



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

General Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009

11:00 a.m. Registration

12:00 a.m. Lunch

Program

Dr. Robert Ricci, Jazz Pianist
Professor of Music at WMU

Bravo Café

Price \$20

Reservations

by Tuesday, Nov. 3

to Babs Herman ★ 327-6486

email: babsherman@chartermi.net

Menu

Choice between Lasagna,
Chicken Alfredo or Beef Stroganoff

with salad

a very special cake

Tea & Coffee



President's Notes

Lilly Baraka, *President*



Greetings Everyone,

With summer gone and the fall season upon us, we are rapidly approaching the time for our Fall Project American Girl. All committees are in place with open invitations to all who would like to take part in this fun project.

The date for our annual bus trip to Chicago is Wednesday, Nov. 4th. This is a great time for our membership and guests to spend a memorable, fun filled day together. Please contact Dottie Early or Jan Boesch for reservations.

Expect to hear more about our spring project real soon, remember your participation makes the difference.

See you all soon.

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 and a highly discounted price on 1st time subscribers. To purchase your tickets and receive your discount, you must **call Tom Andrews**, KSO Director of Marketing at **349-7759, ext. 205** and mention that you are a KSOL member.



November Program

Robert Ricci is a faculty member at WMU and was instrumental in the early development of the Jazz Studies Program. Dr. Ricci has taught a range of musical subjects including composition, counterpoint, jazz history, music theory, aesthetics and criticism and contemporary music.

He has participated in jazz seminars in Port Townsend, Washington founded by the famous saxophonist Bud Shank for several years and has written books on Jazz Improvisation and 20th century music.

Robert is the leader of the music group Pieces of Dreams, a well-known organization in Michigan and beyond.

Helen Lukan, *Program Chair*



Education / Scholarship

Jane Hoogerheide,
Education/Scholarship Chair

Once again we are busily working on this year's schedule for the **Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo**. The music teachers have until November 5 to submit their requests for a zoo visit, and we have already received several.

Planning ahead, we hope to do a zoo presentation at the January 12 KSOL general meeting at the Moors Grille Room. I hope to send a letter to all our docents later this year with further details.

As you know from reading the last two newsletters, we had two scholarship openings this year. Four applicants auditioned for the KSOL Ramona Bernhard Scholarship for a student with financial need, and one applicant auditioned for the KSOL Irving S. Gilmore Scholarship for a student with physical disability and financial need. The adjudicators (KSO Education Director Elizabeth Youker, private violin instructor Karin Code, and KSOL members Jane Hoogerheide and Ann Wuerthele) unanimously recommended that the scholarships be awarded as follows.

The **KSOL Ramona Bernhard Scholarship** will be shared by sisters Caty and Caryne Sterling (ages 11 and 9), who have both studied Suzuki violin with Dana Duncan from ages 6 and 4. Very aware of the benefits of early music

study, their parents have been committed to making this experience available for their daughters, but due to economic conditions, private lessons have become unaffordable. Both girls have made music a daily part of their lives. Caty, who has also spent time studying piano, is a member of the KJSO Training Orchestra. Caryne is a member of the KJSO Prep String Orchestra.

The **KSOL Irving S. Gilmore Scholarship** will be awarded to Giovanni (John) Pedrolini (age 13), who studies cello with Sylvia Sidorane at Crescendo Academy. John is autistic, and along with challenges of concentration and sensory issues, he suffers from a disorder that causes low muscle tone. Music is an important focus for John. He chose the cello after trying various instruments at school, and he also has a favorite band that features a cello player. He has played in a school ensemble, but most enjoys learning music for his private lessons. While progress comes slowly for him, the focus that music requires is helping John in other areas, and the physical work of playing is helping to strengthen his fingers and arms. He truly enjoys learning about music and playing the instrument, and it is clear that he benefits greatly from the experience. Our scholarship will make continued lessons possible for John.

American Girl Fashion Show® Fall Project

Kay Burtis & Sandi Fox, *Fall Project Co-Chairs*

The invitations are out; the American Girl fashions have arrived, sixty-two darling models have been selected and fitted with the fashions they will model. It is like Christmas in September with the frequent arrival of boxes of raffle and door prizes. Delicious refreshments have been planned; fun projects for the models during their "down" times are ready to entertain them, and fashion show rehearsals and further production preparations will begin soon.

The excitement mounts!

Our wonderful committee has been hard at work since June and **now we need your help**. We are asking each of you to **sell or purchase ten**

raffle tickets. The raffle prizes are any young girl's dream and the tickets are inexpensive, two for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10, making the tickets easy to sell. **Please get into your sales mode and help ensure a lucrative raffle.**

We also ask you to volunteer to help at the five fashion shows on November 13, 14 and 15. There will be several opportunities for your volunteer hours. Let Teresa Crawford or Babs Herman know of your willingness to help.

We can't do the project without you. We're sure you will enjoy watching the excitement of the young girls as they participate either as models or as guests.

