

**Delaware Symphony Orchestra  
Education Committee Meeting**  
Music School of Delaware, Room 224  
November 17, 2015 \* 5:00-6:30pm  
**Meeting Minutes**

→ **NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2016; Music School of Delaware 5pm.**

**Purpose:** Update on current projects and provide more detailed input to next year's education programming

**Desired Outcomes:**

- Prioritize programming for 2016 – 2017
- Obtain reviewers for Teacher's Guide
- Discuss membership – who else do we need?
- Review SWOT Analysis results from Education Committee

**In attendance:** Marcia Acero, Cheri Astolfi, Grace Kwon-Kubacki, Tess Pietrucci, Bob Stoddard, Nora McDonnell (at the end), Alan Jordan, Marjie Ripsom

**Updates to the Education Program for 2015-2016.**

The 11-17-15 update was handed out at the meeting. Time was taken to review the recent work on a number of programs. The notes below are in addition to what was contained in the document.

Explorer Experience. Cheri offered the Music School's Milford Branch's director's help in getting the word out. – using their email distribution list. Maybe a home school group could be encouraged to attend. Other home school group contacts include Dorie Hahn, a possible source for Open Dress Rehearsal attendees. It was suggested to try and access the DMEA and DSMTA (Eric Benson at Jacob's Music 302-478-1888) distribution lists.

Marcia Acero agreed to take a look at this year's Teacher's Guide submission. Marjie and Marcia are meeting on 12/2 to look at it together and get in in shape to put on-line.

Math and Music. Still targeting Feb/March. It is not officially on the calendar at Warner. Lisa Vaupel has the lead to make that happen. Marjie will follow-up with her.

Build the Orchestra. Marjie and Cheri will meet to firm up the interaction between the DSO and DYSO and get it scheduled.

Master Class. Marjie is looking for quotes or other feedback from students and teachers involved in the Stewart Goodyear master class on 11/14. Cheri will try and get some that the DSO could use.

Composition Residency. The committee recommended a number of groups to tap for work with a composition residency with the DSO's Al DuPont Composer's Award recipient (identified, but not named.) The award winner will be in town during the week of March 28, 2016. DE public schools will be on vacation that week, but individuals may be available to create a group. Cheri suggested looking into the MTNA and students who participated in the competition for composers. Cheri has initiated requests for contacts.

**Results from the SWOT Analysis held at our last meeting was shared.** Process was viewed positively.

**Education Programming for 2016 – 2017.**

A table of options for next year was presented at the meeting. It contained three levels of possibilities for next year: Least, Wish and Dream compared with what is scheduled for the current season. Marjie will be working to put budget estimates together for the options. Education Committee members are asked to provide Marjie with feedback and upgrades before the end of the calendar year.

One item on the Wish/Dream list is a program sponsored by Carnegie Hall called Link Up. Nora offered to review the materials they sent to the DSO and share them with Rachel to get her feedback as well. Marjie is planning on attending a workshop for the program in May, 2016. A webinar for more information on the program is scheduled for Dec 9, 2015 at 3:30pm. Nora and Rachel are seeing if either of them can attend.

Greater funds would be required for items on the Wish and Dream lists. We discovered that many school districts have foundations. Bob Stoddard will find out how to apply for funds from the Red Clay District. He offered to set up a meeting with Alan Jordan and Merv Dougherty, the Superintendent for Red Clay Consolidated. Marcia Acero will investigate the Colonial District Foundation.

**Membership.**

Marcia Acero is working to find a representative from the Colonial District. We would also like to have some consistent representation from the musicians. Elizabeth Jaffe is working to move her private lessons around to accommodate our meeting time. Marcia and Rachel – please forward names of candidates you have asked to join the committee and their status. Let’s see if we can get a fuller compliment for the January meeting!



**Education Committee Purpose and Mission**

***DSO Education Committee Purpose***

To be a voice and an ear to the community and drive the educational components of the Delaware Symphony programming to excellence, resulting in the DSO becoming a valued partner with schools and organizations in the region, and maximizing benefits to students of all ages.

***DSO Education Committee Mission***

To help create a strategic vision of where educational efforts by the DSO can lead, and through various activities, optimize the educational and outreach programming of the DSO to have maximum impact on area schools, colleges and other institutes of learning.