



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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Volunteers supporting today's symphony and tomorrow's musicians.

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

5:30 p.m. - Registration

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

Kalamazoo Country Club

Price \$28

Program

Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor

Menu

Cash Bar - Alcoholic Beverages

Apple & Walnut Stuffed Chicken

Wild Rice Pilaf

Char Grilled Vegetable Melange

Lemon Curd Tarts

Dinner Rolls - Butter

Tea - Coffee - Water

Reservations

by Tuesday, May 17th

to Mary Klenow ★ 327-8451

email: mklenow@hotmail.com

President's Notes

Esther Wurfel, President



This year has absolutely flown by and believe it or not, our KSOL year is coming to a close! Mary Klenow, our President-elect, is busy putting the final touches on the invitations to the Annual Meeting on May 24th at the Kalamazoo Country Club. Included in the invitation will be a membership renewal form and the nominating committee candidates list.

Please fill out the membership renewal form, even if nothing has changed. To assist our new Membership Chair, it's important to renew your KSOL dues before May 31st.

We will be presenting several Lladros from the Ramona Bernhard collection at the Annual Meeting for you to bid on. These highly prized collector items were donated to us from Ramona's estate and we are very fortunate to have an opportunity to purchase them and support the KSOL at the same time! Please bring your check books and get ready for some intense bidding! We will also have a small collection of prints donated to us by a local wild life artist, Kathy Whitehead Brogan. Kathy is one of the artists who painted a bench for the new Kalamazoo International Airport Terminal that will be open to the public on April 27th. We truly live in a very rich artistic community that we should all be proud of!

Speaking of wonderful art work; our spring project, *Musical Chairs*, is in full swing! What a fabulous job our artists have done to create 12 unique pieces of art work. To get the latest on "*Musical Chairs*", raffle ticket sales, newsletter and member information, please visit www.KSOLeague.com

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on May 24th! Warmly, Esther

Raffle Ticket Highlights

Mary Klenow, Raffle Chair

The *Musical Chairs 2011* team is excited about KSOL's Spring Project – we want all our members to be as excited and proud of this community-wide project! Raffle Tickets have been mailed and hand delivered to all KSOL members. We have kept the ticket price low, \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 so everyone can participate. The top five raffle ticket sellers will have their choice of a:

- 3 Hour Sailboat Cruise for Two from South Haven with Sue & George Forrester
- Summer Dinner for Two at the Home of Julianne & Craig Rethwill
- One Hour Massage at First Impressions Salon & Spa, Portage
- Deluxe Spa Pedicure at First Impressions Salon & Spa, Portage
- Firekeepers Casino, Battle Creek, Two Meal Tickets for the Mijem Buffet

Please sell or purchase all the tickets you have received. Please remember to mail me your ticket stubs so they can be entered in the drawing at our Finale Party, May 21. If you would like to volunteer to sell tickets at one of our upcoming events, please contact me at 327-8451. Remember KSOL's commitment is to raise funds for our wonderful KSO!

May Program 2011

Elizabeth Youker, Program Chair

Coming off a thrilling eleventh season with KSO, we welcome Maestro Raymond Harvey as our guest presenter in May. Continuing a much-anticipated annual meeting custom, he will share his engaging reflections on the past season and whet our appetite for the exciting year ahead.

Maestro Harvey is regarded across the nation as an artist of great energy and elegance. Whether leading the orchestra, performing at the keyboard, working with young people, or presenting a lecture, Maestro Harvey is immediately engaging, brilliant, and clever.

If you are new to our organization and haven't met him personally before, don't miss this opportunity!



Raymond Harvey

Musical Chairs 2011 is here!



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The April 1, Art Hop Preview Party was a **great** success, thanks to Jan Boesch and Kathie Tomlinson, Art Hop Chairs, and all of our volunteers. The festive music by KSO percussionists Greg Secor and Mark Guthrie really got us moving and enjoying ourselves.

The displays of our *Musical Chairs* were artistic and appreciated by all, thanks to Janet Thieme and Sue Forrester, Display Chairpersons.

