



# Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

## General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

10:30 a.m. - Registration

11:00 a.m. - Meeting/Program

12:00 - Lunch

The Bravo Café

Price \$20.00

### Program

Marvelous Music! with

Jane Rooks Ross & Audrey Lipsey  
and

Instrument Petting Zoo program  
spotlight with Jane Hoogerheide,  
KSOL Education Chair

### 3 Menu Choices

Traditional Meat Lasagna,  
Artichoke Angel Hair Pasta,  
or Bravo! Signature Salad with  
Grilled Chicken

Bread and Butter  
White Chocolate Mousse  
with Raspberry Sauce  
Tea - Coffee

### Reservations

by Tuesday, November 1st  
to Janet Thieme \* 743-7140  
email: jsthieme@aol.com

## President's Notes

Mary Klenow, President



We're having another wonderful fall season in Michigan – this week has been beautiful. Hope you were able to enjoy it while it lasted....

A number of our members are in "the home stretch" finishing details for the upcoming *Symphony in Style* fashion show. Our thanks go to so many of you who generously donated when you received the patron letter. We are hoping that our members will support the project, by purchasing a ticket and bring a friend! Keep in mind that \$25 of the price is tax deductible. Let's "fill the house" and have a wonderful evening. We guarantee a very entertaining evening of food, wine, friends, music and great fashions. Remember our wonderful **Maestro Raymond Harvey** will be one of our male models this year! Make plans to be there and show your support of KSOL and the KSO!

Great news for our **Spring Project – Country Homes Tour**, we have a second co-chair. Jessica Maronto will join Mary Lam-Rodrigues and co-chair the event! Our thanks go to Dan Kilgore and Babs Herman who have been instrumental in this project coming together.

Please join us as we explore downtown **Chicago** on our annual **Bus Trip** on November 16. Contact either Jo Arnold or Anne van Giessen, project co-chairs.



At our November meeting we'll learn more about the excellent education programs that the KSO provides in our community. We will feature **Marvelous Music!** with Jane Rooks Ross and Audrey Lipsey and the **Instrument Petting Zoo** with Jane Hoogerheide, KSOL Education Chair. Hope you plan to join us for an informative program!

Mary

## Marvelous Music!

Janis Clark, Program Chair

**Marvelous Music!** a KSO program for pre-school children and their families will be the featured program at our November meeting. Last September, KSOL members had a sneak peak into this new program two weeks before it had started. The enthusiasm and interest of our members fueled its launch. Jane Rooks Ross, Director of *Marvelous Music!*, Audrey Lipsey, KSO Assistant Concertmaster and Executive Director of Crescendo Academy of Music, and Liz Youker, KSO Director of Education, will share pictures, updates, lessons learned and stories from Year One and the remarkable expansion being implemented in Year Two.

*Marvelous Music!* fosters a foundation of life skills including active participation, focus, creativity, music skills and

reading readiness. It was developed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Crescendo Academy of Music, and made possible through the funding from the PNC Foundation.

The KSO first Pops concert, The Music of Billy Joel with Michael Cavanaugh, is Friday the 18th of November. Don't be surprised to hear music from the show as you dine!



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# SYMPHONY IN STYLE

Fashions for the Season

**Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 - 6:30 p.m. reception**

**Runway show 8:00 p.m. - Epic Theatre, Kalamazoo Mall**

Featuring fashions by: Burtrum Furs & Leathers, CAbi, Cakes Boutique, Carlisle Collection, Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Earthly DeLights, Lana's Couture, M.O.D.A., Stein Mart and Sydney.

With only a couple of weeks before our "Symphony in Style" event, the committee is making its final preparations before the big show at the Epic Theatre on Tuesday, October 25.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium outside of the theater with a wonderful reception catered by the Beacon Club, Full City Cafe and the Millennium Restaurant Group.

Before the show, browse the vendor booths and enjoy the music of Barry Ross and Steve Kamerling. Our "Symphony in Style" show begins at 8:00 p.m in the theater and we can't wait for you to see who and what's coming down the runway! Our fantastic KSO Music Director, Raymond Harvey, will be one of our special guest models this year as we will feature men's fashions as well as women's fashions.

