

# 2011-2012 GDYO Guild Information

## Overview

The Guild is a voluntary organization of parents and individuals that support the mission of the GDYO and provide critical funding for many program enhancements. Membership in the GDYO Guild is open to everyone. Your financial support underwrites purchases and repairs instruments, provides program enhancements, and provides funds for capital purchases.

In addition to providing support directly to GDYO, your membership in the Guild assists GDYO in procuring grants from other organizations. Many times these organizations will look at the community participation as a means of gauging the support an organization has. The higher the community support, the more likely the organization will consider GDYO for a grant. These grants help keep your paid tuition down, so please consider joining the guild. Donations are tax-deductible and many companies will match your contribution.

## Volunteer

Guild members also support the GDYO mission with their time. Approximately 440 children have been accepted into the GDYO program this year. These children have 50+ rehearsal and concert days combined during the season and the GDYO relies on the Guild to provide support at each rehearsal and concert such as providing snacks, supervising the kids at concerts, and merchandise sales.

Please sign up at the Guild Table to volunteer for any or all of these events. We ask that **each family sign up to help with snacks and sales at least twice during the year.**

## Financial Support

Guild members support the GDYO mission with their money. GDYO tuition covers less than half of the organization's operational expenses. The money provided through Guild membership dues, donations, and fundraising provides essential revenue needed for the GDYO program. If you are in a position to do so, please consider donating to a cause that directly supports and benefits all of our children. Membership forms are also accessible from the GDYO guild web page

[www.gdyo.org/gdyoGuild.cfm](http://www.gdyo.org/gdyoGuild.cfm)

## Fundraising

**Merchandise Sales** - GDYO merchandise is available for purchase before and after concerts in the venue lobby. Orders can also be mailed or brought to rehearsal for fulfillment the following week. We will have various clothing items, such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps. Other items include tote bags, window decals, and coffee mugs. Ensemble photographs and concert recordings will also be available. Payment by **cash or check** is accepted for GDYO Guild purchases.

We pay the Meyerson Symphony Center and Eisemann Center venues a percentage of our sales at concerts. (10 - 15%!) Therefore, the Guild benefits more from the sales that we receive by mail or at rehearsals, rather than at the concerts. Please consider this when making your purchases.

**Concert Recordings** - A recording engineer records all major concert programs for each ensemble. (Side-by-Side concert recordings are not included). These will be available for order by season, or individual concert. Season orders must be placed by the first concert. After that, the full-season pricing will increase.

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### Grocery Programs - Your Groceries Can Earn \$\$\$ For GDYO

- **Tom Thumb** - Have your Reward card linked to the GDYO. Our Reward number is 6321. Each time you use your reward card, GDYO will receive a percentage of sales. This does not have to be renewed each year.
- **Kroger - After September 12th**, you will be asked to print our Neighbor to Neighbor Sheet from the Guild webpage. If you had your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card linked to GDYO during 2010, then **Kroger requires that it be re-linked as of July 1, 2011**. When you check out, just ask the cashier to re-link your card using the Kroger letter you print, and your Kroger Plus card.
- **Albertson's** - Pickup a Community Partners Card at the Guild table. Have your Community Partners Card scanned each time you shop for GDYO to receive a percentage of sales.

### Snacks at Rehearsals

The Guild makes snacks available **for sale** at rehearsals. Each item is **50 to 75 cents**, with lemonade provided for **free**. SMU is allowing us to provide snacks this year, so Sinfonietta and Philharmonic will need some help setting up for snack time. You may also send your child with a snack to eat during their break. Please do not send peanuts in any form, as we have several children with peanut allergies. If you would like to help out with snacks during rehearsal, please sign up at the Guild table, or contact the Vice President of your ensemble, as listed below.

### General Guild and GDYO Information

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