



# Notes from WSMA

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### Welcome Back!

We are glad to see all of our teachers again after the summer break. A special welcome back to our once and future Grade 5-12 Choir teacher, Mr. Brian Potts! He returns to us from earning his masters' degree at the University of Cincinnati/College Conservatory of Music.

### Join WSMA Now for the Year

Remember, over 1/3 of WSMA's revenues come from membership dues. The number of memberships has a direct bearing on what we are able to do for our music program and for our children.

Please join WSMA now and take care of it for the 2011-12 school year. There was a membership form in the first Lariat of the year, reattached here, or even better: JOIN ONLINE!

Our website, [www.wyomingmusic.org](http://www.wyomingmusic.org), now gives you the opportunity to pay your membership using PayPal or your credit card. Nothing could be more convenient – log on and try it! While you're on the website check out our great gallery of student musical performer photos. Have some photos of your own you would like to see on there? Email them to our Webmaster, [penny.shore@gmail.com](mailto:penny.shore@gmail.com). Please include the names of the student(s) pictured, and the event and date where the photo was taken. Names will be used for WSMA information only – we will never publish your child's name online on our website.

### Fourth Grade Music Choices

Attention Fourth Grade Parents: Our fourth grade students get to choose to be in choir, band, or strings this year. There will be a meeting for fourth grade parents on Monday, September 26th at 7:00PM in the Hilltop Gymnasium. The three teachers Ms. Cornett (choral), Ms. Watkins (band), and Mrs. Denney (strings) will review with parents the information that they have shared with their students. The teachers will also be available to answer any questions

that you have about their programs. Rental information will be available at the meeting. We hope to have the three classes up and running by the first week of October.

### WSMA Plans for 2011-2012

Strings and Choir are planning a trip to Disney World, Florida, to make music (and have some fun) from February 16-20. WSMA will help support the trip by donating proceeds of its Chip Wheelie sales through the holiday concerts, in return for Strings and Choir parents doing the selling and organizing. Chip Wheelies have been our major fundraiser for the last 5 years and we are grateful to have support of parents in this activity. Chip Wheelie co-chairs will be announced shortly; parents who want to have funds credited toward their child's travel fees are urged to contact them to volunteer to work at home football games and at fall and holiday concerts.

Later this fall we will hold our annual Grand Finale fundraiser. Planned for Friday November 4, it's an easy way to have a night out and support WSMA. All you have to do is make an advance reservation (mentioning WSMA), show up, have a great meal, and 20% of your tab will be donated to WSMA.

Once again, we will have our annual Progressive Dinner, scheduled for Saturday January 21. We are almost ready to announce the neighborhood, and as always, will have many talented Wyoming students from band, strings, and choir performing for your listening pleasure.

Save the date...electric violinist Mark Wood will return to Wyoming High School for a concert on February 3. Anyone who was lucky enough to see last year's concert will recall how he thoroughly engaged the students with his teaching and musical skills. More to come...

### A New Look to the WSMA Board

The WSMA Board had its first meeting of 2011-12 in the High School Instrument room on Monday August 29. The 5-member board of directors, elected last year, includes: Alan Masters (President); Karen Kent (events co-chair); Laura Andersen (secretary); Barb Smucker (membership); and Penny Shore (publicity/president-elect). Tracy Bancroft will continue as Treasurer, Laura Dickson returns on Membership Records, and Jean Panos will chair the upcoming Jazz Night.

The board was pleased to welcome 3 new members. First, Niki Pappas has volunteered to be Event Co-Chair and will help organize our winter events. We also welcomed 2 of 4 new Parent Representatives for each of our 4 groups. Mary Judge will be the Strings representative, and Amy Elliott will handle Elementary. The Parent Reps are intended to be a liaison with the teachers, attending the board meeting, helping to recruit and organize parent volunteers for our events. We also envision the Parent Reps helping teachers communicate with parents and providing news and information for our Communications chair to include in the newsletter. Band and Choir parents, please consider stepping up. These are new roles and we are excited about the possibilities!

Finally, there are still some interesting roles available! In particular, we need a Newsletter/Communications chair to take over this Newsletter and also to manage our email list. This is a job that can be done on your own time, although it helps to attend the 5 board meetings per year to gather the news.

Please alert our teachers if you would like to help!

