



# Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

## General Meeting

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

### Program

Dr. Barry Ross & his Violin  
KSO Assistant Conductor & Former  
Concertmaster

### Moors Grille Room

Price \$15

### Menu

Valentine's Luncheon  
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Garden Rice - Broccoli  
Mixed Greens Salad  
Rolls - Butter

Special Valentine's Dessert  
Tea, Coffee or Soda

### Reservations

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



## President's Notes

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with you families and are ready to begin another exciting KSOL year!

At the December board meeting the spring Home Tour was officially cancelled, as we were unable to secure homes. The painted chair project "*Musical Chairs*" that I mentioned in our November/December newsletter, is now our main focus. Julianne Wood-Rethwill has very graciously agreed to chair the project, thank you Julianne! Detailed information regarding "*Musical Chairs*" is included in this newsletter. There is one committee position that still needs to be filled, please let Julianne know if you are interested. It's a very exciting fund raising project that combines music and the visual arts!

As you may have heard, Michael Werden resigned from the KSOL Board as President-elect last November. We were very saddened by the news and

Esther Wurfel, *President*



wish him all the best in the future. He will stay on as our web-site manager and we are grateful for the wonderful job he is doing! Thank you Michael!

I encourage you to visit the web site for directory information, the newsletter, membership and project updates. It's: [www.KSOLeague.com](http://www.KSOLeague.com) – just a reminder!

As a result of Michael's resignation, Lilly Baraka and the nominating committee are searching for a replacement. If you are interested in a board leadership position, please give Lilly a call or send her an email.

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

Warmly,  
Esther

## February Program 2011

February can sure be cold and dreary! Luckily we have one of our warmest and dearest KSO friend with us this month: none other than Maestro Barry Ross.

Ross will tell the fascinating journey of his violin, and of course share some beautiful music as well. The instruments played by professional musicians are often centuries old, and have travelled fascinating routes to arrive in the hands of their current owners. Barry Ross joined the KSO as concertmaster in 1972. Not long after, he found that the orchestra owned a wonderful violin, which he was invited to use. As it happens, it was an instrument he had "met" before.

Do join us to find out more about two great KSO personalities—Barry Ross and his violin.

Elizabeth Youker, *Program Chair*



Barry Ross

## Musical Chairs

Julianne Wood-Rethwill, Project Chair



You may remember seeing the painted cows in Chicago or the embellished pigs in Seattle? This spring, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League is very excited to present our fundraising project, **MUSICAL CHAIRS**. *This fabulous event joins the rich musical heritage and artistic talents of our community.*

We are extremely pleased to have Mrs. Linda Dunn, wife of WMU President, John Dunn, as our Honorary Chair. The proceeds generated from this wonderful project will benefit the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra by producing visibility, publicity and financial support. By drawing attention to the symphony and developing new partnerships with local artists, together we will promote the arts in Kalamazoo!

Twelve gifted local artists have graciously agreed to transform twelve vintage chairs into whimsical works of art. Each exceptional creation will be as unique as the artists and their individual visions and mediums. The artists are: Lynette Baber, Rachel Castle, Sy Ellens, Val Karam, Dan Kilgore, Gretchen Leguizamon, Linda Manguiat-Herzog, Bonnie Pfungst, Teri Springer, Sara Strong, Brian Walters, and our own KSOL member, Brenda Murphy.

The **MUSICAL CHAIRS** will be unveiled during our exciting preview party at the Downtown Art Hop on Friday, April 1st in the Epic Center Atrium and again at the May 6th Art Hop. We will be selecting six chairs for a live auction and six chairs to be raffled.

The chairs will be showcased at various venues, KSO concerts and in business windows in Kalamazoo and Portage until the raffle drawing and auction at the fantastic Finale Party on Saturday, May 21st.

We are extremely pleased that Norman Carver, noted local photographer and author of seven photographic books on world architecture, has agreed to photograph each of the **MUSICAL CHAIRS**. We will produce and distribute brochures publicizing the project and develop a set of note cards for sale, featuring Mr. Carver's photo of each chair.

Each of the twelve **MUSICAL CHAIRS** will be sponsored by

a local business or individual(s) for a contribution of \$250. We will also be soliciting Underwriters and Patrons of this magnificent community-wide event for a gift of \$100. If you are interested, or know of a business or persons who may be interested in being a Sponsor, Underwriter or Patron, please contact our Community Resource Director, Pam Stowell at 598-6172 or email at [pam@dowhome.net](mailto:pam@dowhome.net)

I am so pleased and grateful to have an excellent group of sub-committee chairs to work with on what promises to be a magnificent project! They are:

Secretary	Scotty Allen
Treasurer	Bonnie Fonner,
Community Resource Dir.	Pam Stowell
Art Hop Preview Party Chair	Jan Boesch and Kathie Tomlinson
Artist Liaison Chair	Carla Obringer
Auction Chair	Kay Burtis
Display & Signage Chair	Sue Forrester
Finale Party Chair	TBD
Finale Party Reservations Chair	Diane Heckler
Note Card Sales Chairs	Barbara Smith and Heather Ingram
Printing & Design Chair	Mary Ellen Agar
Public Relations Chair	Mary Lam Rodrigues
Raffle Chair	Mary Klenow
Staffing Chairs	Jo Arnold & Babs Herman

We want and need any and all of our KSOL members to join in supporting this project in some way. If you would like to join the project committee, please give me a call at 329-1193 or email at [woodrethwillj@charter.net](mailto:woodrethwillj@charter.net) or talk with one of the sub-committee chairs. All of us will be grateful to have help.

