



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
10:30 a.m. - Registration
11:00 a.m. - Meeting/Program
12:00 Noon - Lunch

Program

D. Terry Williams
Professor Emeritus,
WMU Theater Dept.

Epic Bistro

Price \$18

Menu

Caesar Salad with Salmon
and Caesar Dressing

or

House Salad with Chicken Breast
and Citrus Vinaigrette Dressing

Rolls - Butter

New York Style Cheese Cake
with Fruit Compote Dessert

Tea, Coffee or Soda

Reservations

by Tuesday, March 1st
to Mary Klenow * 327-8451
email: mklenow@hotmail.com

President's Notes

As I write to you for the March newsletter, everyone is busy digging out from the Blizzard of 2011! I must admit, it did not compare to the blizzard of 1967 or 1978.... surely many of you remember?! Even though we've been home bound, many of our members have been very busy planning and organizing our spring project, "Musical Chairs". I can't wait to see what fabulous creations our artists have in store for us! At the April general meeting you will be receiving five raffle tickets to sell or buy and I encourage you to help, as much as possible, to make "Musical Chairs" a financial success. This is our major fund raising event for the year to help support our fabulous Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra!

We have a new President-elect! Thanks to our hard working Nominating Committee and chair Lilly Baraka. Mary Klenow has enthusiastically agreed to step in for Michael Werden! The KSOL

Esther Wurfel, President



board of directors voted to accept the new installation and will have asked for your vote at the February 8th general meeting.

Mary will be announcing the Ways and Means meetings very soon. Please join her as we plan for next year's fund raising events.

To get the latest on "Musical Chairs", newsletter and member information, please visit www.KSOLLeague.com

I look forward to seeing you at the March general meeting!

Warmly,
Esther



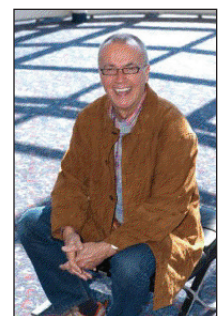
March Program 2011

We are thrilled to welcome D. Terry Williams as our guest presenter as we look forward to KSO's March 25 performance of Peter Boyer's Ellis Island: Dream of America.

Williams is our stage director for the multi-media production, which includes actors from the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre in portrayal of immigrants who came to the US through Ellis Island.

D. Terry Williams, WMU Professor Emeritus, is known for his quick wit and wonderful storytelling ability. We can look forward to a very engaging program as "D. Terry" shares his insights on the preparations and performance of Boyer's masterpiece.

Elizabeth Youker, Program Chair



D. Terry Williams

Education / Scholarship



Ann Wuerthele and Sally Roach



Tim Thieme

The Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo hit the road again on January 27th, when we went to the Montessori School. Not only was this a new school for us, but we welcomed four new docents at that zoo. Janet and Tim Thieme, Sally Roach, and Nancy Diamond all joined us for the first time that day. I'm happy to report that they were quickly immersed in all the hustle and bustle of the zoo and seem excited to return for their next scheduled zoos! We have five more new docents scheduled for zoos during the month of February, and we heartily welcome Lis Aldrich, Annelies Carson, Brigette Cripe, Jessica Maronto, and Kristina Wood, who is also the new Education Assistant at the KSO.

Jane Hoogerheide, Education/scholarship Chair



These winter months are filled with zoos, and our hope is that zoo days and snow days never occur simultaneously! Well, I am writing this article on a beautiful Thursday morning when I should be at a zoo, but alas, it is the blizzard of 2011, and as a result, two of our zoos are canceled. The good news is that we have already rescheduled one of them, and most of the original docents are able and willing to attend this zoo next month. Our volunteers are the best!



Nancy Diamond



Janet Thieme

Musical Chairs



Musical Chairs 2011 is underway! Our wonderful project committee is doing a great job of finding creative solutions to the challenges inherent in such an innovative, community-wide project. I am so pleased and grateful to have such an

excellent group of sub-committee chairs working hard on this exciting project! I am especially thrilled to have one of our newer members, Jessica Maronto, step in as our Finale Party Chair. She's energetic and is bringing many new ideas.

Our twelve artists are diligently working on transforming their vintage chairs into whimsical works of art. The *Musical Chairs* will be unveiled during our preview party at the April 1st Art Hop in the Epic Center Atrium. We are pleased that the Burdick Thorne Quartet has agreed to play for this event. The twelve chairs will again be exhibited at the May 6th Art Hop at the Park Trades Center, Suite 202.

The chairs will be showcased at various venues, KSO concerts and in business windows in Kalamazoo and Portage from April 1st until the Finale Party on Saturday, May 21st.

Julianne Wood-Rethwill, Project Chair



The Finale Party will be held in the beautiful WMU Richmond Center for Visual Arts. At the Finale Party, we will announce the winners of the raffle for six of the *Musical Chairs*, and hold a silent auction for three and a live auction of three.

I echo my previous call: we want and need any and all of our KSOL members to join in supporting this project in some way. All of us on the project committee will be grateful to have help. Being a part of one of KSOL's project committees is fun, challenging and a great way to make new friends!



The Before Look of the Chairs that the Artists will transform.

