



December 2010

## THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ... SERVING STUDENTS



Rosemary Warren-Green works with a young violinist at Winterfield Elementary

The Charlotte Symphony believes that active engagement with music is a powerful educational tool. Creating music and listening to live musical performances stimulate the mind, body, and soul in unique ways, resulting in complex learning experiences.

The Symphony is therefore committed to providing the students of the Charlotte community with excellent music education opportunities, through performances and direct musical instruction.

Here is a snapshot of CSO's educational activity this Fall:

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INITIATIVE

The Symphony supports a **free after-school violin program** at **Winterfield Elementary School** that serves 28 children. This support includes weekly coaching by violinist Sa-Idah Harley, monthly sessions with violinist Rosemary Warren-Green, and instrument supply and repair.

The CSO promotes community and family involvement at Winterfield Elementary through **"Connecting Families Through Music,"** performance

parties that feature student and professional performances, followed by a shared meal. The first event was held at the school on Wednesday, November 17. The next is scheduled for February.



Winterfield Strings Program



The CSO's Richard Goldfaden works with horn players at Northwest School of the Arts

The Symphony created and maintains an intensive chamber music course at **Northwest School of the Arts** called Recital Seminar. As part of that partnership, Symphony musicians work with advanced student musicians several times a month, and Recital Seminar students volunteer at Lollipops Family Concerts.

Musicians of the Charlotte Symphony go into local schools to **coach band and orchestra students** and conduct **master classes**. By the end of January, more than a dozen schools will have been served.

## LIVE PERFORMANCES

Approximately **800 elementary through high school students** from 12 schools attended an open rehearsal of *The Planets* at the Knight Theater on Friday, October 22.

Several hundred middle and high school students attended **Classics concert rehearsals** on October 8, November 5, and November 24.

Through Communities in Schools, the **CSO donated 50 tickets to low-income families** for the October 2 and October 30 Lollipops Family Concerts.

The CSO has sold specially **discounted student tickets** (\$12 each) to more than 300 students of all ages. More than 90 college students attended the October 1 College Night.

*Orchestra on Campus 2010* took the orchestra to **three local college campuses** November 11-14 – CPCC, UNC Charlotte, and JCSU – to perform for students and the community.

A brass quintet performed at Eastover Elementary on December 10, and **small ensemble performances** are planned at other schools in the upcoming months.



Orchestra on Campus at JCSU



Brass Quintet at Eastover Elementary



## CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

The Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras are a core component of the educational mission of the Charlotte Symphony. The two youth orchestras offer students a unique performing experience, in which **nearly 180 talented young musicians** obtain exceptional training in a semi-professional ensemble setting that includes monthly coachings by members of the Charlotte Symphony.



The CSYO and JYO presented their Fall Concert on November 23 at Halton Theater. Future concerts will be held on February 27, March 17, May 9, May 16, and June 5. For more information about the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras, please visit: [www.csyo.net](http://www.csyo.net).

The Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras are supported in part by The Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.

The Charlotte Symphony believes that music plays a vital role in lifelong learning. Our mission is to nurture a passion for orchestral music in our community through diverse educational programming and excellent instruction. These educational activities are currently funded with grant money from the N.C. Arts Council, the Arts & Science Council, The Duke Energy Foundation, and the Foundation for the Carolinas, with additional funding for *Orchestra on Campus* from the Maurer Family Foundation and Nordstrom.