



Overtures & Encores

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

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2010
10:30 a.m. - Registration
11:00 a.m. - Meeting/Program
12:00 Noon - Lunch

Program

Jean-Marie Zeitouni,
KSO October Guest Conductor

The Bacon Club

Price \$16

Reservations

by Tuesday, September 7th
to Mary Klenow ★ 327-8451
email: mklenow@hotmail.com

Menu

Broccoli Salad

Chicken & Mushroom Crepes

Snowball Ice Cream
(ice cream covered in coconut
with chocolate sauce)

Rolls, Butter
Tea, Coffee or Soda



President's Notes

September was a very busy month and hopefully got most of us ready for fall and back into the "swing" of KSOL activities. We have a new addition to our line-up of social activities, a **Book Club!** Sharon Gulbis has taken on the task of leading the club and is looking forward to your participation. Please see the Book Club article in this newsletter for more information.

The "**Symphony in Style**" **Fashions for the Season Show** is approaching very quickly! I hope that you have all purchased your ticket as space is limited. It promises to be a great show and fun for all.

For the past 10 - 15 years or so we have sponsored a shopping **Bus Trip** to several different places... Summerset Mall in Troy and downtown Chicago to name a few. The trips provide an opportunity for our members to have a fun social time together. It is not a fund raising event. Most of you who have enjoyed the trips, overwhelmingly voted for **Downtown Chicago**.

Esther Wurfel, President



By the middle of November most of the stores have completed their decorations for the holidays and downtown Chicago is very festive!

Our next trip is on Wednesday, November 10th and gives our guests a choice of shopping for the day or taking in a theatre matinee performance. Please contact Jan Boesch or Rosemary Holtzer if you are interested.

"**Grand Homes of Kalamazoo**" meetings are starting soon and the team needs your help! There are many factions to a home tour event which requires many volunteers to make up the team. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this very exciting event. The tour will be held on May 13, 14 and 15, 2011.

Looking forward to hearing from you...)

Warmly,
Esther

October Program

This month we welcome Jean-Marie Zeitouni, guest conductor for the "All Mozart" concert on October 16-17. Zeitouni has emerged as one of Canada's brightest young conductors whose eloquent yet fiery style in repertoire ranging from Baroque to contemporary music results in regular engagements across Canada and the United States.

Zeitouni is the associate conductor of Canada's world renowned ensemble, Les Violons du Roy. He is a regular guest conductor with major orchestras and opera companies across the US and Canada. This season, Zeitouni is engaged to conduct the Montreal Opera, Edmonton Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, and I Musici de Montréal, as well as the Oregon Symphony, San Antonio Symphony and Cincinnati Opera. He will return to the Columbus Symphony on five occasions as part of the orchestra's music director search.

Maestro Zeitouni will provide delightful insights on the music of Mozart and share stories of his exciting conducting career. Don't miss this opportunity to meet in person the visiting conductor who will lead our October "All-Mozart" concert.



Elizabeth Youker, Program Chair

Symphony in Style – Fashions for the Season

Oct. 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

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Don't miss *Symphony in Style – Fashions for the Season* held in the Epic Theatre, downtown Kalamazoo.

World-renowned soprano Susan B. Anthony will serve as our Master of Ceremonies for this fabulous evening of fun and fashion. You'll enjoy seeing the latest fall lines on the runway, meeting with jewelry and textile artists, and a chance to win some great raffle and door prizes. There will be a special presentation by a Grand Rapids fashion expert on accessories...what to do with that scarf and/or belt to update an outfit. And, you won't want to miss musical guests Barry Ross and Steve Kamerling who plan to entertain us as we peruse the vendor booths and dine on delectable appetizers from the Millennium Restaurant Group and the Beacon Club during the pre-show reception.

Ticket prices are **\$55 for VIP** seating and **\$45 for General Admission**. **THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS**, and tickets will go fast!

To purchase your tickets contact Mary Klenow at
(269) 327-8451

Jan Boesch and Barbara King,

Project Co-Chairs

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m. Reception; 8:00 p.m. Fashion Show

Tickets: **\$55 VIP** seating; **\$45 General Admission**

Contact Mary Klenow at (269) 327-8451.

Fashions By: Burtrum Furs & Leathers, Cakes Boutique, Carlisle Collection, Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Earthly Delights, J. Jill, MODA, Stein Mart, and Sydney's



All proceeds to benefit our
Kalamazoo Symphony
Orchestra.

Education / Scholarship

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

Leila Al-Ousi, who studies violin with Olga Ziabrikova at Crescendo Academy, has been the recipient of the **KSOL General Scholarship** since the fall of 2007. Our scholarship has enabled her to advance to a 45-minute lesson. Her instructor responded enthusiastically to our annual progress survey and wrote, *"I am very proud to have Leila as my student this past year. She prepared for KJSO auditions and successfully got in. She is always well prepared for lessons and willing to learn."*

Leila herself sent us the following letter: *"Thank you for giving me the scholarship that has enabled me to grow so much as a musician. Without your help, I would not be able to take the lessons that help me as a violinist. I am excited about how much I have grown this year. My lessons and practice have paid off, and I auditioned for and won a spot on the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra. I do not feel I would have been able to make this happen without the help of the 45-minute lessons this scholarship provides."* She goes on to say, *"Music is very important to me and has helped me be more disciplined. I also feel it helps*

Jane Hoogerheide, Education/scholarship Chair

with my school work because it helps me focus on details. I wish that every student had the chance to play a musical instrument."

