



The Rice Philharmonics

Alumni Newsletter, January 2008

Dear Philharmonics Alumna/Alumnus,

Happy New Year! We hope that the holidays gave you a chance to spend time with friends and family.

Our Homecoming concert and alumni dinner was a huge success! We all had a great time chatting over a meal, performing for our alumni, and singing together at the Phils party afterwards. Thank you to all the alumni who took time out of their schedules to hang out with us!

We hope that the evening gave you a chance to reconnect with past Philharmonics, and we would love to help everyone stay in touch. If you need contact information, we can help point you in the right direction. Similarly, if you have updated contact information, such as a new home address or different e-mail, let us know so we can stay updated.



This will become a new Philharmonics tradition, so make plans early for next year!

We ended our first semester differently than we had in the past, by participating in a number of off-campus Christmas parties and events. If you would like to book the Phils for a company Christmas party or as entertainment for a party at home, we're more than willing!

Keep checking our website for updated concert dates and other information.

Warm regards,

Allie Janda
President, 2007-2008



Recording Update

As some of you may have realized, the Philharmonics has not released a new CD since Bridges and Breakdowns some three years ago. There have been many roadblocks along the way, but the Phils are up and running again, and pushing to release our next CD by the beginning of next year.

The retirement of Dr. Bill Watson from his position as Resident Associate at Wiess left the Phils without a recording mentor, and that same summer, the laptop owned by the Phils was stolen from the recording studio. After raising enough money to purchase a new laptop, we ran into difficulties transferring the software onto the new machine. The beginning of first semester was slow work with new members and inexperienced recorders, but we are ready to go for second semester!

We're divided into teams of three to help record each other and add an extra set of ears to listen to the recording. This decreases the hefty burden on the recording manager and gives the entire group a chance to learn how to record. The goal for the group is to have all the songs for the next CD recorded by the end of February. We will then mix and master the tracks with the help of a professional. If all goes according to plan, the CD should be ready to be released at the end of the school year!

We know that many of you have been waiting on pins and needles for the next installment to the Philharmonics CD collection, and we apologize for keeping you waiting!

Events, Notices, and Reminders

In addition to our Homecoming Concert, the Philharmonics had a number of events in the last few weeks of the semester.

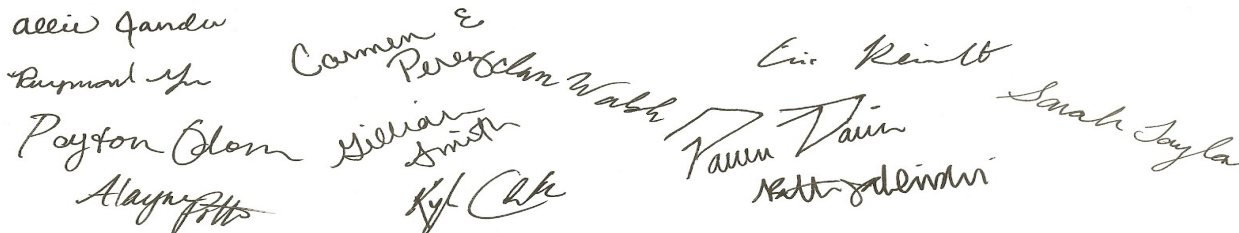
On November 16th, the Phils performed in the lobby of the Wortham Center prior to the performance of Salvage Vanguard Theatre's *The Intergalactic Nemesis*. This *Performance Prelude* Program is sponsored by the Society for the Performing Arts, a non-profit group in Houston, who invited us to perform.

Early December was a busy time for the Philharmonics as well. We sang for two corporate holiday parties, including Marathon Oil, and performed at *Lights in the Heights*, an annual event in which Houstonians view the decorations of these historic homes.

A new Alumni section has been added to the Phils website. Feel free to check it out!

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

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



A collection of handwritten signatures in black ink, arranged in a loose, overlapping pattern. The signatures include names such as Allie Gander, Raymond Yu, Carmen & Peres, Alan Walsh, Eric Reinhart, Payton Olson, Gillian Smith, Kyle Clark, Tamm Tamm, Beth Adelman, and Sarah Jayla.

