

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

TEEN COUNCIL



BSO Teen Council members and their families participated in the Walk for Music to raise money and awareness for their school and community music programs.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra Teen Council is a year-long mentor and education program for high school students. The diverse youth that make up Teen Council receive arts access and training while developing useful life skill sets. Through various projects, members reach out to their peers, families and communities, and help others develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts. Students complete at least 30 hours of community service throughout the year that can be applied for school requirements.

To learn more about the BSO Teen Council, please call 617-638-9375 or email education@bso.org



2011–2012 BSO Teen Council Application

Name:

Email:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

School:

Grade (circle one): 9th 10th 11th 12th

Please list other school/community activities and groups you participate in:

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Why do you want to join the BSO Teen Council?

Home address:

City:

Zip code:

Gender

Age:

Mother/Guardian name:

Father/Guardian name:

Application Deadline: September 30, 2011

Return application, commitment form, one letter of recommendation*, and your Young Musicians Club registration form and payment to:

Teen Council
Education and Community Programs
Boston Symphony Orchestra
301 Massachusetts Ave.
Boston, MA 02115

*Recommendation letters must be from either a music or academic teacher.

Student/Parent Commitment Form

The Boston Symphony Orchestra Teen Council's (BSOTC) mission is to involve youth in the Boston Symphony Orchestra's education programs and community initiatives. Through hands-on participation and project-based learning, the BSOTC will empower teens to be lifelong arts advocates.

Teen council members will take an active leadership role in the BSO's education and community programs, including: Community Chamber Concerts, the Young Musicians Club, Youth and Family Concerts, and Winter Vacation at the BSO. Members will also plan their own community performances at local shelters and hospitals. The council will work closely with BSO musicians and staff members throughout the year.

The BSOTC is committed to developing youth excellence; fostering a life-long love of music; encouraging leadership, cooperation, and discipline; cultivating appreciation of music and the arts in the community; and collaborating with other arts organizations.

Teen Council Members must commit to:

1. Attend ALL scheduled regular meetings, on Mondays from 4:30pm—6pm
2. Actively participate in the Young Musicians Club*;
3. Email or call *at least 24 hours ahead of time* if conflicts arise making you unable to attend a meeting. Transportation is the responsibility of each BSOTC member and cannot be excused except in unusual and/or emergency situations;
4. Be an enthusiastic and active member and active participant in activities and discussions;
5. Participate in one of our school vacation week programs (as a paid counselor for the winter vacation program, and/or as a participant in the high school internship program during the spring vacation week).

*The BSO Young Musicians Club is a program for high school students that gives them a chance to experience BSO concerts regularly for less than \$1 per concert (annual fee of \$15)! Special pre-concert activities are planned that give teens the opportunity to meet other arts-minded students in the greater Boston area and BSO musicians. Occasionally, members have the opportunity to meet guest performers. Teen Council members play a vital role in building a strong community in the Young Musicians Club.

Schedule (subject to change with two week advance notice)

Regular Meetings:

October 3 & 24

November 7 & 21

December 5

January 23

February 13

March 12

April 9 & 30

May 14

Special Activities:

October 10 (BSOTC instrument petting zoo at Fenway Alliance's Opening Our Doors Day)

October 30 (BSO Community Chamber Concert)

November 12 (BYSO Family Concert activities)

November 29 (Young Musicians Club event and concert)

December 12 (BSOTC concert at local homeless shelter)

February 20-24 (BSOTC Counselors for Winter Vacation Program for kids)

March 17 (BSO Family Concert activities)

March 26 (BSOTC concert at local hospital)

April 12 (Young Musicians Club event and concert)

April 16-20 (BSO teen internship program)

May TBD (Walk for Music and end of year party)

I have read and will adhere to the above policy and schedule. I realize that by joining the BSO Teen Council, I have joined a team that will not function at its potential without my consistent attendance at meetings and participation in activities. I commit to participate fully in the program for the full 2011–2012 academic year.

Signature of Student

Date

I have read and will adhere to the above policy and schedule. I will provide transportation if necessary and will support my teen to be successful in this program.

Signature of Parent

Date