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DEAR LRYO MUSICIANS & FAMILIES,

Welcome back to another year of fine music with the Lakes Region Youth Orchestra. We look forward to your participation in and support of our ensembles. It has been a busy summer planning and preparing for the up-coming season. We have exciting plans for the upcoming year. Highlights include Winter and Spring Concerts.

First, we are happy to announce that our esteemed conductors, Jim Sowards, Glen Giles, and Eddie Wilkin will be returning to LRYO for the 2016/2017 Season. In addition, we are happy to announce that John Peskey, who will be leading the Baroque Strings, Honors Strings and Symphony groups, has agreed to join LRYO.

Second, LRYO has new rehearsal locations. After much thought and consideration, LRYO has decided to hold rehearsals in Rutland at Rutland Intermediate School (RIS) or Rutland Middle School (RMS). The actual room assignments have not been finalized, but the room assignment information will be emailed to you, and they will be posted on the LRYO website before rehearsals begin.

The first rehearsal will meet September 9, 2016. Initial placement for the upcoming year will be the ensemble in which you performed last year. If you are new to LRYO this year please email or call me so I may assist you in determining student placement.

Repertory Strings: RIS, room 108, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Baroque: TBD, 4 – 5 pm  
Concert Band: TBD, 4:15 – 5:15 pm  
Philharmonic: TBD, 5:15 – 6:15 pm  
Honors Strings: TBD, 4:45 – 6 pm (Must be tuned and ready to rehearse at 5 pm)  
Wind Ensemble: TBD, 4:45 – 6 pm (Must be tuned and ready to rehearse at 5 pm)  
Symphony: TBD, 6:15-7:15 pm

Please note that these rehearsal times and/or ensemble groups may be revised as we progress throughout the season. If there are any revisions they will be posted on the lryo.org website.

Finally, our Annual Kick-Off Retreat will be held on Saturday September 10, beginning with a meeting for all musicians and parents at 9 am at Grace Congregational UCC in Rutland. Please plan on attending the meeting, as we will clarify plans for the upcoming year. On Saturday there are sit-in rehearsals scheduled for parents to watch and listen to their musicians rehearse. The 2016/2017 Calendar showing rehearsal dates as well as scheduled concerts and activities will be posted on the LRYO.ORG website. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, dates, time, or locations may need to be revised. The Calendar will be updated on-line accordingly.

Please share our wonderful program with other musical friends, as we are hoping to recruit a number of new musicians!

We look forward to a year of renewed friendship, musical challenge and exciting performances.

Sincerely,  
Katya Cooke  
President LRYO Board of Directors