



The Rice Philharmonics

Alumni Newsletter, January 2009

Dear Philharmonics Alumna/Alumnus,

Greetings from the ICCA-bound Philharmonics! We are so excited to be getting ready for competition this year, and we cannot thank each of you enough for your support last semester. In order to afford the trip to ICCA, we spent most of the first semester fundraising.

We were able to raise about \$150 dollars from mailed donations, and notes of support and congratulations have also kept us going strong. Through the President's Programming Fund and the Student Activities Fund, the Phils were given an additional \$2,000 to help with airfare and hotels.

The Homecoming Weekend dinner, concert, and after party were a blast! We really enjoyed getting to catch up with graduated Phils and sing with them at the party afterwards. Thank you all for your generous contributions at the concert, where we were able to raise \$750! We had a great time, so make plans to attend next year!

Finally, we sang at a number of holiday parties in December to raise an additional \$1,800. After all of our fundraising efforts, we were finally able to afford the costs of flying and housing fifteen Philharmonics at ICCA!

We will be performing at ICCA at the **University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia on February 7th, 2009 at 8 p.m.** and we would love for you to be there! The Phils are flying Continental from Houston to Atlanta on Friday, February 6th at 4 p.m., and driving to Athens that evening. We will be hanging out in Athens during the day Saturday, performing that evening, and mingling with other a cappella groups after the show. Our flight home is on Sunday morning at 11:40 a.m. Let me know if you are interested in attending, and I will provide more details.

We are hoping to find friends and family to drive us to and from the airport, so if you are available Friday afternoon or Sunday morning, we would appreciate your help!

Finally, the Phils will be hosting the Footnotes from Princeton and Apotheosis from Texas A&M on the evening of January 24th here at Rice. We will be performing our set for ICCA for the first time in front of an audience, and we will be focusing on the twelve minutes time constraints and transitions between songs. We are looking for Phils alumni to serve as judges for this event. If you are going to be in town and are interested in giving us some feedback, please let me know!

Thanks again for all of your support in our endeavor to compete in ICCA. We are truly looking forward to representing Rice and creating lasting memories.

Warm regards,

Allie Janda

President, 2008-2009