Being a part of one of KSOL's project committees is fun, fulfilling and a great way to make new friends!

Remember, you can follow the project on the KSOL web site: [www.KSOLeague.com](http://www.KSOLeague.com).

## Membership

Happy New Year, everyone! Here's hoping your holiday provided you with many beautiful memories!

January is off to a busy start! *The Women's Lifestyle Expo* was announced in the Fall. Perhaps it's on your calendar. If not, post January 21, 12:00-8:00 PM and January 22, 9:00AM-5:PM. It will be held at the Kalamazoo County Fair - Expo Center on Lake Street.

This is going to be a **HUGE** event. One-hundred and fifty booths are predicted. It will take the place of our annual Membership Reception. It's the perfect way to let a large population know about our projects and purpose. We have procured a booth which will feature drawings (2 per day) provided by the KSO office, (thanks to Thom Andrews)!

**KSOL tickets to the Expo are just \$2.00. We are vendors and can get this rate. Tickets at the door are \$5.00.**

Attendees can register for these prizes and winners will be announced on the PA system. We'll use the registration forms as contact info for potential members.

We hope to have musicians from the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra and/or from Crescendo Academy of Music, (thanks to Liz Youker and Audrey Lipsey)!

Plans are to have our booth unmistakably about music, decorated with music symbols, small instruments, balloons, flowers, wrapped candy and KSO and KSOL information. Young musicians and "freebies" are sure to attract those attending!

**Barbara Farraye**, Membership Chair



Volunteers are needed to "man" the booth. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. At least 2 are asked to assist each 2 hour shift. Please consider more than one shift.

Many members are "snow birds" and not attending, **YOU ARE NEEDED**. Further details will be available at the meeting.

Since November, the following notes have been sent:

### Thinking of you to:

- Michael Werden who has had health problems.
- Lilly Baraka, whose husband, Andre, has been ill.
- Babs Herman who is recovering from knee surgery.

### Congratulations to:

- Dwight King, Barbara's husband for being named by the NAACP as Kalamazoo's first African-American fire-fighter and fire-marshal. Barbara was also congratulated for a special birthday.
- Jennifer Barlament and husband, Ken Postic on the birth of their son, David.

### Condolence to:

- Diane Fogel, who recently lost her mother.
- Kathleen Campbell who recently lost her father.

Please continue to inform me of any member who would appreciate knowing that KSOL cares. These notes represent you. Looking forward to seeing you,

## KSOL Book Club

Save the third Tuesdays of the month for Book Club! We meet at 10:00 at Kazoo Books on Parkview. Our January 18th selection is *1791, Mozart's Last Year* by H.C. Robbins Landon. A poignant, stimulating book... rich in insights.

Our book for February 15th, *An Equal Music* by Vikram Seth, is a beautifully written novel of music, romance and the endless search for a transcendent passion... a joy to read.

"Vikram Seth's accomplishment in bringing not only his characters so fully to life, but the rich ambience of the music as well - so difficult to render in words - is something of a miracle." - Arthur Golden, author of *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

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

**Sharon Gulbis**, Book Club Chair

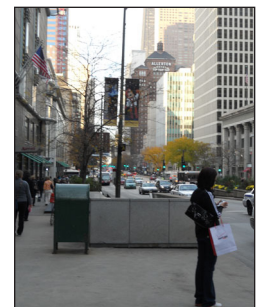


Mozart

## Chicago Bus Trip

Our Bus Trip on November 10th was a great success and enjoyed by 22 KSOL members and 18 guests! We had another wonderful day in downtown Chicago and the weather was very comfortable with temperatures close to 60 degrees. Some of our group took in a matinee that afternoon and the rest of us shopped along Michigan Ave. Many of us enjoyed a nice dinner before boarding our motor coach to return home, which is always a great way to finish off the day. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

**Jan Boesch & Rosemary Holtzer**,  
Bus Trip Co-Chairs





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### Calendar of Events for January

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 4</b>	11:30 am	Executive Committee
		12:00 am	Full Board Meeting Mary Lam-Rodrigues Home
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 11</b>	10:30 am	General Meeting Moors Grille Room
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan. 15</b>	8:00 pm	KSO Concert - Miller Auditorium <u>Verdi Requiem</u> Raymond Harvey, Conductor WMU Grand Chorus with Met Opera star Angela Brown, Soprano
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	8:00 pm	KSO Pop Series <u>Endless Summer</u> Jeans 'n Classic Beach Boys

### Calendar of Events for February

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>	11:30 am	Executive Committee
		12:00 am	Full Board Meeting Parkview Hills Club
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb. 8</b>	10:30 am	General Meeting Moors Grille Room
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>	3:00 pm	KSO Concert - K College Light Fine Arts Center <u>The World of Dvorak</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