It is not too late to become a financial donor to this worthwhile project. While an October 1, cut-off date was stated in the donor request letter you received, we find that we are able to put off that deadline date somewhat. Kathie Tomlinson will gladly continue to accept donations for the next couple of weeks.

Your help in the above mentioned ways and in spreading the word about this KSOL fund-raising project to benefit the KSO Youth Education programs is essential in making this a successful project.

We thank you in advance.

Membership

Barbara Farraye, *Membership Chair*

Perhaps you'll remember the exciting news that KSOL gained 25 new members last year. Not only did they join, but became active with last Spring's **High Notes of Downtown Living III**, and many are already busy with our Fall project, **An American Girl Fashion Show**.

You are encouraged to be on the lookout for new members this year. I'll have membership forms and brochures at every meeting. There's no finer way to know some of our area's busiest and most popular citizens! You already know this, let someone else have this opportunity by bringing them to a meeting and introducing them to us. We're a friendly and very ambitious group, *Volunteers Supporting Today's Symphony and Tomorrow's Musicians*. We look forward to meeting your invited guest.

This past month, members have been remembered with notes representing KSOL.

Thinking of you: Michael Werden, Nancy Thiele, and Carol Zemrowski. (It was good to see these 3 at recent concerts/meetings!)

More recently, "thinking of you notes" were sent to: Synthia Hardy Kushner, Diane Kievet, and Pat Rowe.

Welcome to KSOL: Stacy Little from the KSO office.

Congratulations: Liz and Brandon Youker on the birth of their daughter, Vera Jean.

Sympathy: We lost a beloved member, Susan Barber. A note was sent to Hal Barber and family.

Do keep me posted about other KSOL friends who might appreciate a note from our membership.

Symphony Highlights

Sacred Seasons,

Diana Cohen, Edith Hines, Renata Knific, and Chris Takeda, *violins*
Friday, November 20
8:00 p.m., Miller Auditorium
Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor

Tchaikovsky's Fifth

Nicholas Schwartz, *Double Bass*,
Stulberg Medalist
Saturday, January 16, 2010
8:00 p.m., Miller Auditorium
Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor

Celebrating Strings,

Yolanda Kondonassis, *Harp*
Friday, February 19, 2010
8:00 p.m., Miller Auditorium
Mei-Ann Chen, Guest Conductor

Gershwin & Ellington,

Raymond Harvey, *Piano*
Saturday, March 27, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 28, 3:00 p.m.
Chenery Auditorium
Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor

Dancing with the WMU/Kazoo Stars

Come & support Maestro Raymond Harvey as he competes with fellow Kazoo stars.

Western Michigan University's Department of Dance and Partners in Dance will host a scholarship fund-raiser "Dancing with the WMU/Kazoo Stars" on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 8:00 pm on the Miller Auditorium Stage at Western Michigan University. Cost: \$75 per person (\$50 is tax-deductible)

The WMU event will feature local celebrities who will perform ballroom dances as they vie for the top prize of the evening. Celebrity competitors include Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Music Director Raymond Harvey; WMU Men's Basketball Head Coach Steve Hawkins; attorney, urban real estate developer and restaurateur Tom Huff; State Representative of the 60th House District Robert Jones; community volunteers Judy Jolliffe and Patti Huiskamp; and retired probate judge Carolyn Williams.

For more information contact the Department of Dance at 269-387-5830

Fall Bus Trip 2009

Please don't delay making your reservations for our trip to downtown Chicago on Wed., November 4th as the bus is filling up quickly! We are looking forward to another great day in Chicago with KSOL members and their guests.

Don't forget that Wednesday is matinee day for Theater in Chicago, if you would like to take in a show that afternoon.



Our bus will leave the K-Mart parking lot on S. Westnedge Ave. at 7:30 a.m.

The bus-trip cost will be **\$40.00**.
Please make your check payable to:
KSOL

Jan Boesch & Dottie Early
Co-chairs, KSOL Bus Trip

Please mail your checks to:

Jan Boesch
8141 Foxboro Lane,
Augusta, MI. 49012.

For questions, please call:

Jan @720-0931 or Dottie @345-6871
or email Jan: jwboesch@tds.net

We hope to see you all then!!



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Calendar of Events for November

Tues., Nov. 3 Exec. Committee – 11:30 a.m.
Full Board – 12:00 p.m. ★ Julianne Wood-Rethwill’s home

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Robert Ricci
Bravo Café & Restaurant - \$20

Fri., Nov. 13 American Girl Fashion Show® at
Fetzer Center, WMU - Program 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 14 American Girl Fashion Show® at
Fetzer Center, WMU - Program 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 15 American Girl Fashion Show® at
Fetzer Center, WMU - Program 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

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and Chris Takeda, *violins*
Maestro Raymond Harvey, KSO Conductor
Miller Auditorium

Calendar of Events for December

No General Meeting or KSO Concert this month

★ Enjoy the Holidays ★

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