



The Rice Philharmonics

Alumni Newsletter, October 2008

Dear Philharmonics Alumna/Alumnus,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. We are so fortunate that none of the current Phils (and none of our equipment) suffered any loss or damage, and I hope that you were as lucky as us.

The Philharmonics are already gearing up for this year, having accepted four new members and performing our first concert in conjunction with Rice's Families Weekend this past Friday, September 26.

Our next concert of the year will be Friday, November 7 for Rice's Homecoming Weekend. We invite you and your families to attend both the Philharmonics Alumni Dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by the concert at 9:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with former Phils and get to know the current ones. You will be receiving a RSVP postcard in the mail, or you can e-mail me with your RSVP.

We are also looking for more opportunities to perform at corporate and personal holiday parties. The Phils will have a number of holiday songs, as well as our typical repertoire. We get booked for December very quickly, so please contact us soon!

The Philharmonics also received an excellent review of "Phils So Good" from the Recorded A Cappella Review Board, achieving four out of five stars! You can read the review at <http://www.rarb.org/reviews/858.html>. If you have not ordered a copy of the CD, feel free to contact me and we will get you one!

Finally, the Phils are going to the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella this year! This is the first time that any of us have attended the competition, and we are very excited about what's ahead. We have all committed to the hard work we will have to put in to compete, by creating strong arrangements, holding extremely focused rehearsals, and developing excellent choreography. What we are lacking is the funding to make this dream a reality.

You will be receiving a letter in the mail within the next two weeks, asking for your support of this venture. Please help us achieve our goal to compete in ICCA!

Thank you again for all your support! If you have any stories from ICCA or would like to give some suggestions about competition, don't hesitate to contact us!

Warm regards,

Allie Janda
President, 2008-2009



New Members

Congratulations to our new Philharmonics!

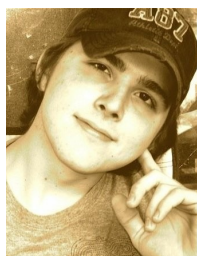


Erin Walsh (Wiess '12) is so thrilled to be part of the Phils phamily! She's currently planning to major in chemical engineering, and loves to read, bake and embroider in her copious free time.



Aaron Tallman (Hanszen '12) is a Material Science major who loves singing. Naturally, he feels right at home as a Phil. Also, if you hear a sound, it's probably Aaron playing his didgeridoo.

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Caleb Brown (Hanszen '11) is a sophomore double majoring in bioengineering and visual and dramatic arts. Late each night he looks forward to 4th meal, a sweet escape from that pile of homework that grows ever higher--but never high enough to bring the man down. On a clear day you'll find Caleb breathing in life as he rides his motorcycle.



Andrew Owens (Sid Richardson '12) is a Mechanical Engineering major with an intense addiction to music who is delighted to be in the Phils this year. In the five minutes he has outside academics and Phils, he enjoys sleeping and eating.

Events, Notices, and Reminders

The Phils have a new web address: www.ricephilharmonics.com
It's easy to remember, so share it with your friends!

Plan ahead for the Homecoming Weekend Concert, November 7 at 9 pm in the Chapel. We will have another reunion dinner prior to the concert. Come see old Phils friends and meet the new Phils!

The Phils are going to ICCA! Look for an envelope in the mail, and please help support our efforts!

Once again, please stay in touch. We love to hear from you!