If you have already pre-purchased your ticket, we are

## Education/Scholarship

We have recently received updates and news regarding our scholarship students.

Leila Al-Ousi, who has advanced into Audrey Lipsey's studio at Crescendo Academy, has been the recipient of the **KSOL General Scholarship** since the fall of 2007. Leila, a high-school junior, sent us the following letter this past June: *"Thank you for the scholarship to help me pay for my private lessons. This money has made it possible for me to have 45-minute lessons. The extra time with my private teacher has increased my skills on the violin."* She goes on to say, *"This past year, I was concert master of my school orchestra at Loy Norrix. Not only that, but I played several solos, including a part from my favorite piece, Schindler's List. Furthermore, my lessons helped prepare me to audition for and play in the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony. Working at that level has been very exciting and rewarding for me. There is nothing like playing in Chenery Auditorium for a large audience. I know that the extra time my scholarship allows me with my private teacher helped make that possible. Thanks again for the financial help. I will always be grateful for this scholarship."*

Since the fall of 2009, the **KSOL Ramona Bernhard Scholarship** has been shared by sisters Caty and Caryne Sterling. Caty

**Jan Boesch & Barbara King,**

*Fashion Show Co-Chairs*



Jan Boesch



Barbara King

thrilled that you will be joining us for this fun fall fashion extravaganza! Attendees will get a chance to win some of our wonderful door prizes, and there are some great fashion accessories that will be available at the silent auction table during the reception.

**There are still a few tickets remaining, but these are selling fast - Don't delay!**

If you and a friend would like to attend this event, please call our **Reservations Chair Teresa Crawford** as soon as possible at **(269) 372-4486** to reserve your seats.

Our VIP tickets (\$55) have sold-out however, general admission reservations are still available for \$45 per person. (Please note that \$25 of each ticket is tax deductible)

Many thanks to all KSOL members who have supported this project in various ways! Due to your efforts, all the proceeds from this fund-raising event will go to support the work of our wonderful Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

With sincere appreciation, Jan Boesch & Barbara King

**Jane Hoogerheide, Education/scholarship Chair**

and Caryne continue to enjoy their lessons at the Suzuki Academy of Kalamazoo with Dana Duncan. They are both making steady progress, and Caryne continues to play in the **KJSO Prep String Orchestra**. They both love playing their instruments together with their other musician friends. Their mother has noticed that music is now an integral part of their daily lives. Rarely a day goes by without the sounds of music-making in the house. Music is also an important social outlet for the girls and gives them many opportunities to take part in social events and community performances.



Also since the fall of 2009, Giovanni (John) Pedrolini, who studies cello with Silvia Sidorane at Crescendo Academy, has been the recipient of the **KSOL Irving S. Gilmore Scholarship**. John, a high-school sophomore, enjoys his cello lessons, which provide him with the individual learning environment that is so advantageous for him. Our scholarship makes these private lessons possible for John. This past year he had fun working on a book of tunes from *Beauty and the Beast*.

Thank you, KSOL members, for making these scholarships possible for these delightful young people!

## Chicago Trip – Nov. 16

### The Windy City Beckons!

Our annual Chicago bus trip on Wednesday, November 16 is filling up. Make your reservation now! The bus will depart from the former K-Mart parking lot at 8 am and return at about 11 pm to allow for a very full day of shopping, going to the theatre or a museum, and dining at a favorite restaurant. The price for the trip is \$45 and includes the bus driver tip and a few surprises. If you would like to join other members for dinner at the Rosebud Restaurant (located on Superior and Rush where the bus picks us up), please reserve your spot when you register.



**Jo Arnold & Anne van Giessen**, *Chicago Bus Trip Co-Chairs*

There are two shows in Chicago that have matinees on November 16: the musical *“Million Dollar Quartet”* at the Apollo Theater and *“Love, Loss and What I Wore”* at the Broadway Playhouse in the Water Tower Place.

