



SCORE Notes

November 2010



SCORE and Musical Growth

by John Krumich

SCORE is a place for children to grow musically. Because of the age ranges of the children in our ensemble (8 to 12 years old), it is always rewarding to see how the children develop new skills and confidence when they stay in the group for 2, 3, or all 4 years. A child who comes into the SCORE program at age 8 might not be able to play certain complex patterns on the xylophone, or have a range of more than just a few notes on the soprano recorder, or be able to play more than a few notes in first position on the violin. How quickly these children become enmeshed in some great music making and expand their abilities!

To me, what is fascinating, and always a bit surprising, is how much the ensemble grows during a season. The Fall SCORE ensemble is very different than the Spring SCORE ensemble, even though they are both the same group of children! In the Fall we are working very hard at learning new repertoire, finding leaders that can handle some of the harder instrumental parts,

molding a group choral sound, and finally putting all of our instrumental and choral elements together just in time for our December Holiday Concert. When we then start up rehearsals in January for the Spring concerts, we find that they can learn new repertoire almost twice as fast, and we can cover much more material and spend more time polishing our act.

Clearly a year of SCORE Wednesday rehearsals, with the added seasoning of performances, gives children an amazing environment for musical growth, individually and as a group, and we believe that this makes their minds and their lives richer.



SCORE performs with IONA, April 2010

Photo by Jim Poston



SCORE performs at the Delaplane Strawberry Festival
May 2010

SONGS AND STORIES with guest artist Eve Watters

Show Date: Saturday, December 11, 2010

Show Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Rice Theater,
Highland Center for the Arts
597 Broadview Avenue
Warrenton, VA 20186

Tickets: \$10 for Adults
\$5 for Students

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Join the American Children of SCORE in concert with Eve Watters, a consummate storyteller and Celtic harpist. Her performances are a unique blend of harp, storytelling, and song from around the globe taken to new imaginative territory. These intriguing musical moments and stories will blend with the beautiful sounds of the SCORE children, including a magical mini-pageant complete with costumes and a parent chorus, for a festive holiday concert you won't want to miss!

The American Children of SCORE

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Voices and instruments performing small wonders.

To Every Season

by Betsy Porter

Seasons change and the color palette returns, each time slightly different. And so it is with SCORE. We bid farewell to many students who graduate or pursue other interests and we welcome the energetic and bright faces with which to paint this seventeenth season.

With respect and gratitude for her six years of service with SCORE we say goodbye to strings director Catharine Basson Walczak. In keeping with the theme of returning, we welcome back Christine Mallery as SCORE's new strings director. Christine was our first strings director in 1994.

We often hear from former SCORE members, some who are beginning careers in music education, and many who keep music in their lives in other ways. We carry some pride in all of them and hope their unique experience with SCORE will serve as part of a strong foundation to rich and creative lifework.

As we continue our attempt to stay in touch, we would love to hear from you. Drop us a note – mail, email, phone call, facebook, whatever means is your pleasure. We look forward to the return of your voice.



SCORE members participate in Warrenton Heritage Day Parade, Sept. 2010

SCORE Mission

- To give highly motivated children an opportunity to experience the rigors and joys of ensemble music.
- To seek a musical aesthetic, a “sound” which is a true expression of children eight to twelve years old
- To implement, and be able to demonstrate, pedagogical principles and rehearsal techniques, which successfully enhance a child’s musical development.
- To extend the SCORE approach and its availability to children who are underserved in music education.

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Calendar of upcoming events...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010 AT 3:00 PM



SONGS AND STORIES
 with guest artist **Eve Watters**
 Rice Theater
 Highland Center for the Arts
 Warrenton, VA
 Adults \$10, Students \$5.

Tickets at the door or for reservations call 540-428-2313 or email scoreweb@earthlink.net

EARLY JANUARY, 2011

Mid-season auditions
 SCORE has a few openings for new members. Third through sixth graders are invited to audition for SCORE's 2010-2011 season. Ten-minute auditions will be held in January at the Highland Center for the Arts, Warrenton, VA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011 AT 3:00 PM

MUSIC AND MIME
 with guest artist **Mark Jaster**
 Rice Theater
 Highland Center for the Arts
 Warrenton, VA



SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011 AT NOON

Delaplane Strawberry Festival Performance
 Sky Meadows State Park, Paris, VA

SCORE Performs at Heritage Day



SCORE was honored to be asked to sing at Warrenton - Fauquier Heritage Day which celebrated Warrenton's Bicentennial. The day included the burying of a time capsule in Courthouse Square to be opened in 2110. SCORE members were

very excited to include a 2010 concert photo that each child was able to sign!