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Dear Youth Philharmonic Orchestra members and families:

On behalf of the New England Conservatory Preparatory School, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to you as a member of NEC's Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, Benjamin Zander, conductor. We are delighted to have both new and returning members with us for the 2007-08 season.

In this mailing you will find important information about rehearsal and performance dates, the attendance policy, registration, and seating auditions. We have also included a preliminary roster for carpool purposes. The final roster and ensemble handbook will be distributed in late September or early October.

Please note that all members of YPO must register for the Fall 2007 semester prior to the first YPO rehearsal on September 15. [Registration for NEC at Walnut Hill School students takes place through Walnut Hill.] The tuition for the year is \$815 (\$575 for students taking at least 12 private lessons/semester through NEC). New students must register in person between September 4 and September 15. Students who were enrolled at NEC previously will receive a mail-in registration form in about 10 days, and may register by mail, fax, or in-person.

All YPO members, new or returning, must sign up for a seating audition. Sign-ups begin online at necprepauditions.com on August 15. Auditions will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9. Please see the enclosed sheet for details on what to prepare for the seating audition.

At this time I'd like to invite you to subscribe to the NEC Prep School e-newsletter, Upbeat. To subscribe, please visit www.newenglandconservatory.edu and click on "e-news" in the upper right hand corner. Be sure to select the "Upbeat" subscription option (you may also choose to subscribe to NEC Update, with general news about NEC). Upbeat is e-mailed once or twice per month with timely updates and reminders for all NEC Prep School students and families.

I'd also like to invite you to save the date for NEC's "Kids in Harmony" Prep School gala, which will take place on Sunday, April 6, 2008. This promises to be a very exciting event, and we hope you'll join us in celebrating NEC's accomplished young musicians. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Please feel free to contact Concert/Ensemble Manager Deanna Kennett (617.585.1127 or deanna.kennett@newenglandconservatory.edu) or me (617.585.1128 or echristensen@newenglandconservatory.edu) if you have any questions about the coming year. We look forward to welcoming you in September!

Sincerely,



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