



# Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

## General Meeting

### Tuesday Dinner

April 14, 2009  
5:30 p.m. Registration  
6:30 p.m. Dinner

### Ladies Library

#### Program

Diana Cohen, Violinist  
KSO Concertmaster  
7:00 p.m.

#### Price \$21

#### Reservations

by Tuesday, April 7  
to Heather Ingram  
321-0799  
email: [heathlee@irollsserv.net](mailto:heathlee@irollsserv.net)

#### Menu

White Grape Punch and  
Champagne Punch  
Assorted Hors d'oevres  
Chicken with Apricot Sauce  
Augratin Potatoes  
Baked Carrots  
Spinach Salad with  
Mandarin Oranges  
Herb Rolls  
O'Suzanna Pie  
Tea & Coffee

## President's Notes

Synthia Hardy Kushner, *President*

Time flies when you're having fun... and this spring KSOL members are certainly doing just that!

As this newsletter clearly demonstrates, KSOL offers a multitude of opportunities for its members to contribute and enjoy making a positive impact on our symphony and community. So 'spring' into action and remember to help all our new members get involved.

It's guaranteed to be a great use of your time!



KSOL needs volunteers to staff the wonderful homes on the home tour **May 1st, 2nd and 3rd**. Please volunteer for one or more shifts which are:

- ★ Friday, May 1st – 2pm -5pm (Shift #1) and 5pm-7pm (Shift #2)
- ★ Saturday, May 2nd – Noon-3pm (Shift #3) and 3pm-6pm (Shift #4)
- ★ Sunday, May 3rd – 1pm-5pm (Shift #5), 1pm-3pm (Shift #6) and 3pm-5pm (Shift #7)

Send your choice of shifts to [KSOLLeague@gmail.com](mailto:KSOLLeague@gmail.com)

Volunteering is easy, fun and crucial to our project's success.

**Thanks so much!**

## April Program

Helen Lukan,  
*Program Chair*

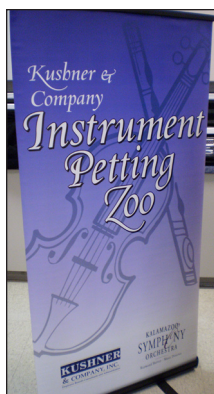


Concertmaster Diana Cohen of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra has been praised by critics for her incredible flair, maturity and insight. Ms. Cohen performs regularly in New York and across the globe with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. We are delighted to have her join us for our April program to share her life story and professional experience as a concert violinist.

## Education / Scholarship

Jane Hoogerheide,  
Education/Scholarship Chair

As I write this article at the beginning of March, we are already halfway through the current season for the **Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo**. February was a very busy month, and now the pace should ease up a bit as we work toward the end, sometime in May. This year the zoo will be on the road 24 days as we visit 22 different schools. We hope to present the zoo in 70 sessions total, which means we will reach well over 1,500 students!



Ten new docents, some of whom have recently joined the KSOL, participated in zoos this year. A big **thank you** goes to Linda Bowerman, Laurie Dahlman, Romane Feller, Diane Fogel, Sue and George Forrester, Carol Hoppenrath, Pat Shiley, Lani Smit, and Marrijane Walker, all of whom have done their first zoos this year! Interestingly enough, many of these volunteers are retired teachers and love this opportunity to be with children again. Others do not have backgrounds in education but are

equally stimulated by working with our local youth. Thank you to all of our first-year docents for becoming part of our A-1 zoo team.

If anyone would like to join the excitement, please give me a call at 372-1221. We would love to have you be part of the action.

Here is a list of upcoming schools and dates.

March 13, 2009	M. L. King-Westwood (KPS)
March 17, 2009	Lake Center Elementary (PPS)
March 20, 2009	Moorsbridge Elementary (PPS)
March 24, 2009	Augusta Intermediate School
March 27, 2009	Lawton Elementary
March 30, 2009	Gilkey Elementary (Plainwell)
April 2, 2009	Schoolcraft Upper Elementary
April 22, 2009	Richland Elementary
April 24, 2009	Richland Elementary
April 27, 2009	Comstock East Upper Elementary
April 28, 2009	Comstock East Upper Elementary
May 8, 2009	Marcellus Elementary
May 21, 2009	Paw Paw Early Elementary

## High Notes of Downtown Living III

Esther Wurfel & Jane Baley  
Spring Project, Co-chairs

The brochures and tickets are at the printer and will be available for our members in time for the general meeting on March 10. Michael Werden is our ticket chair, please let him know how many extra tickets you would like. He'll be happy to give you any amount you need!

The final touches have been put on the special events and are ready to go. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as many of our special events as you can.

- ★ Friday, May 1st, Loft Tours 2-7 p.m.  
12:00 noon- 1:30 p.m. at Radisson Websters for a plated lunch and informal fashion show by Sydney's.
- ★ Saturday, May 2nd, Loft Tours 12-6 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a delicious lunch at the Ladies Library and a brief tour of their historic facility.
- ★ Sunday, May 3rd, Loft Tours 1-5 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. a buffet brunch at the Park Club, and chef Craig Girolami will also offer an abbreviated tour of their historical building.