Your non-KSOL friends are welcome to join us. Contact Jo Arnold (269) 327-0886 or Anne van Giessen (269) 668-5521. Reservation with payment are due now. Make checks payable to KSOL and send to:

Anne van Giessen, KSOL  
9973 West S Ave.  
Mattawan, MI 49071

## Public Relations

Did you hear our President, Mary Klenow, talking with Lori Moore on WKZO, Thursday, October 13? Mary told Lori’s audience about *“Symphony in Style - Fashions for the Season”*. Thanks, Mary, and Lori Moore!

Listen every Thursday between 9 AM and 10 AM for local callers, on WKZO 590 AM and 96.5 FM. Midwest Radio Group, with 5 stations, will be announcing news of our Fashion Show. Be sure to tune in on October 18, that’s one week before the Show, when Lori Moore will be doing a live interview with KSOL members about our Fall fund-raiser at 8:45 AM. Thanks to Tim Abramowski and Midwest Radio Group!

Are you aware that Women’s Lifestyle Magazine of Kalamazoo is a free publication and that KSOL’s own Darlene Clifford is the publisher? Darlene put together a spectacular quarter-page ad for our Fashion Show that appears in the outstanding October issue. Thanks, Darlene!

**Barbara Farraye**, *Public Relations Chair*

Look for an announcement in Encore Magazine, which you’ll receive at October concerts. We’re hoping to see our Fashion Show listed in the “Events of Note” section.

Contact has been made with WOOD TV 8 in Grand Rapids. We don’t have confirmation, but are optimistic that a group from KSOL, perhaps with models, will be broadcast before our Show. Repeated communications have been made, but we have no definite date as yet.

The Kalamazoo Gazette listed our event in the Fall Preview section in September. We also had an article which listed several details of our Fashion Show. Our thanks to the Gazette!

There’s still time to contact other media for publicity, so be sure to listen, watch and read about our outstanding Fall event!

See you at *“Symphony in Style” - Fashions for the Season!*

## Membership

A note of congratulations was sent to Past-President, Marty Kakuk, on her *“Encore”* cover photo and inside article about her genealogy research of her grandmother’s impressive life. Way to go, Marty!

We ask all of you to let us know of other KSOL members to whom notes should be sent throughout the year.

Please introduce yourselves to our newer members and encourage their participation on our projects and committees. Project and committee involvement is the best way to make new friends in KSOL, support the Symphony and have fun.

And don’t forget to bring prospective members to a general meeting and let them see what a great group we are.

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

## KSOL Book Club

Ten members and two guests attended our September gathering, where Jo Arnold led the discussion of Renée Fleming’s interesting autobiographical work, *The Inner Voice: The Making of a Singer*. Thank you, Jo!

On November 15 Lilly Baraka will lead the discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. *Loving Frank* is a fictional account of the relationship of architect Frank Lloyd Wright and feminist Mamah Borthwick Cheney, the client for whom Wright left his wife and children. The novel offers insights into Wright’s architecture, personality, and creative process, and also into the struggles of feminists in the early 20th century. The book is certain to foster a lively discussion.

**Janet Thieme**, *Book Club Coordinator*

Our book club meets in the annex building of Kazoo Books, 2413 Parkview, at 10 am on the third Tuesday of selected months. Coffee and a snack are provided. Participants are asked to contribute \$1 to help defray the costs of the coffee, cups, and napkins, which are supplied by Kazoo Books.

Do you love to read? Would you like to get to know a few more of your fellow KSOL members? Come join us! You are welcome to attend one, some, or all of our gatherings for the year. An RSVP is appreciated. Please call Janet Thieme at 743-7140 or send an email to [jsthieme@aol.com](mailto:jsthieme@aol.com) if you plan to attend on November 15.

Hope to see you then!



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### November Calendar of Events

- Tues. Nov. 1** 12:45 pm Executive Committee  
1:30 pm Full Board Meeting  
Home of Kay Burtis
- Tues. Nov. 8** 10:30 am General Meeting Registration  
The Bravo Café
- Tues. Nov. 15** 10:00 am KSOL Book Club  
Kazoo Books - 2413 Parkview Ave.
- Wed. Nov. 16** 8:00 am Chicago Bus Trip
- Fri. Nov. 18** 8:00 pm KSO Pops Concert - Miller Auditorium  
The Music of Billy Joel & More  
with Michael Cavanaugh  
Raymond Harvey, Conductor

### 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

### 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