

South Hills Junior Orchestra P.O. Box 12642 Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

August 30, 2017

Dear Friends of South Hills Junior Orchestra,

Throughout the history of South Hills Junior Orchestra, no one has ever been turned away! Since the Orchestra is a completely volunteer venture for all the musicians, directors and boosters, we have operated with a "bare-bones" budget, primarily because of the generosity of the Upper St. Clair School District, which has given us a home through the years. We have been blessed to have a place in which to rehearse and perform, and have also been permitted to use, free-of-charge, the keyboard and percussion instruments. We have been afforded this amazing gift so long as there is no concert admission charge, and with the stipulation that the Founding Directors donate their professional services. Members have always given a "donation" to be able to take the music home to practice, and students who have been unable to make the donation have been helped by the directors.

Since this year marks our 35th anniversary season, we are planning a celebration in June and hope to find as many alumni as we possibly can. There will be a special anniversary performance, including any alumni who can join us and we plan to, once again give a gift to the Upper St. Clair School District, as a token of our thanks for hosting us. It has been our practice to thank the School in this way every five years as we marked milestones in our history.

We need your help. We are asking all Friends of the Orchestra, including members, family, friends, associates, neighbors, teachers, businesses and of course, our alumni, to become patrons of the orchestra, to place an ad in the Fall and Spring concert programs, and to help raise funds to purchase a significant and needed gift to thank the School for allowing us to create the opportunities that SHJO has provided for the past 35 years and for many years to come.

We have included a Patron Brochure and a Promo Kit with the Member Handbook and Registration Packet and additional copies are available by request.

Thank you in advance for your support of this completely voluntary group that has created magical musical moments for three and a half decades.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Fox & Donna S. Fox Founding Directors

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