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HOME OF THE EUGENE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Nationally-Renowned Cellist to Conduct YS



We are pleased to announce that nationally-renowned cellist and recording artist, Jason Duckles, will be taking over the baton of conductor of Eugene's Youth Symphony starting this September 20th. Jason is a member of the internationally acclaimed

Amelia Piano Trio and served on both the music faculties at Connecticut College and Wesleyan University.

Jason received his BA from Northwestern and his Master's and Doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook. Jason has performed in the States and

Central Asia as part of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project and has collaborated with such artists as Ida Kavafian, Eugenia Zuckerman, Gilbert Kalish, and Phil Setzer.

Originally hailing from Corvallis, and the son of EYO violinist, Norma Wilson, Jason is returning to settle in the Northwest with his wife, Amelia Piano Trio violinist Anthea Kreston, and their young daughter. Welcome, Jason!

About his new position Jason said, "Can't wait to dig in and have some serious fun and fantastic music-making with YS. Having the opportunity to lead such a well-respected group of young musicians is an honor and a privilege."

Welcome to the Arts Umbrella family, Jason. We are excited to see what the future brings!

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AU Receives \$22,500 Grant

By Julie Coren
Development Director

Arts Umbrella is thrilled to announce a grant award from the Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) of Portland.

This July, MMT awarded Arts Umbrella with \$22,500 to support our String Academy 1 program, which offers beginnings strings classes to area elementary school students.

Meyer Memorial Trust, one of the 100 largest foundations in the nation, has a long history of supporting Arts Umbrella through both project and capacity-building grant support.

We are incredibly thankful for their assistance and are pleased that the foundation sees such value in the programs we offer, especially our increasingly crucial String Academy 1 program.

To learn more about the Trust's funding history and priorities, please visit www.mmt.org.

AU Bids Fond Farewell to Long-Time Conductor



We'll miss you! Forrest conducts LS at last year's Play-a-thon performance.

This year, Arts Umbrella must say goodbye to long-time Little Symphony conductor, Forrest Moyer. After a back injury caused Forrest to miss a portion of last year's season, he decided to step down permanently to focus on his health. Forrest will be greatly missed here at Arts Umbrella and we are thankful for the many years of service he put into our orchestra program.

Forrest began conducting with AU in 1996 when he became co-conductor of the Cadet Orchestra (now Little Symphony), alongside fellow AU conductor, David Chinburg. Over the last 14 years, Forrest developed Cadet into an ensemble of 40+ and established a high performance (*cont. on page 4*)

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Welcome!

Welcome from our Board President

Hello students, families and friends of Arts Umbrella! As Musical Theater and summer music camps wind down, Board members are looking forward to the fall season. We anticipate that all ten of the elementary String Academy classes will continue this fall, as well as the String Academy 2, Little Symphony, Junior Orchestra and Youth Symphony, thanks in large part to grant awards, the cooperation of local school districts and gifts from the Arts Umbrella community. Thank you!

The new Youth Symphony conductor, Jason Duckles, PhD, (see front page article) steps up to the podium on September 20th. Most recently from Connecticut College and the Berklee College of Music, Dr. Duckles and his wife Anthea Kreston are settling into the Northwest, where they will continue careers as conductors, teachers and professional musicians in the world-renowned Amelia Trio. We hope you will join us in welcoming Jason, and look forward to the Youth Symphony's first performances under his direction.



Attention young women students and families! After many years of faithful service, we are retiring the standard skirt that moms and seamstresses sewed for us. The pattern for the skirt is falling apart, and quality fabric at an affordable price is increasingly difficult to find. The old skirts, of course, are fine to continue using. Watch for the new guidelines for purchasing ready-made skirts (or slacks for bass and cellos players), which will be issued soon. On a related note: the board and staff are accepting donations of black skirts so that those who are unable or don't want to purchase a new skirt will have other options. If you have a black skirt in good condition that you believe would be appropriate, contact the office at 541-484-0473.