Sales of the creative *Musical Chairs Note Cards* got us off to a great start, thanks to Heather Ingram and Barbara Smith, Note Card Chairs. These lovely **Note Cards** are in limited supply and will be available for purchase in boxes of twelve for \$10.

Look for the colorful *Musical Chairs* posters and brochures which will be displayed around Kalamazoo and Portage along with the chairs. Huge thanks to Mary Ellen Agar and Mary Lam-Rodrigues, Printing and PR Chairs respectively, for their hard work on these materials.

Please take time to thank the following businesses, where the chairs will be displayed, for supporting the **KSOL** and *Musical Chairs* when you visit these locations:

April 15, 28 & May 7	KSO Concerts
April 2-12	Little Sprout Children's Boutique Midtown Gallery
April 2-19	Fifth Third Bank, Woodbridge
April 2-May 6	Morrison Jewelers
April 4-May 6	V & A Bootery, Kalamazoo V & A Bootery, Portage
April 2-15 & May 7-19	Martell's, Kalamazoo
April 2- May 19	Stein Mart
April 16-28 & May 8-19	Food Dance
April 16-May 6	Portage Senior Center
April 20-28	Carlisle Collection - Trunk Show, Best Western Suites
May 7-19	Eve Salonspa, Fieldstone Grill Kalamazoo Country Club Plata Y Oro Jewelers Sticks & Stones, The Beacon Club
May 8-19	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Now the *Musical Chairs* raffle ticket sales is up to you, our able and supportive KSOL members! The six chairs that will be available via raffle are pictured here. This will be the major source of revenue for this project. Mary has announced some great prizes for the KSOL members who are our top raffle ticket sellers! **So let's get out in the community and support this exciting project through raffle ticket sales!**

Julianne Wood-Rethwill, *Project Chair*



If you missed the April Art Hop, plan to attend the May 6th Art Hop at the Park Trades Center, Suite 202, from 5 to 8 pm. The twelve **Musical Chairs** will again be exhibited and we will be enjoying music by Steve Kemmerling.

We also hope you plan to attend our fantastic **Finale Party, "Denim, Dancing & Desserts"** which will be held in the beautiful WMU Richmond Center for Visual Arts on May 21st from 7 – 9:30 pm. We will be entertained by the Martha Reid Quartet. We will announce the winners of the six raffle chairs, and hold a silent auction for three and a live auction of three. Jessica Maronto, Finale Party Chair is working hard with Florence Nelson, Party Decorations Chair to make sure it's a wonderful evening for all! Reservations at \$30 per person are due by May 13 to Diane Heckler, Reservations Chair. **Don't delay, reserve now!**

Please join our incredible *Musical Chairs* committee in supporting this creative, community-wide project to benefit our wonderful KSO!

Raffle

1

"Put Your Bunnies in the Foxy Chair"
Artist: Lynette Baber
Sponsor: Eve Salonspa

2

"Sunrise Over the Snow"
Artist: Rachael Castle-Hertz
Sponsor: First National Bank of Michigan

3

"A Tassel with Spring"
Artist: Val Karam
Sponsor: Nancy B. Land

4

"Vivaldi Four Seasons"
Artist: Linda Manguiat-Herzog
Sponsor: John & Linda Dunn

5

"Handel's Water Music"
Artist: Terri D. Springer
Sponsor: David & Carol Simpson

6

"Beach Chair"
Artist: Brian Walters
Sponsor: KSOL Friend

Education / Scholarship

Some of you may wonder if you are qualified to help with the **Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo**. I usually tell prospective docents that I have only one requirement: they have to like working with children! One does not have to be musical or have prior experience with a musical instrument. One does not have to have experience in the field of education, although several of our docents ARE retired teachers who just can't stay out of a classroom! We have both men and women, and our docents range from college-age on up — we do not have an upper limit!

This month I would like to feature the men of the zoo! Dale Working is a retired band director from the Comstock Public School system. Michael Krischer and Rollie Preuss are both string players. George Forrester, Maynard Schuur, and Tim Thieme all play brass instruments. What a dynamic group of docents!

