



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

10:30 a.m. - Registration,
Wellspring Lobby Epic Center

11:00 a.m. - Meeting/Program
Wellspring Theater Epic Center

12:00 - Lunch @ the Epic Bistro

The Epic Bistro

Price \$15.00

Program

The Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers

2 Choice Menu

House Salad with Chicken Breast
and Citrus Vinaigrette Dressing

or

Caesar Salad with Salmon &
Caesar Dressing

Rolls and Butter

an Array of Desserts Platter

Tea - Coffee or Soda

Reservations

by Tuesday, January 3rd

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President's Notes

Mary Klenow, *President*

Hello KSOL!

The Fashion Show project team is basking in the afterglow of the wonderfully successful *Fashions for the Season* show on October 25. Our tickets sold out – yeah! We had a wonderful mix of guests, including gentlemen. How could we top having Raymond Harvey as one of our male models! Susan B. Anthony was again a charming and fun Master of Ceremonies and even prepared an intermission talk/demonstration for us. Sandi Fox knocked it “out of the park” again this year with stunning decorations in the theatre and the reception area. There were many bids on our wonderful silent auction items.

Many thanks to those of you who volunteered your time as a model, helped with the food and wine arrangements and setup/teardown, or procured donations for our door prizes! We would not have a show without our wonderful local retailers donating their time and talents.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks to Jan Boesch and Barbara King for chairing the event and all the project team members who spent much time to ensure our project was a success!

Onto Spring 2012.....we won't be resting on our laurels for long, plans are moving forward to form a project team for our **Country Homes Tour**. Great news to report, we have five homeowner signed contracts! We will be in very capable hands with Mary Lam-Rodriguez and Jessica Maranto as our project co-chairs.



TV-8 “Eight West”
Sandi Fox, Mary Klenow,
Jordan Carson, Sue Forrester

January 2012 Program

Janis Clark, *Program Chair*

Our first program in 2012 gets us off on the right foot by featuring Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers. The company exists to offer a unique and authentic voice in modern dance, which serves to move, challenge, and inspire our community. Cori Terry, founder and Artistic Director of Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers, has choreographed more than 65 major works for Wellspring since moving to Kalamazoo from New York in 1980. At our meeting she will speak about Wellspring's collaboration with the Kalamazoo Symphony for the January 21st concert.

Ms. Terry will talk about the music selection process, the risky business of choreographing to music by well-known minimalist composers John Adams and Philip Glass, and the challenge of creating poetic titles for

dances that are abstract works.

The Wellspring dancers will perform an excerpt from “*Rarefied Air*”, choreographed by Ms. Terry and composed by John Adams and will be available for questions from our members. This private preview will leave you wishing for an encore, so don't forget to get your tickets for this and other concerts before leaving the Epic Center.



Wellspring photo
by Amelia Falk

SYMPHONY IN STYLE

Fashions for the Season

We'd like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to our fabulous and hard working committee for a very successful fashion show!! Ticket sales were brisk and we had a **"sold out"** audience this year! Many thanks to all of our wonderful patrons, business sponsors and ticket holders.

Our guests had a great time dining on delectable appetizers provided by Millennium Group, Full City Cafe and The Beacon Club while enjoying the wonderful music provided by Barry Ross and Steve Kamerling during our reception.

Susan Anthony did a fabulous job again, as our Master of Ceremony and provided a fun segment on **"Trends of the Season"**. Her insight and comments were a great plus to our runway show!

Our retailers and volunteer models did a wonderful job on stage. A special Thanks to Raymond Harvey and all of the KSOL member models who helped to make this event a great success! The comments have been very positive on **"what a great show"** we put together.

Again, we'd like to thank our hard working committee for a job well done! They are: Secretary, Helen Driver; Treasurer, Sue Forrester; Community Resources, Babs Herman;



Jan Boesch & Barbara King, Fashion Show Co-Chairs



Jan Boesch



Barbara King

Facility Coordinators, Kathie Tomlinson & Diane Robertson; Printing & Design & Silent Auction, Mary Lam-Rodrigues; Decorations, Sandy Fox; Public Relations, Barbara Farraye; Reservations, Teresa Crawford; Back Stage Coordinators, Tori Washington & Alana Nelson of M.O.D.A. Without their hard work, dedication and support, none of this would have been possible!

Education/Scholarship

Thirty-one schools have requested a visit from the **Kushner & Company Instrument Petting Zoo** this season. Because we go to some schools more than one day, we will be out on the road 33 days, which will make us exactly as busy as last year! By the time you read this newsletter, we will have already been out with the zoo for two days, one at Galesburg- Augusta Middle School and another at two elementary schools in Dowagiac. In December, several of our docents will be helping at the Tree of Life Christian School in the former St. Joseph school on Lake Street.

The majority of the zoos run from the end of January into May of next year. I plan to call or email our enthusiastic zoo team

Jane Hoogerheide, Education/scholarship Chair

very soon to schedule the 2012 zoos, so please have your 2012 calendars ready to go! Without you, the zoo would not exist, so thank you for your generous giving of time and self, as well as your willingness to make this program work.