Finally, many of you will remember Juretta Nidever, long-term music supporter and volunteer photographer at Arts Umbrella events. Sadly, Juretta passed away a little more than a year ago, and she is fondly remembered by many in this area. We are honored to be among the recipients of a gift from Juretta's estate (see article, page 7), especially in troubled economic times, when private gifts are dwindling. Her generosity is a testament to her dedication to the arts, and we gratefully honor her memory.

Again, many thanks for your support for this wonderful organization. See you at the concerts!

Sincerely,
Julia Whitmore
President
AU Board of Directors

Arts Umbrella Broken Instrument Round-Up!

Arts Umbrella is currently collecting old, unusable instruments for an art show taking place in spring 2011. If you have any broken-down, irreparable instruments (any instrument is okay - we take parts, too!) please consider dropping them off at the Arts Umbrella office before December 10th. Can't deliver? Call Arts Umbrella at 541-484-0473 and we'll come pick them up!

Thank you to our media sponsor!



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Play-a-thon Encourages Good Practice Habits

By Julie Coren
Development Director

This September and October, help Arts Umbrella musicians develop good practice habits by supporting our students during the 2010 Orchestra Play-a-thon. Beginning on September 27th, members of Arts Umbrella's four orchestras will collect pledges from family members, teachers, friends, and other community members for each minute they practice during a two week period (Sept. 27 – October 9).

At the end of the two week collection

and practice period, the Little Symphony, Junior Orchestra, and Youth Symphony will celebrate their good start to the year with a live performance in the Gateway Mall food court. Students with the highest number of pledges will receive a special prize! Last year's winners won a horseback ride at Mr. Chinburg's nearby farm.

If you are interested in supporting our students through the Play-a-thon but aren't sure how, please contact Arts Umbrella at 541-484-0473. Or, stop by Gateway Mall on October 9th (time TBA) to watch our new groups in action!



Horsing around... Last year's Play-a-thon top earners won a special horse ride at Mr. Chinburg's SW Eugene farm!

Arts Umbrella's 2010 Summer Camp Recap



What a great summer it was here at Arts Umbrella! Our six summer camps went off without a hitch and were loads of fun for all involved. But don't take our word for it, check out the pictures (counter-clockwise from top left):

1. Amateur Adult Strings members pose at their final performance.
2. Big Band Jazz Ensemble performs live at Oakway Center.
3. Summer String Academy students perform live at Oakway center.
4. Beginning Jazz Improv students solo for the crowd at Oakway center.
5. SMTC2 girls perform 'We've Got To Clean Out the Freezer' from *Nunsense*.
6. SMTC2 boys perform 'Gee, Officer Krupke!' from *West Side Story*.
7. SMTC1 students perform scenes from *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Special thanks to all of our summer camp teachers! We couldn't do it without you!



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AU Takes Over PK Park

By Julie Coren
Development Director

On July 13th, it was Arts Umbrella night at PK Park!



Sluggo! Please put down the family heirloom!

Thanks to an invitation from the Eugene Emeralds gang, Arts Umbrella

participated in the Em's new featured non-profit program, which features one local non-profit organization at every Emeralds home game.

As a part of the featured non-profit program, Arts Umbrella was allowed an interactive booth in the concourse at the game, had a group of students play the national anthem at the start of the game, had a student throw the first pitch of the game, had a student participate in an in-between-inning game, and received plenty of plug over the stadium's loudspeaker throughout the evening. As if that weren't enough, Arts Umbrella Board members got to take over one of PK Park's luxury box suites for the entire evening!

Special thanks to the Ems for their generosity and for reaching out into the community. Extra thanks to all of you who came out to support AU at the game and to



They shoot, they score! Kids went nuts over our coin toss game in the concourse!

all of our fantastic student participants! It was certainly a fun night!



Oh say can you see? YS and JO student musicians perform the National Anthem.

Midori and AU: Help support the cause!

By Myra Tam
Executive Director

Partnered with Eugene Symphony, Arts Umbrella was recently selected to be part of the Orchestra Residency Program with internationally acclaimed violinist, Midori Goto. In April 2012, Midori will come to Eugene for one week. She will visit AU String Academy classes, attend our four orchestras' rehearsals, answer students' questions over a lunch, host a master class, and perform with Eugene Symphony.