These men are just a few of the many fine volunteers who keep this hands-on educational program alive and running smoothly. Please enjoy these pictures of our very special male docents as they demonstrate the instruments and work with the students. Thank you to all of you who contribute to our success in so many different ways.

Jane Hoogerheide, *Education/scholarship Chair*



Dale Working



George Forrester



Rollie Preuss



Maynard Schuur



Rollie Preuss



Tim Thieme

Membership

The number of new members usually slows down in March. Not so this year! Please welcome Karla and Mark Piper, Jeanne Hay, Janis Clark, and our newest members, Sally Roach, and Beth and Scott Luppe.

Yes, other men are joining us! Don't forget that bargain price, just \$20 for a spouse or partner, plus your own dues. Have lunch or dinner with your "special someone" while attending KSOL meetings.

New members since September have already been active! You might have seen them at the EXPO, Youth Concert. Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo, the Chicago Bus trip, KSO Office Assistance or Musical Chairs. This is the best way to get to know other KSOL members.

Barbara Farraye, *Membership Chair*

Do get involved to fulfill our mission: "Volunteers supporting today's symphony and tomorrow's musicians!"

Notes Sent to Members:

Congratulations to: Darlene Pontello and Tim Warren who were recently married. Janis Clark, who was named as "**Ambassador of the Year**" by the Chamber of Commerce.

Thinking of you to: Pat Rowe and Pat Lisk who are recuperating and doing well after recent surgeries.

As always, I ask that you let me know who would be happy to hear from their friends in KSOL. These notes represent you.

I am looking forward to our next meeting.



IMPORTANT!!!
ALERT TO ALL KSOL MEMBERS...

Dues for the 2011-2012 are payable any time between now and May 31st.

If your dues are not paid, you will not be included in the Directory, which will be compiled this summer.

Those who joined in March 2011 have already paid.

A new Membership Form is required, even if the information is the same as before. They are consulted throughout the year when the interests you indicated are considered.

Our President for 2011-2012, Mary Klenow, will include the Membership Form in her welcoming letter.

Thanks for your careful attention to the DUES and the MEMBERSHIP FORM!

KSOL Book Club

Sharon Gulbis, *Book Club Chair*

Body & Soul by Frank Conroy is the May 17th Book Club Discussion. This is a wonderfully touching story about a young boy, a musical prodigy, who sees this gift as more than who he is, but also as an escape from a very difficult home life. He makes the most of opportunities and becomes a great musician, while learning some life experiences the hard way. It is a lovely depiction of the resilience of the human spirit and the unfolding of a genius. You can almost hear the music.

Please join us at Kazoo Books on Parkview, at 10:00, for a lively discussion, good friends and coffee. No Meeting in April.



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April Calendar of Events

- Fri. Apr. 15** 8:00 pm KSO Concert - Miller Auditorium
1812 Overture
Raymond Harvey, Conductor
- Thurs. Apr. 28** 8:00 pm KSO Concert - Miller Auditorium
90th Celebration Concert
Yo-Yo Ma
Raymond Harvey, Conductor

May Calendar of Events

- Fri. May 6** 5 - 8 pm *Musical Chairs* Art Hop
The Park Trades Center
W. Kalamazoo Ave. Suite 202

May Calendar of Events cont'd

- Sat. May 7** 8:00 pm 2010-2011 Pops Series
Miller Auditorium
The Music of John Williams
Raymond Harvey, Conductor
- Sun. May 8** 3:00 pm Family Discovery Series - Chenery
Star Wars Spectacular
Raymond Harvey, Conductor
- Tues. May 10** 11:30 am Executive Committee
12:00 am Full Board Meeting
Presidents Luncheon
- Sat. May 21** 7:00 pm *Musical Chairs* Finale Party
WMU Richmond Center

Tues. May 24 5:30 pm - Annual Meeting

Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor
Kalamazoo Country Club

Please note the Annual Meeting date in the Membership Directory was incorrect.

Mission Statement

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League is a volunteer organization committed to promoting and supporting the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (KSO) by:

- raising funds for the operating budget of the KSO
- promoting the appreciation and understanding of symphonic music in the community, and by
- providing symphonic music educational opportunities for the youth in the community

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