



The Rice Philharmonics

Alumni Newsletter, October 2009

Dear Philharmonics Alumna/Alumnus,

Welcome to the first installment of this year's alumni newsletter series! I hope that you and your friends and families are surviving the flu season without too much inconvenience.

The Philharmonics are charging full speed ahead this year. We accepted six new members the first week of school and rehearsed furiously to perform two new songs at a showing of the premiere of 'Glee' two weeks later. Talk about a quick turnaround!

We held our first real concert on September 25 at 8 pm in the Chapel, as part of the Families weekend festivities. It was a real crowd-pleaser: standing room only.

Our next concert of the year will be Friday, October 30, especially for our alumni. (Due to scheduling conflicts, we couldn't have it on Homecoming weekend). We invite you and your families to attend both the Philharmonics Alumni Dinner at 6:00 pm in Duncan College's PDR, followed by the concert at 8:30 pm in the Brown College Commons. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with former Phils and get to know the current ones, as well as checkout one of the new colleges! We will have Phils outside to help you find Duncan's PDR. Please RSVP to me at eww1@rice.edu if you are attending and let me know how many people will be coming with you.

We are also looking for more opportunities to perform at corporate and personal holiday parties. The Phils will have a slew of holiday songs prepared, as well as our typical repertoire. We take reservations starting now and fill up our schedule quickly, so please contact us soon!

One of our most exciting endeavors this year is the release of a new CD! Currently, we have a few tracks left to polish, but the tracks will soon be sent off for mixing and editing in mid-October. Recorded already are songs such as No Air, Viva la Vida, and Boys of Summer, for a sampler. What's important for you to know, however, is that it will be released in early March! I will send out a letter with ways you can support us in the near future.

Thank you so much for your continued support! We would love to hear how you are doing. Drop us an email, send a postcard, or better yet, come to the concert and tell us in person!

Sincerely,
Erin Walsh
President, 2009-2010



New Members

Congratulations to our new Philharmonics!



Liz Castillo (Wiess '12) is a Linguistics and French major who is excited that she's now a Phil and not just a Phan! She loves singing (of course), dancing, and performing in general (as long as it involves music). She also loves eating, especially if it involves carbohydrates or late-night pizza from Domino's.



Elizabeth (Liz) Ericson (Sid Richardson '10) is a History major and an on-again off-again Diet Coke devotee. She likes unnecessary singing, dancing, and sushi.



Adriana Rusinek (Brown '10) is an English major with an intense love of all things Harry Potter and Irish. She also suffers from an intense sporcle addiction, and is always ready for a new sporcle challenge.



Adrien Pellerin (Sid Richardson '13) is a Computer Science / Film Production double major and is so incredibly excited to be a part of the Phils! Now that he's officially a Texan, he enjoys sporting cowboy boots and attending rodeos. But at heart, he's a musical theatre nerd and if given the opportunity, will sing songs from musicals incessantly.



Dustin Gallo (Hanszen '13) is a strange sort of creature with a depressingly funny sense of humor. He has a penchant for sad songs and sad girls, but only ever has any luck with one of them.



Jordan Morgan (Brown '12) hails from Houston, TX and is majoring in computer science. When not jamming with the Phils, Jordan spends too much time playing video games, drawing, and reading (at least according to Facebook).



(I would just like to point out that we now have an Erin and an Aaron, 2 Liz's, an Adrien and an Adriana, and 3 people from Atlanta, GA – that's not confusing at all!)

Events, Notices, and Reminders

The Phils have a website that will be updated frequently throughout the year – check it out!
www.ricephilharmonics.com

Plan ahead for our alumni concert on Friday October 30 at 8:30 pm in the Brown College Commons. Please RSVP to ew1@rice.edu if you and any guests will be attending the dinner beforehand at 6:00 pm in Duncan College's PDR.

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

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