Membership

Barbara Farraye, Membership Chair

Despite frigid air, snow, and ice, KSOL members came to “man” our booth at the Women’s Lifestyle EXPO on January 21 and 22. In all, 25 members gave their time (and some their money) to attract attendees as potential new members for KSOL. Some even did double duty to prepare the booth and dismantle it.

Our booth was designed by Bonnie Fonner and was very classy, actually sophisticated, with the red, white, and black color scheme. Mary Klenow and “yours truly” met Bonnie on Thursday, January 21, to set up. Bonnie was so organized, it took about an hour. It featured a power point presentation of KSOL members at former projects and meetings, and an area asking for a donation of \$5 or more for Maestro Raymond Harvey’s 10th anniversary favorites on CD. The CD’s went like “hot cakes” and were played throughout the event, even from the central PA system! Beautiful!

The booth also offered heart-shaped chocolate candy wrapped in red foil, ball point pens from KSO, red and silver balloons, colorful banners (including the KSO mission statement as well as the Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo). Perhaps the most important feature was the red flyer with attached form given to each attendee which asked for name, phone numbers and e-mail address. They put their information in a box for drawing of door prizes. It was from this information that potential members were contacted. We’re expecting 5 at our next meeting and 3 additional ones in March. There was a lot of enthusiasm when they were contacted. Please make them feel welcome.

Those members who have joined since September will receive a copy of this beautiful 10th Anniversary collection by the KSO. Our Maestro plays solo piano, and directs the orchestra for each selection.

There were so many of you who contributed to the success of this event.

The flyer Margaret and Jim Woodhams, Esther Wurfel

and Mary Klenow

The Booth (everyone dressed smartly in black) Heather Ingram, Jane Hoogerheide, Nancy Diamond, Joyce Budge, Ann Wuerthele, Jessica Maronto, Char Hansen, Dorothy Castor, Barbara Smith, Mary Lam Rodrigues, Cheryl Warren, Diane Robertson, Carol Hoppenrath, Rosemary Holtzer, Sharon Gulbis, Pat Shiley, Mabel Stenesh, Judy Schurr and Nancy Thiele

The Signs designed by Sue Forrester

More thank you’s to:

Thom Andrews who contributed 4 door prizes consisting of 4 tickets each to KSO concerts, lots of ball point pens, and concert information, including Yo Yo Ma’s appearance.

Liz Youker who arranged with **Audrey Lipsey, Sarah Hedelund, and Grace Field** for music on stage by the Crescendo Trio, Crescendo Fiddlers, and Grace Notes. Very enjoyable!!! (“supporting tomorrow’s musicians!”)

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION IN OUR DIRECTORY!

Mary Ellen Agar will be preparing an addendum to include additions and corrections. Contact her at maryellenagar@chartermi.net or 330-0847.

Do so as soon as possible.

Other news:

Welcome to Rosemarie Parsons, a former member who has returned to KSOL and to the other new members Annelies Carson, Nancy Diamond and Jessica Maronto

“Thinking of You” to Stacy Little who had a severe injury to her leg, and is now improving.

Congratulations to Darlene Pontello who is engaged to be married!

Change of Address: Sally Bristol,
5136 Colony Woods,
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Keep me informed about other member’s news.



KSOL Book Club

Sharon Gulbis, Book Club Chair

Please join us on March 15th at Kazoo Books on Parkview Avenue at 10:00 a.m.

The KSOL joins in our Community Read book, **Strength in What Remains** by Tracy Kidder. This is a wonderfully written account of a young medical student from the mountains of Burundi, who overcomes genocide, and of his remarkable American journey. **Strength in What Remains** is an extra ordinary tale of human courage, compassion and kindness and is a truly powerful story.

Please note that if weather closes the Kalamazoo Schools we will not meet .

You may order your books through Gloria Tiller, Kazoo Books. ❖ Hope to see you on Tuesdays!



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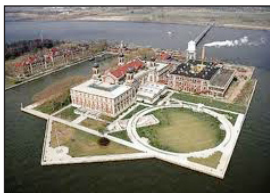
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Calendar of Events for March

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| Tues. | Mar. 1 | 11:30 am
12:00 am | Executive Committee
Full Board Meeting
Parkview Hills Club |  |
| Tues. | Mar. 8 | 10:30 am | General Meeting
Epic Bistro | |
| Fri. | Mar. 11 | 8:00 pm | Epic Evenings - Cityscape
<u>Spring Evening</u>
Burdick - Thorne String Quartet | |
| Fri. | Mar. 25 | 8:00 pm | KSO Concert - Miller Auditorium
<u>Ellis Island</u>
Raymond Harvey, Conductor
Civic Theater Actors
D. Terry Williams, Director | |



Calendar of Events for April

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| Tues. | Apr. 5 | 11:30 am
12:00 am | Executive Committee
Full Board Meeting
Parkview Hills Club |  |
| Tues. | Apr. 12 | 6:00 pm | General Meeting
Ladies Library | |
| Fri. | Apr. 15 | 8:00 pm | KSO Concert - Miller Auditorium
<u>1812 Overture</u>
Raymond Harvey, Conductor | |
| Thurs. | Apr. 28 | 8:00 pm | KSO Concert - Miller Auditorium
<u>90th Celebration Concert</u>
<u>Yo-Yo Ma</u>
Raymond Harvey, Conductor | |



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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