

Fidelity FutureStage Program at Underwood 2009-2010

The North Carolina Symphony is one of five of the nation's symphonies working with Fidelity Investments to bring music education into public schools. Future Stage creates a unique educational opportunity that spans the school year and provides students with new opportunities to explore and expand their interest in music. This is the second year that Underwood has participated in the program.

Future Stage enables students to participate in both in-school and out-of-school activities, including:

- instrument donations
- field trips to symphony performances
- mentoring by professionals
- symphony musician demonstrations and performances
- opportunities for student ensembles to play in public forums

As part of this program, the NC Symphony Brass Quintet will play at Underwood on Nov. 23 for the 2nd and 3rd grades as well as all band and strings students. Our strings students will play in the Meymandi lobby before the January 22 symphony performance. The participating students and a parent will also receive a free ticket to the symphony performance. To prepare for the performance, the students will have a master class at our school with a North Carolina Symphony member.

Events that are scheduled this year that include our entire school include:

- Underwood 4th grade students will attend a NC Symphony Education Concert *What Makes Music Music?* on October 20. To support the program, the symphony will provide student and instructor books as well as CDs.
- All Underwood students will be able to attend one of the NC Symphony's Young People's concerts free (and parents are only \$5). *Phantom of the Orchestra* will be performed on Saturday Oct. 31 at 11 am. Look for the order form soon.
- All fourth grade students and all string students will attend two open rehearsals of the NC Symphony at Meymandi Concert Hall: *Fiesta Latina* on Friday Jan. 15th and *The Planets* on Thursday March 4.