



# DES MOINES SYMPHONY ACADEMY

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## **Upcoming Events**



### **Des Moines' favorite children's band is back for a frightfully good time to benefit the Des Moines Symphony Academy!**

Join Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players for a concert that is certain to have the whole family grooving. As a critically acclaimed artist and winner of several Parents Choice Gold Awards, Justin keeps children and adults alike bopping to his fun, infectious beats.

The kids can bring a pillow for up-close children's seating and will also have a chance to sport their Halloween costumes for our costume contest prior to the concert. And be sure to hang around after for trick-or-treating and more in the Scottish Rite's Tapestry Lounge.

**Saturday, October 28, 2006**

**11:00 am** (doors open at 10:30; contest winners will be announced at 10:50)

**Scottish Rite Consistory, 519 Park Street**

- \$15/person
- Free admission for children 24 months and under
- 10% discount for groups of 10 or more paid admissions  
(must purchase as a group)

For tickets, call Nikki Syverson at 515.280.4017 or send in a completed order form.

**The Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be December 7-10.** Academy families will receive vouchers in advance for holiday shopping! Present the voucher with your purchase December 7-10 and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Symphony Academy. Students are needed to perform Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Both soloists and small groups are

welcome! Please talk with your teacher or contact Jenny Graham Zimmerman at 280-6929 to sign up.

### Program Information

**Friendly reminder:** payment for October private lessons was due September 25. If you have paid already, thank you! If not, please remit payment as soon as possible to avoid a late fee. Going forward, please note that payment will be due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for lessons the following month. If you have questions, please consult the Student Handbook. With additional questions, call Joshua Barlage, Academy Registrar, at 280-3332. Thank you!

The first **Evenings with the Orchestra** class will be **October 18, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Temple**. Evenings with the Orchestra is designed to give you an informal, accessible and enjoyable introduction to the music performed by the Des Moines Symphony in their 2006–07 season. The first class will focus on music programmed for the October 21-22 “Louie’s Love Notes” concerts (see below). Four sessions throughout the year will give you background information to enhance your concert experience. Please call Joshua at 280-3332 to enroll.

**Meet the Maestro!** Academy students and parents are invited to meet Maestro Louis Lortie before the Symphony concert **Sunday, October 22**. The program begins at **1:30 pm** at the Civic Center as a prelude to the concert. Topics range from the content of the day’s program to the challenges facing a professional musician, providing special insight on the classical music world. Reserve your spot and receive 2-for-1 tickets to the concert by calling Josh at 280-3332.

### Performances

The **Des Moines Symphony’s season** of love and romance begins **October 21 and 22** with renowned conductor and pianist **Louis Lortie** leading the Symphony through the dramatic twists and turns of Beethoven’s compelling *Coriolan Overture*. Mozart’s passionate and turbulent Piano Concerto is said to be the “ultimate venture, his furthest exploration of the piano concerto...” The robust and romantic *Symphony No. 4* by Schumann ends this concert with a majestic finale. Order tickets by phone at 515-243-1888.

### Orchestra News

**The fall Greater Des Moines Youth Symphonies concert will be November 15 at 7:30 pm** in the Grand Hall at the Temple for Performing Arts. The Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra will be featured.

### Announcements

**Welcome Alishia Smock to the Academy!** Alishia teaches World Music enrichment classes at the Montessori Children’s House. Students in World

Music will explore countries and cultures through music. Alishia is excited to lead this journey of musical discovery!

**1/2 size Violin For Sale.** Purchased March 2004 from Becker Music. Includes case and shoulder rest. \$650 or best offer. Contact Lisa Brown at 274-9464 or 288-3663.

The Academy is forming a **Parent Volunteer Organization** to assist in planning, hosting and other duties vital to the successful presentation of Academy events. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to donate their time and talents for the benefit of the Academy. If you are interested in joining, please contact Joshua Barlage at 280-3332 or [joshua@dmsymphony.org](mailto:joshua@dmsymphony.org).

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