★ The price for each special event is \$25.

**Kathie Tomlinson** has graciously agreed to take all reservations for our special events.

**Please call her for reservations 762-8984.**

More great news for our **Prelude Party, April 25** at Bonnie and Harold Zeigler's fabulous home .....along with a special performance by the **Velvelettes**, the **KJSO "Mein Spieler String Quartet"** will perform for us throughout the evening.

Look for your invitation to this wonderful party toward the end of this month.

Our next meeting is March 18, 12:30 pm at the Parkview Hills Club house. Bring a sandwich and join us! We are still looking for additional help.

**High Notes of Downtown Living 111**  
**Prelude Party, Saturday, April 25, 2009, 6:30 – 9:30 pm.**  
**Tour: May 1 – 3, 2009**

## Symphony Highlights

### March

Sat. March 28, 8:00 p.m.

Beethoven's Ninth, Susan B. Anthony, Soprano; Melissa Parks, Alto  
Russell Thomas, Tenor; Anton Belov, Bass

WMU Grand Chorus with James Bass, Director  
Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor; at Miller Auditorium

### April

Fri. April 18, 8:00 p.m.

Terrence Wilson, *Piano*  
Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor; at Miller Auditorium

## Pianist Terrence Wilson

has performed with various symphonies in the United States as well as abroad.



## Membership

Diane Robertson, *Membership Chair*

**The News:** Yes, we have another new member, bringing our grand total, thus far this year, to 23!. Please welcome Brenda Murphy to our ranks. Brenda was a member a number of years ago and has decided to rejoin **KSOL**. Please do make her feel welcome, as well as all our great new **"team players"**! Think about friends who would enjoy being part of our organization, invite them to a general meeting for lunch giving them an opportunity to see **"what we're all about"**. A great group of women and a chance to serve the **Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra** through our fun and challenging fund raising endeavors!

**OF NOTE:** No cards or notes were sent this last month. Remember to keep me apprised of someone needing a word of cheer, get well card, etc.

## Ticket Discounts

KSO is graciously offering **KSOL members** a **25% discount** on all Symphonic Series, regularly-priced (non-subscription) tickets in zones 1, 2 & 3. To purchase your tickets and receive your discount, you must call **Candis Parrish**, KSO Patron Service Manager at **349-7759, ext. 211** and mention that you are a KSOL member.

## Nominating Committee

Julianne Wood-Rethwill,  
*Nominating Committee Chair*

The nominating committee is very pleased to announce our slate of candidates for the 2009-2010 year.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009-2010.

- President ..... Lilly Baraka
- President-elect\* ..... Esther Wurfel
- Treasurer ..... Mary Klenow
- Assistant Treasurer ..... Bonnie Fonner
- Secretary ..... Joyce Budge
- Community Resource Director .... Kathie Tomlinson

Nominating Committee for 2009-2010  
Proposed slate of nine candidates:  
Six to be elected



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|------------------|------------------------|
| Anne van Giessen | Bonnie Fonner          |
| Babs Herman      | Darlene Pontello       |
| Barbara Farraye  | Dorothy Castor         |
| Barbara King     | Julianne Wood-Rethwill |
| Michael Werden   |                        |



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### Calendar of Events for April

- Sun., Apr. 5** The World of . . . Villa-Lobos – 3:00 p.m.  
Maestro Raymond Harvey,  
KSO Conductor  
Light Fine Arts Center
- Tues., Apr. 7** Exec. Committee – 11:30 a.m.  
Full Board – 12:00 p.m.  
Barbara Smith’s home
- Tues., Apr. 14** General Meeting – 5:30 p.m.  
Kalamazoo Ladies Library
- Sat., Apr. 18** KSO Concert – 8:00 p.m.  
Terrence Wilson, Piano  
Maestro Raymond Harvey,  
KSO Conductor  
Miller Auditorium
- Fri. & Sat., Apr. 24 & 25** Spring Epic Evenings  
Epic Center

### Sat. Apr. 25

**High Notes of Downtown Living III**  
Prelude Party, 6:30 p.m.  
Harold & Bonnie Zeigler’s home

### Calendar of Events for May

- May 1** **High Notes of Downtown Living III**  
Loft Tours, 2-7 p.m.  
12-1:30 p.m., Radisson Websters for lunch
- May 2** **High Notes of Downtown Living III**  
Loft Tours, 12-6 p.m.  
11:30-1:30 p.m., Ladies Library for lunch
- May 3** **High Notes of Downtown Living III**  
Loft Tours, 1-5 p.m.  
11:30-1:30 p.m., Park Club for buffet brunch
- Tues., May 5** Exec. Committee – 11:30 a.m.  
Full Board – 12:00 p.m.  
President’s Luncheon
- Tues., May 19** Annual Meeting – 5:30 p.m.  
Kalamazoo Country Club

### 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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