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Dear ARCO Parents and Music Students:

Another year is beginning with the Arts Centre Orchestra! We have some new and exciting things happening this year, beginning with a new teacher. Corinna Smith will be joining Ann Felder to teach the beginning and Philharmonia students. Corinna comes to us with a degree from Michigan State and experience from touring with Barrage and teaching workshops with Mark O'Connor. In addition to teaching Monday nights with ARCO, Corinna will be teaching private lessons here at the RRCA on Thursday nights as part of the RRCA's School of Music.

As you already know, ARCO offers violin, viola, cello and bass instruction at four levels. All classes are held on Monday evenings at Monroe Middle School on the corner of Washington and 5th St. in Monroe. Tuition is \$75 per semester due the first day of class.

- **Beginning** — For grades 2-adult. No previous experience necessary. A parent must attend class with any student under the age of 12.
- **Advanced Beginning** — For the second year player. This class focuses on music reading, beginning part-playing, and continued technical development.
- **Philharmonia** — A beginning to intermediate level string orchestra.
- **Symphony Strings** — An advanced level orchestra. Membership is by audition (see below).

Below are dates for your calendars. Please note that only students wishing to move into Symphony strings need to audition. Last year's beginning class automatically moves into the advanced beginning class and the advanced beginning class automatically moves into Philharmonia. No previous experience is necessary for the beginning class, although a parent must attend class with students under the age of twelve. Parents are always welcome although it's not necessary that they attend advanced beginning or orchestra classes.

Monday, September 14- 7:00-9:00 p.m. — Auditions for new students seeking level placement or any student wishing to advance to Symphony Strings. Students should be prepared to play a scale, a solo representative of their current playing ability, and sight read. **Please call the RRCA at 734-242-7722 to schedule a time slot.**

Monday, September 21- 6:00-6:45 p.m. — *Prospective beginners* meet with beginning class teacher for assistance in selecting an instrument. Violin, viola, cello and bass will be demonstrated, questions will be answered, and instrument rental will be available through The Baroque Violin Shop.



Monday, September 21
First Classes

6-6:45 Advanced Beginners
7-8:30 Symphony Strings
7-8:15 Philharmonia

Monday, December 7

Winter Concert at the RRCA

Please complete the attached enrollment form and bring it with your tuition of \$75 the first day of class, September 21. This year we will be doing most of our correspondence via email for speed and convenience. Please include all email addresses on your enrollment form in which you would like to receive correspondence from the RRCA and ARCO.

Please also check our website, www.riverraisincentre.org for up-to-date information regarding all of our programs. We have a wonderful 09-10 Marquee Season lined up which includes two fabulous fiddle groups: Branson On The Road on October 18th and Celtic Crossroads on March 14, 2010. If you enjoyed Barrage this past April, you will love these shows. Call and get your tickets early and we can seat ARCO friends and family together.

As mentioned before, our School of Music provides ½ hour private music lessons in various disciplines ranging from voice to percussion. We are having an Open House on Tuesday, August 25 from 6:00-8:00 and invite you to attend. Learn about all of our programs, see live performances, tour our facilities and meet all our teachers! Please bring a friend, too!

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Ann Felder, Corinna Smith, Calley Duffey & Mike Trapp