At our most recent KSOL luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at the Bravo Café, we gave a short PowerPoint presentation that focused on the docents of the Instrument Petting Zoo. What an incredibly diverse group of talented and delightful people!



Reservations - Meeting Reminders

Approximately two weeks before each meeting, KSOL members are reminded of the upcoming meeting by an email or phone call, unless they have specifically asked not to be reminded. I want to thank the callers that help with this process—Dorothy Castor, Margaret Woodhams, Mabel Stenesh, Cheryl Warren, and Sharon Gulbis. And I want to thank all of you that have helped to make our job easier by responding each month, yes or no. If for some reason you have not been getting a reminder, please contact me so that we can clear up the problem.

Reservations are always due on the Tuesday one week prior to the meeting. On Wednesday I pass along the tentative count to our Arrangements co-chairs, Nancy Thiele and Sally Roach, who in turn notify the restaurant and work out the arrangement of tables and other details. I continue to take

Janet Thieme, *Reservations Chair*

cancellations (and sometimes a few last minute requests to reserve) through Thursday, and on Friday a final count is reported to the restaurant.

Per club policy, any member that is a “no show” or cancels after the stated deadline will be billed for the cost of the meal. Our directory states that the cancellation deadline is the Tuesday prior to the meeting, but it was recently decided to change that deadline to the **Thursday prior**, to fit with existing practice as described above. So...if something comes up and you must cancel after Thursday, please let me know (so we can adjust seating and won't worry about you), but be aware that you will be asked to pay for your meal.

Arranging each meeting takes a lot of time and hard work. All of us involved in the process really appreciate your help and understanding when it comes to making reservations!

Public Relations

Public Affairs, aka Publicity!

How many ways can we say “**Thank you**” for the publicity? So many contributed to the success of *Symphony in Style - Fashions for the Season*.

Let's start with...

- ❖ Thom Andrews, for the message on the screen, preceding the concerts.
- ❖ Mary Lam-Rodrigues, for the full page ad in the concert program book, the post cards, and posters.
- ❖ Linda Mah and William (Bill) Wood, who wrote the articles appearing in the Kalamazoo Gazette, including 2 on the front page!
- ❖ Sue Forrester and Sandi Fox, our TV stars, who were guests on Channel 8's Eight West.
- ❖ Mary Klenow who was the chauffeur to the TV station in Grand Rapids.

Barbara Farraye, *Public Relations Chair*

- ❖ Lori Moore, WKZO radio, who welcomed a face-to-face interview promoting our Fashion Show and Tim Abramowski who scheduled it.
- ❖ Women's Lifestyle Magazine, Publisher, Darlene Clifford, KSOL member for the quarter-page ad.
- ❖ “*Encore*” Magazine and their mention of our project in the “*Events of Note*”.
- ❖ Those of you who sold every ticket available. **We had a FULL HOUSE!!!**

And, of course, Thank You to The Fashion Show Committee!

When you start mentioning names, there's a danger of omitting someone. This is not intentional. You know who you are! Pat yourself on the back, walk proudly, and know how much **YOU** contributed to our success!

Many thanks!

Membership

Liz Walker was recently injured in an auto accident in Texas and a note of encouragement has been sent to her. On a happier note, we also sent congratulations to Liz on the birth of a new grandchild.

Speedy recovery wishes were sent to Jay Heckler after his recent hip replacement surgery.

A sympathy note was sent to Anne van Giessen whose mother passed away.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and continue to let us know of other members to whom notes should be sent.

Kay Burtis and Diane Heckler, *Membership Co-Chairs*

KSOL Book Club

Janet Thieme, *Book Club Coordinator*

The Soloist, a New York Times Bestseller by Steve Lopez will be the book discussed **Tuesday, January 17**.

This is a deeply moving true story of a lost dream, an unlikely friendship, and the redemptive power of music. It is a perfect read for those long winter nights and has also been made into a popular movie by the same title.

We will meet at **10:00 a.m at Kazoo Books**, 2413 Parkview Ave in Kalamazoo with hot coffee and treats to warm us by their cozy new fireplace.

Come and bring a friend!



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December Calendar of Events

There is no KSOL General Meeting in December

- Sat. Dec. 10 2:00 & 7:00 pm Nutcracker - Chenery Aud.
- Sun. Dec. 11 7:00 pm Nutcracker - Chenery Auditorium
Ballet Arts Ensemble
Barry Ross, Conductor
- Sat. Dec. 17 8:00 pm Messiah - Chenery Auditorium
Handel's - Messiah
Raymond Harvey, Conductor

January Calendar of Events

- Tues. Jan. 3 12:45 pm Executive Committee
1:30 pm Full Board Meeting
Parkview Hills Clubhouse
- Tues. Jan. 10 10:30 am General Meeting Registration
The Epic Bistro
- Tues. Jan. 17 10:00 am KSOL Book Club
Kazoo Books - 2413 Parkview Ave.
- Sat. Jan. 21 8:00 pm American Dance - Miller Aud.
Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers
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