



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
5:30 p.m. - Registration
6:00 p.m. - Meeting/Program
6:45 p.m. - Dinner

Program
Diana Cohen,
KSO Concertmaster

Ladies Library
Price \$20

Menu
Assorted Appetizers
Champagne Punch and
Mixed Berry Punch

Pork Tenderloin
with cranberry sauce
Mixed Greens Salad
and Vinaigrette Dressing

Au Gratin Potatoes
Green & Waxed Beans
Dinner Rolls - Butter
Strawberry Tart Dessert

Tea - Coffee - Water

Reservations
by Tuesday, April 5th
to Mary Klenow ★ 327-8451
email: mklenow@hotmail.com

President's Notes

As you may remember, changes were made to the membership levels several years ago. We changed the active and associate levels to just **member**. Yearly dues are the same for everyone, unless you are a Life Member or spouse and everyone is encouraged to participate in KSOL volunteer activities.

In last months' newsletter, I told you that you would be receiving 5 raffle tickets to buy or sell and that was incorrect! At the April general meeting each member will receive 10 raffle tickets for our fabulous "**Musical Chairs**"! Tickets will be mailed to you if you cannot attend that meeting. Mary Klenow, our Raffle Chair, has acquired some fabulous prizes for the member who sells the most tickets!

Many of you rely on our directory for meeting dates, times and places. **Please note that the KSOL Annual Meeting is on May 24th** – not the 18th. Hopefully this has not caused any problems in

scheduling for any of you and that you plan to attend.

Our spring project committee is working very hard on getting all of the details "sewn-up" for a fantastic event starting with the April 1st Art Hop. Thank you for your support! Many of you have become patrons of "**Musical Chairs**" and I really appreciate your great response to date!

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

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

Warmly,
Esther

Esther Wurfel, President



April Program 2011

In April we welcome back KSO Concertmaster Diana Cohen. She has had quite a year! Between solo and orchestra engagements, performances with her Trio Terzetto, and an exciting recording project with her father (Cleveland Orchestra principal clarinetist Franklin Cohen), she also found time to win a prestigious position with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. We are thrilled to have such a world-class musician as the leader of our orchestra!

Diana will talk about her adventures with Trio Terzetto, and the ins and outs of making a professional recording. She will have copies of her new album available for any who are interested!

Enjoy this last regular program before our annual meeting!

Elizabeth Youker, Program Chair



Diana Cohen (center)

Musical Chairs

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Julianne Wood-Rethwill, Project Chair



Our talented artists have completed the transformation of our *Musical Chairs 2011*, and they are wonderful! The artists and the titles of their works of art are listed below. Carla O'bringer has been very helpful working with the artists as our Artist Liaison Chair.

We are extremely pleased to announce our twelve sponsors for the *Musical Chairs* and list them here as well. Many of you have responded in support of this exciting project as Patrons and Underwriters beyond our expectations and we are very grateful.

Acclaimed local photographer, Mr. Norman F. Carver, Jr. graciously agreed to photograph the completed chairs. Heather Ingram and Barbara Smith, our committee Note Card Chairs, are transforming the photos into lovely note cards that will be available for your purchase in boxes of twelve for \$10.

Jan Boesch and Kathie Tomlinson, Art Hop Chairs, have been busy planning our thrilling Art Hop events. We look forward to seeing you at our *Musical Chairs* Art Hop preview party on April 1st in the Epic Center Atrium from 5-9 pm. The twelve chairs will again be exhibited at the May 6th Art Hop at the Park Trades Center, Suite 202.

We will officially begin our raffle ticket sales, chaired by Mary Klenow, at the April Art Hop. You will each receive ten tickets to sell or purchase at the April general meeting. Raffle tickets for the chairs will be sold for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 at both Art Hops and KSO concerts and will be the major source of revenue for this project. Mary will announce some fun prizes for KSOL members who are our top raffle ticket sellers! Please make sure to

support this exciting project through raffle ticket sales!

The display of the *Musical Chairs* at KSO concerts and in business windows in Kalamazoo and Portage from April 1st until May 21st is the responsibility of Sue Forrester, Display Chair, who is doing a wonderful job! We have a great group of display locations including Stein Mart, Martell's, KIA, Portage Senior Center, Sticks and Stones, V&A Bootery, Morrison Jewelers, Plata Y Oro, Carlisle by J.W. Boesch & Associates, Eve Salonspa, Food Dance, Beacon Club and Fieldstone Grill.