Since the fall of 2009, the **KSOL Ramona Bernhard Scholarship** has been shared by sisters Caty and Caryne Sterling, who both study violin with Dana Duncan. Both girls are members of the KJSO Prep String Concert Orchestra and will also be playing in the Suzuki Orchestra of Kalamazoo. The girls feel they have definitely improved and made progress over the past year.



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 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 learned new scales, enjoyed learning a Disney song, and played in a Crescendo recital.

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

Membership

By the time you read this news, you'll be enjoying your new 2010-2011 Directory. We have 150 members, 22 are life members. Many hours of preparation went into this project! We found not having Membership Forms from all members was a real inconvenience. Even if your information was the same, we need the form for files. You'll be reminded next April of completing the form and paying your dues. The deadline for payment is the date of our Annual Meeting next May. Please know that your dues are used for administrative expenses and are not contributed to fund-raising.

Thanks to those of you who let me know of members who would appreciate a note of encouragement or congratulations from our membership. Please continue to call or e-mail me with that information. I write in your behalf, but I'm sure members would appreciate hearing from you personally.

Notes sent since August:

Congratulations to:

Jane Rooks Ross, who received a grant titled "PNC's Marvelous Music!" to be used for experiences in high-need pre-school classrooms.

Jane Baley who has her first grand-child, Lucy Mae Baley!

Barbara Farraye, *Membership Chair*

"Thinking of you" to:

Barbara King who has been ill.

Mary Lam Rodrigues who had surgery

Dottie Early who was hospitalized after a fall.



Condolence to:

Aaron Cassette, whose mother passed away recently.

Is January 21-22, 2011 posted on your calendar? Please plan in advance for our participation in **Women's Life Style Expo**. Many members will be asked to design, set-up, and man our booth. This will provide for multiple promotional opportunities for KSOL to present our mission of "**Volunteers Supporting Today's Symphony and Tomorrow's Musicians**". This will take the place of our usual Membership Reception. It will attract potential interested members for KSOL.

On that closing note, please think of family, friends, and neighbors who would enjoy and participate in our energetic and friendly organization! You may bring guests to all general meetings, with the exception of the May Annual Meeting. I'll look forward to meeting them.

Chicago Bus Trip - Nov. 10, 2010

Please don't delay making your reservations for our trip to downtown Chicago on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. We're looking forward to a 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 old K-Mart parking lot on S. Westnedge Ave. at 7:30 AM. **The bus trip cost will be \$40.00.**

Jan Boesch & Rosemary Holtzer,

Bus Trip Co-Chairs

Please make checks payable to: KSOL

Please mail your checks to:

Jan Boesch

841 Foxboro Lane

Augusta, MI 49012



For questions, please call:

Jan @ 720-0931 or Rosemary @ 384-0599

We hope to see you all then!!

KSOL Book Club

KSOL is starting a Book Club! Come join us for a lively discussion of a music related good book with fellow music lovers. Our first book is **Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain**, by Oliver Sacks. Mr. Sacks explores the human mind and music in this engaging accessible book. Hear such true stories as a lightning strike, triggering musical ability; aphasiacs regaining their speech by learning to sing their words; or an amnesiac unable to recognize his own wife but can still remember how to perform complex music.

Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, Oct. 19th at 10:00 a.m.**, Kazoo Books, 2413 Parkview Ave.

Advanced registration is required.

Sharon Gulbis, *Book Club Chair*

Please call Sharon Gulbis at 323-7576.

We are limited in space, so hurry and be one of the first to make your reservation.

Our second book will be on **Tuesday, Nov. 16th at 10:00 a.m.**, Kazoo Books. The book selection is **The Piano Shop on the Left** by Thad Carhart. You must call in each month to reserve your spot.

Gloria Tiller, owner of Kazoo Books, is offering a discount on our books and will be glad to place your order.

Look forward to a good read.

KSO Office Assistance

Volunteers from KSOL assist the **KSO** once a month with small clerical work, related to their community **Public Relations** and **Educational Outreach**. This takes place on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month at **9:30 AM** in the **KSO** office. Your help would probably be once a season as I rotate through the names of the volunteers.

Please call Barbara Smith at 345-2180 if your could help in this way.

Barbara Smith, *KSO Office Assistance Chair*



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Calendar of Events for October

Tues.	Oct. 5	11:30 am 12:00 am	Executive Committee Full Board Meeting Bonnie Fonner's Home
Thurs.	Oct. 7	9:30 am	KSO Office Assistance
Tues.	Oct. 12	10:30 am	KSOL General Meeting Beacon Club
Sat.	Oct. 16	8:00 pm	KSO Concert - Chenery Aud.
Sun.	Oct. 17	3:00 pm	KSO Concert - Chenery Aud.
Tues.	Oct. 19	10:00 am	KSOL Book Club
Thurs.	Oct. 21	6:30 pm	Symphony in Style Fashions for the Season Show Epic Theater

Calendar of Events for November

Tues.	Nov. 2	11:30 am 12:00 am	Executive Committee Full Board Meeting Barbara Smith's Home
Thurs.	Nov. 4	9:30 am	KSO Office Assistance
Tues.	Nov. 9	10:30 am	KSOL General Meeting Bravo Restaurant
Wed.	Nov. 10	7:30 am	Chicago Bus Trip
Sun.	Nov. 14	3:00 pm	KSO Concert The World of Robert Schumann Light Fine Arts Bldg., K College
Tues.	Nov. 16	10:00 am	KSOL Book Club
Fri.	Nov. 19	8:00 pm	KSO Concert Classical Mystery Tour (Beatles Tribute) Miller Auditorium

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