

Dear Friend of the “Pride of the Prairie Orchestra”

The 2009-2010 season of the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is already underway, with several practices already “under our belt”. It’s nice to see some new faces in the group as well as many returning members. What a tradition we have here on the Plains; fine arts, fine food, fine folk and fine music for *all* to enjoy!! You don’t have to travel hours on I70 to hear a great orchestra, ours is right here!!

Directors from the surrounding area will conduct our concerts this season. The first concert conducted by Burlington’s Andrew Salvador, will be our “Poinsettia Pops” Concert filled with traditional Christmas favorites as well as many classical masterpieces. This and all our concerts will be presented at the Colby Community College auditorium.

Mr. Salvador will return for our second concert in February. Entitled the “T-shirt and Jeans” concert, we perform our concert dressed in t-shirts and jeans. Borrowed from a popular idea used by major symphony orchestras, the orchestra members dress casually, allowing some concertgoers to feel more relaxed; that they do not have to dress-up, thus exposing “classical” music to more people.

The third and final concert of this season will be conducted by Colby Middle School director, Stacey Williams. Many classical, light classical and popular songs will be presented in our traditional Spring Concert. Come spend a nice spring afternoon with us for some beautiful music.

*There are several ways that **you** can be an active participant with the orchestra!*

If you would like to become a member of the orchestra, you can join at anytime!! Rehearsals are Monday nights 7:30-9:00 (ct). Please contact any of the board members in your community for information or POP Orchestra President Mary Shoaff.

If you have been a supporter of the orchestra in the past, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your interest and hope that you will again join our family of musicians.

Supporters to the orchestra, receive complimentary tickets to our concerts and have their names printed in all the programs. All donations can be mailed to the POP Orchestra c/o Karen Larmer, 865 E. 7th Street, Colby, KS 67701.

Please consider supporting our effort and join us at our concerts this 2009-2010 season!!

Thank you for you consideration!!

From the Pride of the Prairie Board of Directors

*Mary Shoaff, Eileen Jones, Karen Larmer, Carol Ann McGuire, Kathy Spencer
Dr. David Younger, Bruce Frahm, **Your name here** (and open spot on the board!)*