



The Rice Philharmonics

Alumni Newsletter, March 2008

Dear Philharmonics Alumna/Alumnus,

As the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, we still have many exciting events yet to come.

Our proudest accomplishment of the semester is our CD, entitled "Phils So Good". We were able to record nine songs, find a production company, and raise \$11,000 in the seven weeks between Winter Break and Spring Break. The next few weeks are being spent mixing, producing and manufacturing our CDs to be ready by the last week of classes. The release party will be held in conjunction with our All Request Concert on April 26th in pub. We would love for you all to be there!



Spring Recess will bring another new experience for the Phils. We will be traveling to Austin to sing with the UT Ransom Notes in a charity concert on April 4th. This is another great opportunity for our alumni to see us sing with another collegiate a cappella group in a different venue. Let us know if you would like to head out to Austin to see us, and we can make connections during the weekend.

I mentioned previously our All Request Concert on April 26th. We are in the midst of the "request" competition, in which students are encouraged to raise money for their favorite song. The song that raises the most money will be arranged and sung during this last concert of the year. Alumni are more than welcome to participate in this fundraiser!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued interest and support of the Phils. It's been an incredible year for us, and I can't wait to see how Philharmonics alumni get involved next year!

Warm regards,

Allie Janda
President, 2007-2008



Recording Update- Part 2

The Rice Philharmonics will release their fifth CD, "Phils So Good", on April 26th during a CD release party in pub!

There is much to celebrate, as the road to production was a hard journey. During the first six weeks of the second semester, the Phils managed to record nine of the fourteen songs on our latest album by committing to at least three hours a week in the on-campus recording studio. The other five songs are attributed to past recordings, which will be released for the first time on this CD. Kyle Clark, our student recording manager, put in countless hours reviewing the tracks and finalizing details before we sent them to our production team, Liquid 5th.

Liquid 5th is a recording production company that specializes in collegiate a cappella. Nick Lyons, who has been working closely with us during this project, met the Phils at ICCA a few years ago, and has stayed in contact ever since. They have done a remarkable job with our tracks, and we can't wait to have the finished product in our hands!

Because we decided to utilize such a professional company, Gillian Smith (Business Manager) and I put a lot of effort into raising money for the CD. Along with monies raised from off-campus performances, we were fortunate enough to receive funding from both the university and Dexter Senft ('74) to help us reach our goals. It would not have been possible without his support, and we are incredibly grateful.

The manufacturing stage is still ahead, but we will be perfectly timed to have our CDs ready for April 26th. Please come support us there, or reserve your copy of the CD through our website!

Events, Notices, and Reminders

Although the semester is winding down, the Phils have lots left to do! Come see a show during April!

March 28th- Joint show with Cinco Ranch High School show choir, Bravo, in Katy
April 4th- Charity show with UT's Ransom Notes, in Austin
April 7th- Owl Day #1, Chapel
April 11th- Emery Weiner Preparatory School
April 21st- Owl Day #2, Chapel
April 26th- CD Release/All Request Show in pub
April 27th- President's Study Break

Yes, seven shows in five weeks! It'll be crazy, but it'll be fun!

Don't forget to check out the new Alumni section of the website:

www.ruf.rice.edu/~phils/alumni.html

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

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