The most exciting news of all is that to wrap up the Midori week, members of our Eugene Youth Symphony will perform with Midori, the Corvallis Youth Symphony, and the Douglas County Youth Orchestra in a weekend concert at the Hult Center!

Designed by Midori as a means of supporting American youth orchestras, the Orchestra Residencies Program is a collaborative project which provides meaningful musical experiences for the next generation of classical musicians. It aspires to help youth orchestras build a relationship with their local, professional symphony, strengthen morale, and solidify the standing of the youth orchestra in the community.

To support all of the above exciting activities, Arts Umbrella set up a Midori Fund in order to raise the \$7,000 we need to make the Midori Week happen. **We are especially grateful to Marcia Baldwin and Mira Frohnmayer, who donated \$2,000 as the flagship donation towards the Midori Fund!**

It is a valuable opportunity to have Midori come to Eugene and work with our young musicians. Any donation towards Arts Umbrella's Midori Fund will greatly benefit our local young musicians by allowing them to learn directly from this amazing performer. To make a donation to the Midori Fund, please visit our website, www.artsumbrellausa.org or call the office at 541-484-0473.

Fall Auditions!

New to the Eugene/Springfield area? Missed the spring audition and want to join one of Arts Umbrella's three orchestras? Arts Umbrella still has positions available in our Little Symphony, Junior Orchestra, and Youth Symphony. Interested young musicians please contact the office at 541-484-0473 to schedule an audition.

Monday, September 13, 2010

4:30pm to 6:30pm

Dunn School, 3411 Willamette Street

Audition materials available at:
<http://artsumbrellausa.org/requiredmaterials.asp>

Farewell Forrest (cont. from front page)

standard. He started a music theory program as part Cadet's curriculum and established the Little Symphony outreach program. He left a permanent mark on both LS and AU.

The baton of Little Symphony is being handed to Travis Sipher who served as Interim Conductor of the group last season. AU is confident that, in the spirit of his predecessor, the group will continue to grow and thrive under Travis's leadership.

The Board is planning a formal dedication to Forrest later this fall. In the meantime, any thank-yous or messages to Forrest can be passed through Arts Umbrella.

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New Lesson Scholarship Information, Policy Changes

By Myra Tam
Executive Director

Recently, the Arts Umbrella Board of Directors made some changes regarding private lesson scholarships and instrument rental fee waivers. Please review the article below for all of the new information. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Arts Umbrella at 541-484-0473.

Scholarships for 'Endangered Instruments'

Attention talented young musicians! If you are interested in learning a second instrument, there is an additional resource to help you succeed. To encourage more young musicians to play "endangered," or less

commonly played instruments (e.g. oboe, bassoon, tuba, etc.), Arts Umbrella is setting up a special private lesson scholarship to support students who are willing to learn a second instrument and join our orchestras. Interested musicians must be recommended by their private teachers and must demonstrate the potential to play a second instrument. More information will be available in the fall, or you can call the office at 541-484-0473 for more details.

Changes in Private Lesson Scholarships

In addition, to bring our private lesson scholarship award amounts more up-to-date, the Board decided this summer

to award \$20 for each private lesson in the coming year (this is an increase from the standard \$15/lesson of years past).

Also, student evaluation and teacher evaluation forms are now required by all private lesson scholarship applicants. This is so the committee can have more well-rounded information to consider when granting scholarships.

Lastly, Arts Umbrella funds private lesson scholarships from our Special Endowment Fund. At the end of the season, any remaining funds earned from this endowment will be used to grant 2011 summer lesson scholarships. The number of summer lessons we'll award is not confirmed at this time. More information

on summer lesson scholarships and application procedures will be available in late spring 2011.

Instrument Fee Waivers

For those who need financial aid in order to rent an instrument from Arts Umbrella, there is now an official instrument fee waiver program through which you can apply.

Application forms for instrument fee waivers are available online at www.artsumbrellausa.org or by calling the office at 541-484-0473. Students who have not filled out the instrument fee waiver application and are renting an instrument from Arts Umbrella will receive a bill for normal instrument rental fees.

