



# Inspirations!

The official newsletter of SCOR!, the String Experience for Adults

## Expansion!

In response to the many who have expressed a desire for “more of SCOR!” we are pleased to introduce the option to extend your SCOR! experience this year with a number of exciting “pre-camp” sessions. Pre-campers will arrive on Tuesday evening, July 20, to register, and will participate in additional sessions on Wednesday morning and afternoon, prior to main camp orientation.



Pre-camp options include a *Chamber Music Intensive* for those who love to play in ensembles and

a *Technique Intensive* to get you feeling better, playing better, and sounding better. *The Inspiring String Teacher* provides fresh insights for the string teacher that will enliven your lessons and inspire your students, and violinists wishing to expand their proficiency to include the viola may participate in *Viola for Violinists*. Those beginning string players who register for the *Foundations Track* of SCOR! will also be attending pre-camp for an enriching introductory session. We look forward to seeing you at Pre-Camp! \*



## Just Around the Corner...

Preparations for the upcoming season of SCOR! are humming along. We already have 24 registrants for SCOR! Rochester 2010 – an unprecedented 600% increase in registrations for this time of year! This season promises to be the best yet and we are

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### SCOR! Checklist

- Give a year-end gift & get fun SCOR! products
- Reserve your spot for SCOR! Rochester 2010
- Stay tuned for info on a SCOR! Workshop or Concert near you!
- Follow us on Facebook
- Play... to practice, to learn, to relax, to enjoy

## “Be Inspired!” Tour

SCOR! on the road? That’s right, coming to a city near you! SCOR! & Symerge founders Kyle & Beth Bultman are gearing up for the ambitious 10-week “Be Inspired” Tour (March - May).

We’ll be recruiting participants and new players, plus unlocking adult musicians’ potential to sound better, feel better, and enjoy music even more!

Exciting progress has been made in fundamental strategies for programming, marketing, recruitment, finance, fundraising, and volunteer/staff training.

Events will include:

- **SCOR! Workshops**
- **Concert / Dessert evenings**
- **Free Classes** offering valuable training tailored uniquely for:
  1. Adult amateurs
  2. String teachers
  3. Beginning players and curious individuals

You can dramatically increase the scope of SCOR! and ensure the tour’s success by sending a year-end gift to Symerge. Be one of 150 people giving \$75 each and we’ll reach our funding goal! \*



### Locations\*

Rochester, NY  
Binghamton, NY  
Corning, NY  
Bel Air, MD  
Sarasota, FL  
Clearwater, FL  
Tallahassee, FL

Atlanta, GA  
Knoxville, TN  
Cincinnati, OH  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Detroit, MI

\*subject to change

## Rochester Camp Best Yet!

**S**COR! Rochester 2009 was reported by many as being the best SCOR! ever. In addition to setting an enrollment record, SCOR! offered more – more sessions, more exhibitors, and more inspiring faculty.

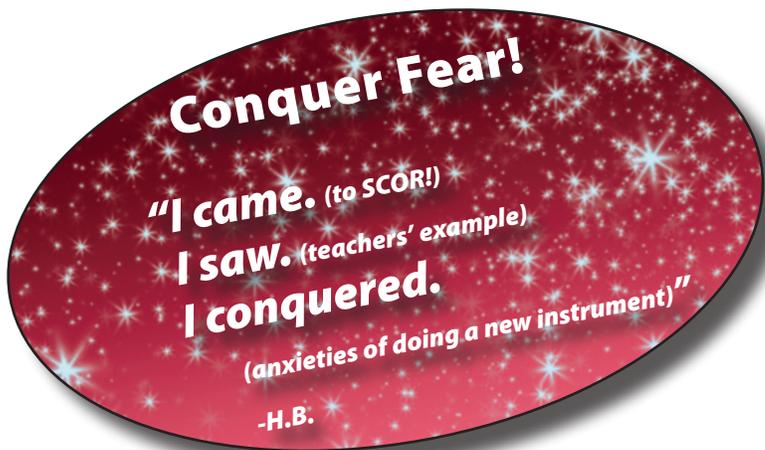
Robert Gardner, Asst. Professor of Music Ed. at Penn State, enhanced our talented faculty. He is a nationally known presenter, teacher, and alternative styles expert. His personable nature won the hearts of the campers.

New faculty member John Fetter, Asst. Professor of Music Ed. at Eastman, brought his talents and

enthusiasm to bear as he led the Chamber Orchestra and other inspiring sessions. Returning faculty members Brian & Betsi Hodges shared their artistic gifts through an amazing Benefit Recital. A camp to remember! \* -B.B.

### Campers are saying...

- "What a thrill!!!! I look forward to next summer!"
- "What an inspiration! It is tough for someone like myself to meet people who share the same passion I do."
- "The SCOR!-chestra was superb. Robert Gardner was sterling. For me, that was the highlight, being directed by such a gifted and likeable conductor."



## Thank You, Contributors!

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## from my scrapbook

proverbs for the player

by Beth  
Bultman

### Support the Cause!

Give a year-end financial gift

Donate a stringed instrument

Invest in FlexNote--look for details soon on growing your money with Symerge / SCOR!.

- ★ Stick with string playing! I have met many adults who bemoan giving up playing, but never met anyone who wishes they had quit earlier.
- ★ Be patient with yourself. Learning a string instrument is a lengthy but rewarding process.
- ★ Embrace risk-taking. It's the only way to get better!
- ★ Improving on a string instrument is like improving in a sport. We don't expect instant success or results, but with practice and discipline come progress.
- ★ Are you too hard on yourself? Give yourself the same grace you give others.
- ★ Playing an instru-

ment is good for your health. You develop physical coordination, auditory sensitivity, and forge new pathways in your brain through musical challenges and experiences. \*

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# Quiz Time!

