

BASSOON DAY at the VYOA

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

*Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College
Colchester, Vermont*



Dear Bassoonists, Woodwind players, and Music Educators:

You are invited to this year's **Bassoon Day** on Tuesday, November 15th, hosted by the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association at Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College. We have a wonderful afternoon of workshops plus bassoon band taking place from 3:30-6:15 pm, followed by a master class from 6:30-8 pm. This year's guest artist is **Dana Jessen**, who is leading the bassoon world in exciting new directions. She has collaborated with musicians & engineers to create interactive musical robots, performs widely across the U.S. and Europe, works regularly with video artists, and is commissioning a major new work for seven bassoons by American composer, Michael Gordon. Dana brings ideas, energy and inspiration to all musicians! Bassoon Day is free and open to all bassoonists, woodwind players, parents and music educators. Sponsored by the VYOA.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:00-3:30 pm – Arrive, warm-up, schmooze, etc. at Elley-Long Music Center

*(NB: free parking lot is located **behind** the building. Please do not park in front, or by dorms.)*

3:30-4:30 pm – Introduction to playing with amplification & electronics

We'll have special bocals for bassoonists and microphones for woodwind players to try out some current hardware and software techniques, including analog and digital foot pedals, Max/MSP software, and others. Tap into your inner rock star! *(Open to all woodwinds)*

4:30-5:30 pm – Workshop on improvisation

Access and stretch your creativity as a musician by moving away from the written page. Dana will bring improvisation games that make this easy for everyone to participate! Remember: Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven were all fluent improvisers. *(Open to all woodwinds)*

5:30-6:30 pm – Dinner break, on your own

5:30-6:15 pm – Bassoon band

Open to all bassoonists! We'll play some classic bassoon ensemble pieces plus new arrangements of hits by Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga, and more.

(We'll end promptly at 6:15 pm so you can grab a quick bite...a "bag lunch" is recommended for the occasion.)

6:30-8:00 pm – Master class with Dana Jessen, open to the public

We look forward to seeing you in November. If you have any questions, please be in touch. You'll find updates and additional information at www.bassoonproject.org.

Sincerely,
Rachael Elliott

CALL FOR PERFORMERS:

Would you like to perform in Dana Jessen's bassoon master class on Nov. 15th? If so, please contact Rachael Elliott with the name of the piece, composer and movement that you are prepared to play.

Space is limited to five people. Chamber groups with bassoon are also welcome to apply.

Contact: rachael@bassoonproject.org or telephone: (646) 286-2326