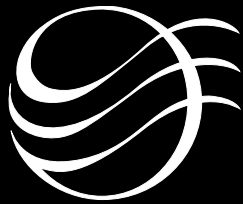
Opera Initiative Serves Area HS Students

Building on the success of last season's *Figaro for the Family*, Eugene Opera's *Mikado Insight Program (MIP)* will provide an active educational experience in the world of opera for local high school students. The *MIP* is intended to enrich current music, theater, and arts programs in schools throughout the Eugene and Springfield area. Local teachers and principals will be encouraged to recommend their top students in all areas relating to opera, including not only performance, but also stagecraft skills and front-of-house activities.

Select students will receive hands-on access to career-related activities through lectures, master classes, attendance at rehearsals and main stage performances of *La Bohème* and *The Mikado*, and interaction with the professionals. The high-profile event for the select high school students will be a concert of scenes and arias from *The Mikado* and other works. *MIP* students, under the guidance of Eugene Opera professionals, will organize this concert, which will be opened to the public.

With the assistance of professionals in the field, *MIP* students will have the opportunity to document and advertise their activities through social media such as Facebook. Upon completion of the program, the participants will receive a formal document of achievement from the General Director of the Eugene Opera, Dr. Mark Beudert.

Interested teachers and students may e-mail Bereniece Jones at bjclassical@gmail.com.



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March 11, 12, and 13, 2011

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This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



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New Grants Support Fee Waivers, String Academy

By Julie Coren
Development Director

Grant-wise, it has been a great summer here at Arts Umbrella. The following grants were awarded between May and September 2010. Thank you so much to all of the grantmakers for your support and encouragement. We could not do it without you!

Juan Young Trust: In May, the Juan Young Trust (Portland) awarded Arts Umbrella with \$2,000 to help cover the costs of supplies and instrument repairs for our 2009-2010 String Academy 1

Program. With this grant, we were able to purchase shoulder rests, rock stops, strings, and more.

Autzen Foundation: In June, the Autzen Foundation (Portland) awarded Arts Umbrella with \$2,000 to help fund our 2009-2010 participation fee waiver program. This grant is especially noteworthy considering the increased amount of fee waiver requests we received last year.

Lane County Cultural Coalition: In June, the Lane County Cultural Coalition (a branch of the Oregon Cultural Trust) awarded Arts Umbrella with \$3,000 to

support our ten 2010-2011 String Academy 1 classes.

Lane Arts Council: In June, the Lane Arts Council (Eugene) awarded Arts Umbrella with a \$3,100 Program Grant to support Arts Umbrella's 2010-2011 activities. Generally, this grant goes to help Arts Umbrella cover orchestra coaching fees.

Oregon Arts Commission: In July, the Oregon Arts Commission (Salem) awarded Arts Umbrella with a \$4,000 operating support grant, which will help cover daily operating costs such as administrative personnel, office supplies, and more.

Sponsor an AU Student Today!

A new season means a whole new group of deserving young musicians waiting to be sponsored! Help get the season off with a bang by sponsoring a Musical Chair today. Musical Chair sponsorships serve as a flat \$75 donation to Arts Umbrella in the name of one of our current student musicians. As a sponsor, you receive one ticket to any AU concert and your name listed in the concert program under your sponsored student's name.

Please fill out this form and return it, with your payment, to Arts Umbrella, PO box 5666, Eugene, OR 97405. You can also make Musical Chairs donations on our website at www.artsumbrellausa.org/sponsorchairs.asp.

Yes! I'd like to sponsor an Arts Umbrella musician!

Student name(s): _____
Not sure who to sponsor? We can choose for you!

Your name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Method of payment: Check Encl. MC/VISA/DISC

Card Number: _____

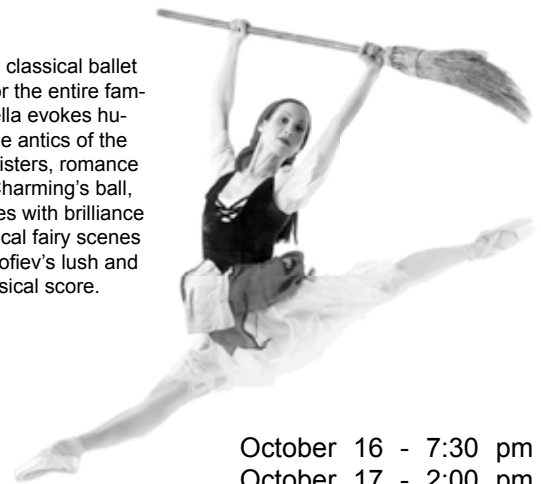
Exp date: _____ Total amount: _____
\$75 per student

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Want to keep up-to-date on all that's going on here at Arts Umbrella? Please email your information to Julie Coren at julie@artsumbrellausa.org and we'll get you signed up on our community news email list. Thanks for joining!