Look for the article on *Musical Chairs* in the March issue of Women's Lifestyle Magazine thanks to Mary Lam-Rodrigues, our PR Chair, and Brenda Murphy our own KSOL member and artist. Mary has completed a press release for the project as well as a new KSO program ad which will surely catch your eye.

Mary Ellen Agar, our Printing Design Chair has been working diligently to prepare and print our **save-the-date cards** which you will be receiving in the mail shortly. We hope most of you plan to attend the finale party which will be held in the beautiful WMU Richmond Center for Visual Arts on May 21st from 7 – 10pm. We will be entertained by the Martha Reid Quartet and 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. Kay Burtis, Auction Chair, is planning our auctions for lots of fun and active bidding.

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



Artists

- Sy Ellens
- Dan Kilgore
- Brenda Murphy
- Marilyn Johnson
- Bonnie Pflugst
- Sara Strong Glupker
- Lynette Baber
- Rachel Castle-Herzer
- Val Karam
- Linda Manguiat-Herzog
- Teri D. Springer
- Brian Walters

Name of Chair

- "Beethoven's Fifth"
- "La Chaise de Topiarie"
- "Cecilia Sitting Pretty"
- "Sitting on Woodward Ave."
- "Peter and the Wolf"
- "Welcome Home"
- "Put Your Little Bunnies in the Foxy Chair"
- "Sunrise Over the Snow"
- "A Tassel with Spring"
- "Vivaldi Four Seasons"
- "Handel's Water Music"
- "Beach Chair"

Sponsors

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- Draperies on Wheels
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- W.J. Upson Wine Merchant
- Eve Salonspa
- First National Bank of Michigan
- Nancy B. Land
- John and Linda Dunn
- David and Carol Simpson
- KSOL Friend

Norman Carver, Jr, photographer



Committee members arranging chairs for Raffle & Auction



Membership

Barbara Farraye,
Membership Chair

Our KSOL made a HUGE impression on our five guests last month. I wrote to them encouraging them to join us, and they ARE! (I've reminded you several times of how "charming" you are. This proves it!). Their return notes were filled with praise for our organization, such as: "enjoyed the hospitality and kindness of members," "friendly warm welcome," "looking forward to knowing others," "excited about joining," "a delicious meal," and of course, "Dr. Barry Ross was delightful!" At least two of them volunteered to assist at the Youth Symphony.



Many of you are aware that Mary Lam-Rodrigues's father-in-law has been ill since November. He passed away on March 9th. A note of condolence was sent to Mary and Nishanth representing KSOL. They will travel to India for the funeral and return later this month.

As always, I encourage you to invite guests. Those who join in March will have their dues paid for 2011-2012 (\$50 yearly, or \$500, for lifetime membership) What a bargain! Also, spouses or partners can join for \$20.

Remember that our Annual Meeting on May 24th is open to members only.

Please keep me informed of those who would appreciate a note from our membership. See you soon!

Nominating

Lilly Baraka,
Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee is very pleased to announce our candidates for the 2011-2012 year.

Proposed slate of Officers:

President..... Mary Klenow
 President-elect..... Margaret Woodhams
 Treasurer..... Sue Forrester
 Assistant Treasurer.. Pat Shiley
 Secretary..... Scotty Allen
 Community Resource
 Director..... Babs Herman



Proposed Nominating Committee slate of nine candidates: (six to be elected)

Mary Ellen Agar Kay Burtis
 Bonnie Fonner Heather Ingram
 Barbara Smith Anne Van Giessen
 Cheryl Warren Scotty Allen
 Ann Wuerthele



Please welcome our New Members:

Janis Clark
 Jeanne Hay
 Karla & Mark Piper

Education / Scholarship

Jane Hoogerheide, Education/scholarship Chair

In spite of a multitude of weather issues, by the end of March we hope to reach the halfway mark of the current season for the **Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo**. Having **THREE** snow days in February has certainly slowed us down, but has not dampened our enthusiasm.

Being in the middle of zoo season, I am once again impressed with the men and women who volunteer as docents. Their dedication and passion for what we are doing is so motivating and invigorating. We have over 60 men and women who not only give their time and energy for this program, but are passionate about what they are doing. I feel blessed to be working with these very generous and dedicated volunteers.



Kay Burtis experienced the instrument petting zoo with granddaughter Vanessa.



Brigitte Cripe, a WMU student, is one of our new docents.



Barbara Farraye at the percussion table

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.

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



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April Calendar of Events

- Fri. Apr. 1** 5-9 pm *Musical Chairs* Preview Party
Epic Center Atrium
- Tues. Apr. 5** 11:30 am Executive Committee
12:00 am 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
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

- 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 Richmaond Center
- Tues. May 24** 6:00 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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