



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

General Meeting

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

Program

Venezuelz's El Sistema
Youth Orchestra as a Social Service,
Liz Youker, KSO Ed. Director

Moors Grille Room

Price \$15

Menu

TEXAS BUFFET

Pulled Pork
with buns & condiments

Baked Beans, Coleslaw
Pasta Salad

Apple Crisp/Whipped Cream
Tea, Coffee or Soda

Reservations

by Tuesday, January 4th
to Mary Klenow ★ 327-8451
email: mklenow@hotmail.com

President's Notes

The "Symphony in Style" Fashions for the Season show was a huge success!

Hopefully most of you attended and enjoyed the great food, music and fashions. A very special "thank you" to co-chairs Jan Boesch and Barbara King for doing an outstanding job getting a great group of members to be part of the team and produce this fabulous event!

As you may remember, last month the KSOL board voted to add painted Adirondack chairs to the home tour project. During our research for chairs it was discovered that the village of Richland also use painted Adirondack chairs each spring as a fund raising event! Needless to say, we do not want to compete with Richland so the board voted to have indoor, interesting painted chairs.

Esther Wurfel, President

"Musical Chairs" will be part of our spring project. **Your time, help and talents are needed!**



Please contact me if you have an interest or talent that would make our project soar.

Since there will not be a December newsletter, I wish you a blessed holiday as you gather with friends and family.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

Warmly,
Esther



January 2011 Program

You may have seen recent segments on **60 Minutes** about the remarkable **Venezuelan Youth Orchestra** system, or received a link to a YouTube video of the **Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra** playing **Berstein's "Mambo"** at the **BBC Proms**. (If not, you should Google it right now!) A visionary musician and economist named **José Antonio Abreu** started a music program 35 years ago that offered youth orchestra as a social service to some of the poorest children in the country. What started with just eleven students in a garage is now a nationwide network of youth orchestras, serving over 300,000 children.

In January we will talk about the power of music education to effect positive social change, and we will begin right here at home, with a short presentation about the impact of the long-standing **Kushner and Co. Instrument Petting Zoo**.

Elizabeth Youker, Program Chair



See you in January!

Education / Scholarship

Thirty 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 32 days, which makes for our busiest year ever!

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have already done two out-of-town zoos, one in Bellevue and one in Climax-Scotts at Prairie Baptist School. Later in November, I am also bringing the zoo to Galesburg-Augusta. In all three cases, the schools provide most of the docents. Ann Wuerthele went to Bellevue with me, and Joyce Budge and Margaret Woodhams went to Prairie Baptist School with me. Our role was to train the school-provided volunteers, and then to pitch in wherever needed.

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

Jane Hoogerheide, *Education/scholarship Chair*

team very soon to schedule the 2011 zoos, so please have your 2011 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 next KSOL luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 11th, at the Moors Grille Room in Portage, we will be giving a short presentation on the impact of the Instrument Petting Zoo which will tie in with the educational presentation that Liz Youker will be giving that day.

I would like to encourage all of you to bring as guests anyone who might be interested in becoming a docent, and maybe gain some new members for KSOL as well.

Symphony in Style – Fashions for the Season

A huge **THANK YOU** to our fabulous and hard working committee for an extremely successful fashion show!!! Our guests had a wonderful time and we received many very positive comments on *“what a great show”* we put together.

The food was exceptional – Millennium and Beacon went above and beyond to feed us!

Susan B Anthony surprised us with a fun song *“Baubles and Beads”* during the reception, which was very fitting for the occasion.

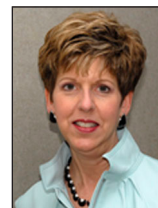
Barry and Steve played wonderful music as our guests dined and chatted. Everyone truly enjoyed themselves.

We would like to **thank** our hard working committee for a job well done! They are:

Joyce Budge, Secretary; Bonnie Fonner, Treasurer; Sue Forrester, Assistant Treasurer and in charge of the silent auction; Pam Stowell, Community Resources; Kathie Tomlinson and Lilly Baraka, Facility and food

Jan Boesch and Barbara King, *Project Co-Chairs*

coordinators; Mary Ellen Agar, Printing and Design; Sandi Fox, Decorations; Mary Lam-Rodrigues, Public Relations; Mary Klenow, Reservations; Alana Nelson and Kristen Logan, MODA and back stage coordinators.

