



# The Rice Philharmonics

*Alumni Newsletter, Spring 2007*

Dear Philharmonics Alumnus/Alumna,

As of 2007 the Rice Philharmonics are twelve years old. Over the years the group's fame, both on campus and beyond the hedges, has really grown. We have hosted other a cappella groups, attended national competitions, built a recording studio, produced CDs, and created great memories over beautiful music. Every person who has been in the group has contributed to our history and growth; with that in mind, one of our recent goals has been to develop an alumni network and bring together Philharmonics past and present.



This newsletter marks an important step towards achieving this goal: the first of a series of quarterly updates with information about Philharmonics projects, members, events, and other news. We sincerely hope that a stronger relationship between former and current members will help the group to improve and move forward.

If you have ideas for building the alumni network, want to get involved with the group, or wish to ask us any questions at all, please feel free to contact us at our postal or email addresses, listed at the bottom of the page. Additionally, our website will soon contain updated news, concert dates, pictures, sound clips, and video clips from shows. We are excited about this opportunity to connect past and present members, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Keep in touch,

Andrew Reich

President, 2006-07 season



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## *Member and Alumni News*

As the year winds down, the time has come to bid farewell to several wonderful seniors; we wish them the best of luck as they go out into the world!



- **Geoff Copper** (Sid Rich) and **Corby Dill** (Wiess) are currently engaged in job searches – happy hunting, guys!
- **Andrew Harrison** (Hanszen) will move on from his position as music director and begin working in the Teach for America corps in Houston.
- **Sarah Morrison** (Martel) is moving to San Marcos soon in order to earn her MFA in Creative Writing at Texas State University.
- **Sarah Orem** (Will Rice) has recently accepted admission to NYU, where she will earn her MA in Performance Studies and Theatre History.
- **Andrew Reich** (Hanszen) will take one more semester of classes while working in Houston.

*Do you have news that you want to share with the Phils family? Let us know!*

## *Events, Notices, and Reminders*

It has been a whirlwind year of on- and off-campus performances. Notable off-campus venues included The Emery/Weiner School, where our previous performances have inspired the formation of a high school a cappella choir; The Terrace on West University, where our audience included many Rice alumni whose enrollment pre-dated the college system; and First United Methodist Church of Missouri City, as part of their Friends of the Arts program for a second time.

Congratulations are in order for our incoming officers of the 2007-08 season:

President: Allie Janda (Lovett '09)  
Music Director: Carmen Perez (Weiss '10)  
Gig Manager: Gillian Smith (Brown '09)  
Treasurer: Whitney Parsons (Lovett '09)  
Publicity Manager: Kyle Clark (Will Rice '10)

*Check out the Phils website for quick bios and individual contact information.*

We also wish to welcome to the Philharmonics family Dr. Deborah Harter, Assistant Professor of French Studies, as our new faculty advisor. She replaces Dr. Bill Wilson, who recently retired and to whom we are deeply indebted for his many years of help. Thank you, Dr. Harter, for your willingness to support us; we're eager to work with you a second time.



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