### Tailgate Party Friday September 16

WSMA will hold its annual tailgate prior to the Wyoming home football game on September 16th at 6:00 PM. This annual event is a very popular way for families to get together to enjoy themselves prior to the game. All families are welcome as we celebrate the start of another successful year of Wyoming football, get a preview of the marching band music, prepare to hear the Strings play the Star Spangled Banner before the game, and enjoy wonderful BBQ

picnic food! The event will be held in the grassy area across from the music wing entrance to the school. Lawn Games and other fun activities will be included. Reservations are urged, as the event generally sells out, and can be made on our website, [www.wyomingmusic.org](http://www.wyomingmusic.org), or using the flyer attached to this newsletter. Please contact Karen Kent at 821-2336 if you are interested in helping at this very popular event.

### Marching Band Season is Upon Us!

Look for the Wyoming High School Marching Band at every home football game. This year's combined band and color guard is 77 members strong! They had a successful camp this summer at Wright State and have already performed at the August 24 Crosstown Showdown. Led by Field Commanders Matt Brown (senior), Ava Jones (junior), and Sam Raptis (junior), with Color Guard Captain Emma Hedges, this year's show features the music of Michael Buble'. The Marching Cowboys will perform at all home games and one away game, as well as taking pep bands to other away games.

### Jazz Night 2011 Saturday October 29

Jazz Night 2011 will be held at the Wyoming Golf Club on Saturday evening, October 29, from 8 – 10:30 PM. It is an adults-only evening of great music (headlined by our own Alan Masters' group, Noteworthy), Dinner by the Bite, and the ever-popular Silent Auction. Reservations are required by Friday October 14, as the event generally sells out, and can be made on our website, [www.wyomingmusic.org](http://www.wyomingmusic.org), or using the flyer attached to this newsletter.

There is still room for Jazz Night helpers – we can use a few more cooks (day of event), as well as people to help follow up now with Silent Auction donors, and to collect donations from businesses. If you are willing to give a few hours to do this, please email event chair Jean Panos, [jpanos@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jpanos@cinci.rr.com), as soon as possible.

### Upcoming Concerts

- Monday October 17 – Grades 7-12 Strings concert, Pendery Auditorium. The theme of the concert is...”Halloween”

Next Meeting – Monday October 3, 6:30 PM, High School Instrumental Room

All are invited and welcome!



**Saddle up for the**

# **FALL ROUNDUP TAILGATE PARTY**

**When: Friday, September 16 Time: 6-7:15 p.m.**  
(Varsity football game vs. Indian Hill High School)

**Place: The More-Than-OK Corral**  
(lawn near lower parking lot at high school)

**Cost: \$10 adult ~ \$7 child/vegetarian**

The chuck wagon features catered dinner by City Barbeque

**Menu:** Pull Chicken Barbeque sandwiches ~ Macaroni and Cheese ~  
Cole Slaw~ Corn Bread~ Brownies

**Children's/Vegetarian menu:** Macaroni and Cheese ~ Cole  
Slaw~ Corn Bread~ Brownies

Come learn about the great activities planned by the Wyoming  
Music Department and meet the music teachers.

RSVP by September 14 to Karen Kent (questions: 821-2336 or  
kejkent@AOL.com)

**Please bring a blanket or chair and enjoy!!**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children/veg: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check by 9/14 to Karen Kent, 222 Oliver Rd, Wyoming 45215.

**OR please use our secure PayPal Account: <http://wyomingmusic.org/?p=519>**



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## Wyoming Jazz Night

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Serving *Classic American Fare* as styled by  
Patty Hipsley (from Wyoming's Half Day Café)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011**

Also, Fantastic Silent  
Auction!

**WYOMING GOLF CLUB  
8:00-10:30 p.m.**

*THIS EVENT IS EXPECTED TO SELL OUT, SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!! A Silent auction will also be available—some wonderful packages!*  
*WSMA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; approximately \$20 of your \$40 ticket is tax deductible.*

Respond by **Friday, October 14** with this form and your check payable to WSMA.

\*\*\*\*OR - NEW THIS YEAR - REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE, [www.wyomingmusic.org](http://www.wyomingmusic.org) \*\*\*\*

Ticket cost (entertainment & dinner) is \$40. Cash Bar will be available. Mail to: Laura Andersen, 102 Central Terrace, Wyoming 45215. Questions, call Jean Panos, 535-4658.

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**No tickets will be sent; confirmation of reservations will only be done by request.**

To receive a confirmation, send an email with subject "WSMA Jazz Night" to [lauraa@cinci.rr.com](mailto:lauraa@cinci.rr.com). When we receive your check, you will receive a return email. Email reservation inquiries are welcome, but **a payment is required to hold your spot.**