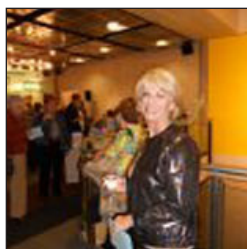


Jan Boesch



Barb King

Without their hard work, dedication and support, none of this would have been possible!



Membership

Good news! We have another new member. Her name is Nancy Diamond. Be sure to welcome her. This proves potential new members are all around us. We were having our hair done at the same hair-dresser's and a conversation was struck up about the KSOL! As a result a Membership Form and KSOL brochure were sent to Nancy, plus an invitation to come as a guest to our November meeting. She decided to join after a phone conversation. She wants to volunteer for the Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo.

We had three new members join during Tuesday's General Meeting; Annelies Carson, Nancy Diamond, Jessica Maronto it was an enjoyable moment. Please extend a warm welcome.

Membership Forms and KSOL brochures are available at every meeting. Call if you need them right away!

Mary Ellen Agar, Computer Records Chair, prepared a report of opportunities in which members can volunteer. It was summarized directly from your Membership Forms. Several members did not indicate on which project they'd like to work. When our project chairs have an event in which they need volunteers, they call Computer Records for your information.

When the chair reports are read, consider where you can be

KSOL Book Club

This month's meeting will be the 16th of November at 10:00 A.M., at Kazoo Books on Parkview Ave. to discuss *The Piano on the Left Bank* by Thad Carhart.

We will meet again at Kazoo Books January 18th, 10:00 for a study of Mozart. The book is *1791: Mozart's Last Year* by H.C. Robbins Landon. Landon unveils the myth of Mozart's premature death at age 35. Readers will encounter protagonists of various accounts of Mozart's life - his wife Constanze and his rival Salieri - in a new light, based on authentic documents.

Although this book is currently out of print; individual orders may be made through Kazoo Books, or check out a copy at your public library (using the MelCat system).

Please contact Sharon at 323-7576 if you are attending or have any questions.

Barbara Farraye, Membership Chair

of service. **You are needed!**

Don't forget, we are an organization designated as "*Volunteers Supporting Today's Symphony and Tomorrow's Musicians.*" The KSOL will be listed in the "*Kalamazoo Guidebook for Volunteers*". It will be distributed in January and if you would like more information contact volunteerkalamazoo.org.



Thanks for informing me of those members who need to know that KSOL cares. When you identify them, notes are sent that represent you.

This past month, the following notes were sent:

Thinking of you to:

Penny Butler who had knee replacement surgery.
Amy Rogers whose husband had surgery.

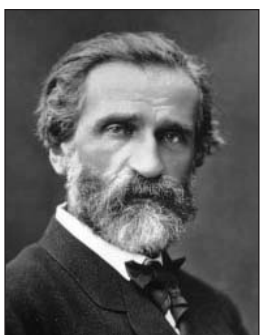
Appreciation to:

Jan Boesch and Barbara King who planned and presented, with an outstanding committee, our Fall Project, "Symphony in Style" Fashions for the Season.

Condolence to:

Samantha Gignac who recently lost her mother.

Sharon Gulbis, Book Club Chair



Notes pertaining to Verdi:

There is probably no other composer whose life, music and historical times are so intertwined as Giuseppe Verdi. His career paralleled the struggle for Italian unification and independence, which he considered the most important event of his lifetime. Verdi himself was an ardent nationalist and there were recurrent themes in his operas of past Italian glories or the struggle against political oppression, referring to the movement to unite Italy under the rule of the idealist King of Sardinia. When unification was finally achieved in 1860, Verdi served as a senator.

The Requiem itself was written as a memorial for Alessandro Manzoni, the great Italian novelist whose works helped forge an Italian national identity and who was one of the heroes of the Milanese revolt against Austria.

~Wikipedia

The "Verdi Requiem" will be performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra on January 15th, 2011, at 8:00 pm - Miller Auditorium.



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Calendar of Events for December

Tues.	Dec. 7	11:30 am	Executive Committee
		12:00 am	Full Board Meeting
			Julianne Wood-Ruthwill's Home
Thurs.	Dec. 2	9:30 am	KSO Office Assistance



**There is no General Meeting
Scheduled for December**



Sat.	Dec. 18	8:00 pm	KSO Concert - Chenery Auditorium
Sun.	Dec. 19	3:00 pm	KSO Concert - Chenery Auditorium
			<u>Handel's Messiah</u>
			Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor
			KSO Chamber Chorus & Soloists

Calendar of Events for January

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

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