**Are you a SCOR! expert?** Test yourself & see:

1. SCOR! is the string experience for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. SCOR! was founded by...
  - a. Roberts Wesleyan College
  - b. Kyle & Beth Bultman
  - c. Symerge
  - d. A group of teachers & amateur musicians
  - e. The New Horizons Orchestra
3. SCOR! offices are located at...
  - a. a corporate office park
  - b. Roberts Wesleyan College
  - c. a home
  - d. an old warehouse
  - e. Starbucks
4. SCOR! has been around for \_\_\_\_ years.
  - a. 1
  - b. 5
  - c. 9
  - d. 15
  - e. 21
5. True or False? I'm not good enough to attend SCOR!

**Answers:**

1. Adults. Many string camps cater to kids and teens, but few are designed specifically for adults.
2. b. Kyle & Beth Bultman founded SCOR! in 2001. Until Dec. '08 it was a small business of the Bultmans.
3. c. The home of the founders.
4. c. SCOR! Rochester is in its ninth season.
5. False! Actually, that's impossible. There are many levels of instruction to accommodate your needs. You may even attend SCOR! if you have never touched a string instrument before! What are you waiting for? \*

## Meet a Camper...

**Bob has attended SCOR! Rochester for 3 seasons.**

I am 66 years old and my wife Linda and I are retired from the Kodak Research Labs. We have two married children and a grandchild and we all live in Rochester, NY. The violin and I go back to grade and high school. We became strangers until my early 40s when I took it up again. I got really serious in my 60's after I joined the New Horizons Orchestra where I made new

friends and found a new avocation. It was there that I learned about SCOR!. I have attended SCOR! three times now and have had a



great time every time. The faculty are friendly, helpful, and enthusiastic. I particularly

enjoy the recitals, at which Beth and Kyle have performed original compositions much to everyone's enjoyment. The attendees hail from all levels of technical expertise and we all have a great time playing, learning, and helping each other. The atmosphere is friendly, informal and encouraging. If you haven't tried a string camp before, I recommend this one for your first experience. \* -R.W.

## Kids eXpress! With Creativity

Express!, another program area of Symerge, builds artistic creativity and expression in children. This past April, Kyle & Beth Bultman worked with the 3rd grade at Byron-Bergen Elementary School. Students expressed moods through percussive instruments and colorful paintings, which were woven together electronically and

celebrated at an all-school assembly. Here's what the kids said about Express!: "We learned that music and art can express feelings, mood, stories, and pictures." and "We enjoyed composing with you and listening to our classes' songs." \* -B.B.



## Savoring Sweets & Sounds

The SCOR! Benefit Concert & Dessert held Nov. 21st in Rochester, NY was a resounding success. Performing in the concert were SCOR! faculty members Kyle and Beth Bultman, Lisa Caravan, and Sandra Halleran, and pianist Ivanka Driankova. The program included works by Beth Korinn Bultman, Max Bruch, Gaspar Cassadó, and Getty/Townend. Featured was the world premiere of Beth's latest solo for violin, "Of Struggle and Transformation." The spirit of this innovative new work is as the title suggests, and the music itself embarks upon a journey of conflict and

change, aided with the use of a looping pedal.

The concert had more than 60 attendees who, in the dessert reception to follow, had



Sandra & Ivanka

the opportunity to sample a range of fabulous gourmet cakes served with coffee and tea by SCOR! volunteers. Donations received were generous, resulting in contributions of over \$1,900 to benefit SCOR!.

This superb evening was the first in a series of benefit concerts planned to take place in 2010. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with benefit concerts during the "Be Inspired" Tour. If you'd like to contribute time and talents to an event in your city, please let us know. Help is always appreciated! \* -R.P.



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Our special thanks to Chuck & Carole Berry for giving \$10,000 for Symerge's inaugural season. You have inspired us!  
-Kyle & Beth

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looking forward to seeing fresh faces and old friends alike as we gather in Rochester for camp this summer. For those who have



**Lisa Caravan Conducts the Basic Ensemble**

asked for "more of SCOR!" don't miss out on our exciting pre-camp options, new for 2010 as we strive to bring you more of what you enjoy. If you've been sitting on the fence wondering if SCOR! is right for you, wonder no more. SCOR! 2010 offers more opportunities than ever, tailoring your string camp experience to meet your individual needs and desires.

**Register today!** \* -R.P.

**Workshops Debut**

Last winter we debuted SCOR! Workshops in Cincinnati OH, Grand Rapids MI, Stamford CT, and Atlanta GA.

Participants enjoyed numerous engaging sessions including string orchestra reading, technique tips, and faculty recitals. Some tried fiddling and improvising for the first time. Others learned ensemble skills and addressed how to overcome mental obstacles in playing.

SCOR! staff are excited to bring you more workshops, plus concerts and free classes in this season's "Be Inspired Tour." (See Pg. 1) \*

-B.B.



**Workshop Faculty Karen Krummel**

*"Thank you for a great (SCOR!) workshop. My musical expression feels much more unstuck, and overall, I feel much more joyful. I feel like I can breathe now when I play." -D.G.*

**Catch the Vision...**

- Fight fear
- Spread joy
- Impact lives
- Feel freedom
- Unlock minds
- Express hearts
- Inspire passion
- Release tension
- Spark creativity
- Develop courage
- Embolden artists
- Give opportunity
- Unleash potential
- Encourage curiosity
- Enable transformation

**Join us!**



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