Cinderella

Prokofiev's classical ballet is a treat for the entire family. Cinderella evokes humor with the antics of the ugly step-sisters, romance at Prince Charming's ball, and sparkles with brilliance in the magical fairy scenes set to Prokofiev's lush and inviting musical score.



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Hult Center, Eugene



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Juretta Nidever Leaves Lasting Legacy at AU

By Debra Sorensen
Board Member

On July 6, 2009, Arts Umbrella lost a longtime friend and supporter, Juretta Nidever (pictured).

Juretta was very involved in the local arts community. She served as an Arts Umbrella board member, and volunteered for AU and other arts organizations, including the Oregon Bach Festival and Eugene Symphony. She was best known for the countless hours she spent taking many thousands of photographs of arts events throughout Eugene. Her legacy at Arts Umbrella includes a photographic history of the last 15+ years of our organization.

Arts Umbrella recently learned that Juretta left a significant financial gift to the organization. Her donation of \$105,000.00 came from a portion of the sale of properties she owned. She made no stipulation for use of the funds, so the AU Board of Directors will establish a

sub-committee to discuss proposals and options for use of the donation. A report will be made to the Board, and it is hoped that a plan for use of the funds will be in place by December of this year.

Juretta Nyland was born November 29, 1932, in Astoria, Oregon. She attended the University of Oregon, majoring in German studies and minoring in music, completing her degree in 1986. She married Bruce Nidever on March 21, 1954 in Astoria. He died in 2002. Her father and an aunt were in the photography business, so Juretta grew up learning the trade. She worked for Dot Dotson's for many years, as did her husband. She also had a private studio.

In addition to her work on behalf of Arts Umbrella and other arts organizations, Juretta was a 2008 honoree for the Lane County program "Age Knows No Limits – Active in the Arts". She was also active in her church, St. Mary's Episcopal, both as a Sexton and a singer in the choir.

It would surprise no one to learn that



Juretta Nidever believed strongly in the importance of furthering music, drama and arts education for young people. She was known to say that "music is a necessity of life."

Give Directly With Auto-Monthly

By Julie Coren
Development Director

Finally! Now there is an even easier way to give to Arts Umbrella without having to pay postage, write a check, or go online. Call Arts Umbrella today to get yourself signed up for our auto-monthly donation program, and worry no more about forgetting your annual donation to Arts Umbrella.

The auto-monthly donation program allows you to automatically give a set sum of money to Arts Umbrella each month, directly from your checking account. It is easy, safe, completely reliable, and can be cancelled at any time with no penalty.

As we all know, sometimes it is difficult to give \$500, \$100, or even \$50 all at one time. Through the auto-monthly donation program you can help support Arts Umbrella's mission by giving a just small amount each month (automatically) instead of a large amount up front. Just think: \$10/month equals a \$120 annual donation to Arts Umbrella! Oh the possibilities!

Call our offices today to learn more about this program or to get yourself signed up for auto-monthly donations. Please be sure to look for auto-monthly sign-up forms in all future AU donation letters.



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Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto
Thursday, October 21 | 8 p.m.

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Save the Date

September:

TBA SA1 recruitment concerts, times TBA
 13 Fall auditions, 4:30pm
 20 First day of rehearsals
 27 Play-a-thon collection period begins

October:

4 Orchestra Parent Meetings
 9 Play-a-thon Live Show, time TBA

November:

TBA Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 6pm
 20 Barnes & Noble Bookfair, all day

December:

7 LS/JO Winter Concert, 7:30pm
 8 YS Winter Concert, 7:30pm

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