



# The Rice Philharmonics

Alumni Newsletter, May 2008

Dear Philharmonics Alumna/Alumnus,

Summer is here, and the Philharmonics have accomplished a lot this year!

Our biggest accomplishment of the year is the release of our brand new CD, entitled "Phils So Good". Although schedules were tight and finals were looming, we threw a huge CD release party in Willy's Pub on April 26<sup>th</sup>, as scheduled. Selling our CDs (both new and old) and our now famous "Phans" t-shirts, we were able to bring in \$1,508! The release party was also our All-Request Show, where we debuted "Bohemian Rhapsody", our Request Contest winner; our audience was thrilled.

April was a busy month for the Phils. We kicked off the month by traveling to Austin to sing with UT's Ransom Notes in a charity event on UT Campus. Owl Weekend was changed to Owl Days this year, which had us performing two Monday nights. Emery Weiner Preparatory School hosted us in April as well. Finally, our CD release party and the President's Study Break rounded off the end of the year.



Needless to say, the Rice Philharmonics have grown in leaps and bounds this year. From the vast number of concerts both on and off campus to the production of our first CD in a few years, the Phils have matured faster than I could have imagined this year, and with only six veterans! Our group is continuing to grow into a recognized and respected entity not just on the Rice campus, but on the national a cappella scene as well. We even have a review of our CD posted online at the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America!

Thank you again for all your support, either through kind e-mails I've received or your attendance at our events. Please don't hesitate to contact us and place an order for "Phils So Good"!

Warm regards,

Allie Janda  
President, 2008-2009



## Graduating Seniors

We would like to extend our best wishes to our graduating seniors!



**Beth Jablinski** (Baker) will be spending next year working somewhere in Houston, as yet undecided! After a couple of years, she plans to go back to school and then to teach middle school choir.



**Sarah Taylor** (Sid Richardson) will be a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in New York. She will be volunteering for a membership based, non-profit organization that works with immigrant street vendors in Harlem.

## Events, Notices, and Reminders

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

Plan ahead for Homecoming Weekend, November 7-9, 2008. We will have another reunion dinner and concert planned for that weekend. Come see old Phils friends and meet the new Phils!

Our big project for next year is also pretty daunting...we want to go to ICCA! If you have any advice or great memories from ICCA, please e-mail us at [phils@rice.edu](mailto:phils@rice.edu).

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

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