



Many People - One World
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

MARY STARLING IN-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

ON-SITE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the *Mary Starling In-School Education Program*, the Winston-Salem Symphony is partnering with the African Library Project (ALP) and Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools (WS/FCS) to create a first-of-its-kind program through which students will learn about music, literacy and other cultures. Through its theme of storytelling and music, The Mary Starling Program will illuminate literacy both locally and globally.

The Mary Starling Program's small ensemble performances for all 4th and 5th students in WS/FCS and full orchestra concerts will be augmented by book drives at all 43 elementary schools (with a goal to send 43,000 books to libraries in Africa), a short story competition and in-school integration complete with lesson plans, classroom activities and a companion CD of music. We hope you will join the Winston-Salem Symphony this year in supporting the exciting work of the *Mary Starling In-School Education Program* and in celebrating 50 years of exceptional music education.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- **Winston-Salem Symphony's *Mary Starling In-School Education Program***
 - ***Small Ensemble Performances***

A core component of the Winston-Salem Symphony's Mary Starling Program, ensembles of Symphony musicians perform for all 4th and 5th grade students in the WS/FC Schools.
 - ***Many People-One World Full Orchestra Concerts***

Another core component of the Mary Starling Program and the culmination of the small ensemble performances, a full orchestra concert for all 5th grade students in the WS/FC Schools featuring the Winston-Salem Symphony conducted by Assistant Conductor Matthew Troy.
- **Book Drives**

From January 4 to February 19, 2010, each of the 43 elementary schools in the WS/FC School system will participate in a book drive. The goal is for each school to collect 1,000 books to send to a sister school in Africa via the African Library Project. The books collected will be sorted, packed, and transported to New Orleans, Louisiana where they will then be shipped to Africa. In addition to the schools, books will be collected throughout Forsyth County at partner locations.
- **Short Story Competition**

The Winston-Salem Symphony will hold a short story competition for 5th grade students. Students participating in the competition will be asked to write a story inspired by Mussorgsky's *A Night on Bald Mountain*, which they will hear on the final concert. First, second and third place winners will receive a new violin package, private lessons for one year, and free tuition to Winston-Salem Symphony's Premiere Strings Orchestra upon

joining their school's orchestra program. Other winners will receive gift certificates to a local bookstore.

- **Teacher Packets and “Matt-cast”**

As part of the Mary Starling Program, teacher packets are provided for all 4th and 5th grade music teachers, complete with lesson plans, classroom activities, and a companion CD of all of the music on the Full Orchestra Concert. In addition, “Matt-cast”, video segments featured on the WSS website about the 50th Anniversary program, will be available to augment the programming.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS & COMMITMENT

You can help! We will need over 100 On-Site Volunteers to help coordinate the individual book drives at each school. As an On-Site Volunteer you will commit to work 1-2 hours a week between January 4 and February 19, 2010 as well as attend the Book Packing Party in February. As an On-Site Volunteer you will join a team of 2-3 people assigned to a specific school, including the school's media specialist.

On-Site Volunteer duties will include:

- Weekly school visits, at a time coordinated by your volunteer team, to collect and sort books and deliver them to the central collection site
- Coordination of school collection site with the Media Specialist of your assigned school
- Attendance at one of the Mary Starling concerts on March 3 or 4, 2010
- Spreading the word about this great project to family, friends, neighbors and coworkers

On-Site Volunteer Training & Information Meeting

December 8, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.

Anderson Center Main Dining Hall – Winston-Salem State University

At this meeting you will receive your On-Site Volunteer packets with detailed instructions for your role in the book drive.

Want to Volunteer or Donate?

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