarah Floyd** for taking 4 hours on the Friday before Band Camp to paint the back wall.

Fitting Team: **Lillie Healy, Ruth Ann Schwartz, Claire Snyder, Marsha Grubbs, Bev Nichols, Emily Clausing, Kim & Mark Besserman, Katherine Mungur, Christina Hernandez,** and **Karen O'Connell.**

Alternations Team: **Lillie Healy, Darlene Bryant, Sonya Valerio, Claire Snyder, Angela Murphy, Penny Sauer, Linda Carlsson, Emily Clausing,** and **Marsha Grubbs**

Organizing Team: **Ruth Ann Schwartz, Lillie Healy,** and **Marsha Grubbs.**

New Uniforms: We have been very pleased with our uniform supplier, **Midwest Band.** They have been effective communicators and we were well informed on the arrival of the uniforms and they have taken great care in measuring our students.

Donations for Uniform Storage Improvements: The following parents gave donations to the cause above and beyond the norm to assure success of the improvement: **Sherry Marshall, Dawn Fink, Cathy Zimmerly, Marsha Grubbs,** and **Penny Sauer.**

Band Buttons: Always a big hit with the parents as they proudly wear their buttons and represent their student as they cheer them on during the performance. Thanks to **Linda** and **Bruno Carlsson** for snapping the photos.



Larceny and Old Lace

By Shawn Maus

Audiences of all ages will love this clever and well-crafted spoof of the theatre classic "Arsenic and Old Lace!" Harold Peabody's sweet aunts, Millie and Gertie, are gambling in Las Vegas while Harold stays at their home to watch over his eccentric Uncle Charlie, who thinks he is a pirate and is constantly "burying treasure" in the basement. When Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he declares that Charlie has buried his last treasure and decides he must go to a home for senior citizens. When Harold's jailbird cousin Mordred shows up with his own bundle of money and the FBI hot on his heels, the pandemonium multiplies. Join the madness as Harold attempts to keep his aunts out of jail, Mordred from killing them all, his fiancée from walking out on him and himself from going insane!

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Nate Bond
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The show runs **Friday, November 18** and **Saturday, November 19** at **7:30 PM** in the **William R. Swartzel Performing Arts Center.** Tickets are \$8.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students, \$3.00 Children (12 and under). The show is rated "G" for all audiences. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Finneytown Alumni who join FMPA at the basic membership level or higher become members of the Alumni Conductors Club.

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Bill and Elise Fessler

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 Anonymous donation in memory of Rebecca Archambeault

Finneytown Music Parents' Association wishes to thank all who give financial support to FMPA through their membership dollars. To become a member (or to give the gift of FMPA Membership—including a year's subscription to **Music Notes**) please send your membership form to **FMPA Membership Chair Angela Murphy**, 8413 Sunrise Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, or contact her at 522-1120, or email a.murphy720@gmail.com. FMPA is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, which means that all contributions are tax deductible to the extent that nothing of tangible value has been received in return. Your cancelled check is your receipt, but if you need an additional receipt for tax purposes, Angela Murphy will be happy to provide it. The **FMPA Honor Roll** reflects contributions received through October 1st. If you haven't joined yet, please consider joining!

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To the Family of:

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♪♪ Notes on Your Calendar ♪♪

As of October 28, 2011

- Oct 28: Varsity Football v Deer Park (A) 7:30
- Oct 30: State Marching Band Finals 5:00
- Nov 6: Fall back to sleep for one more hour ☺
- Nov 14: **FMPA meeting** 7:00*
- Nov 17: Savory Sweets Cookie Dough Pickup
- Nov 18-19 : FHS Theatre Presents-*Larceny and Old Lace* 7:30 PAC
- Nov 23-25: NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec 1: Instrumental Concert HS/MS 7:00 PAC**
- Dec 6: Whitaker Instrumental Concert 7:00 PAC
- Dec 8: Choral Concert HS/MS 7:00 PAC**
- Dec 12: **FMPA meeting** 7:00*
Whitaker Choral Concert 7:00 PAC
- Dec 21: Take instrument home and practice often during Winter Break!
- Jan 3: School Resumes
- Jan 9: **FMPA meeting** 7:00*
- Jan 16-17: NO SCHOOL

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www.finneytownfmpa.org

Also visit the school website:
www.finneytown.org

*FMPA meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm in the Secondary Campus Teacher's Lunch room next to the cafeteria. All FMPA members are encouraged to attend.

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