



## South Hills Junior Orchestra Celebrates 35 Years, and...

# You Are Invited to the Party!

**The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration SHJO Concert** will be held

Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the  
Fort Couch Middle School Gym  
515 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
RSVP: [pfox@shjo.org](mailto:pfox@shjo.org)

**We need *your* help:**

- “Dust off” your instrument and rehearse with SHJO on Saturdays in June in the Fort Couch Band Room
- Attend the alumni reunion on June 24
- Help find email addresses of SHJO alumni
- Send a short reflection about SHJO to share at the party
- Donate to the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift: <http://www.shjo.org/donate/>



For more information, please read and share this letter to all SHJO Family Members.



South Hills Junior Orchestra  
P.O. Box 12642  
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March 12, 2018

**Dear Member of the South Hills Junior Orchestra "Family,"**

Can you believe that SHJO is 35 years old!!! We started in the Fall of 1983 to create an opportunity for musicians to "come together" in the orchestral setting to make music for the sheer joy of it in a non-judgmental, stimulating, and nurturing environment.

To celebrate this milestone, we are inviting all SHJO alumni to dust off their instrument (or borrow one from a friend) and rejoin the group to celebrate with us to reprise some of the top "35" selections from our history of performances. No, it doesn't matter if you have been "practicing lately!" We would love to see you and to reconnect with you to catch up on news about your families, and to reflect on some of the notable musical experiences we have shared. (Remember the day that the Canadian Brass came to one of our rehearsals, or the concert at the State Capitol when the Governor stopped by to listen on his way to lunch, just to name two of our finest moments!)

For the concert, we will share some of our "golden oldies!" Do you remember *Drunken Sailors Dance*, *Fireworks Music*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, or *Procession of the Sardar*, just to name just a few?

The SHJO Boosters are assisting, as always, to make this a memorable event for all. The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert will be held at Fort Couch Middle School in the Gym on **Sunday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m.** Throughout the month of June, we are rehearsing on Saturdays in the Fort Couch MS Band Room from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are in the area, please stop over! We will hold one final rehearsal in the Fort Couch Gym on Saturday, June 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We encourage you to come early so we get started on the "catching up" before we practice and reflect on the SHJO experience! We will send you copies of the music if you want to prepare ahead of time. Following the rehearsal, we will all move to the cafeteria for pizza and ice cream.

As we have done at each significant milestone, we will be honoring the Upper St. Clair School District with a gift for their generosity over these 35 years. You may recall that we have enjoyed rent-free rehearsal space and use of instruments and the stage for more than 70 concerts. In appreciation, our altruistic members, parents, staff, and alumni have "given back" to the school district and donated xylophones, trombones, music storage units, podiums, director chairs, Clavinova pianos, and a Bose Music System, as well as contributing to the purchase of the Steinway Concert D Grand Piano and the acoustic shell on the stage!

**Please RSVP at [pfox@shjo.org](mailto:pfox@shjo.org) if you are planning to attend and indicate if you are interested in receiving music.** Could you also pass this information along to other SHJO alumni and invite them, and also send us their e-mail and/or current snail-mail address to follow-up.

If you find that you are not able attend, please send a message about where you are, what you do. Would you be willing to make a contribution to the SHJO 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift fund? (Please go to <http://www.shjo.org/donate/>.) Finally, perhaps you could also give a short reflection about SHJO which we will share at the June 24<sup>th</sup> reunion.

We hope to hear from you by May 1, 2018... and please, spread the word to other SHJO "family members."

Sincerely,

Founding Directors



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