



Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League September 2011 Vol. 17 Issue 2

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

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

10:30 a.m. - Registration

11:00 a.m. - Meeting/Program

12:00 - Lunch

The Beacon Club

Price \$17.50

Program

Michael Wood,

KSO Artist/Principal Horn

Menu

Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto

4-Cheese Ravioli

Sauteed Spinach, Mushrooms

& Roasted Red Peppers

Crème Brule

Dinner Rolls - Butter

Tea - Coffee - Soda

Reservations

by Tuesday, October 4th

to Janet Thieme * 743-7140

email: jsthieme@aol.com

President's Notes

Mary Klenow, *President*



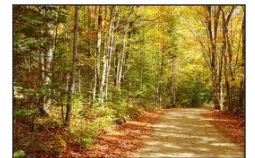
Our September general meeting hit a high note with Alice Pierce singing an excerpt from Verdi's La Traviata! Thanks to our Program Chair, Janis Clark for arranging Alice to be our guest speaker. Our October guest speaker looks to be equally entertaining.

We are "off and running" with our Fall Fundraising Project, "Symphony in Style" – Fashions for the Season. The project team made excellent progress this summer. If you did not purchase your show tickets at our meeting on 9/13, please phone or email Teresa Crawford, Reservations and make arrangements to do so!

I'd like to welcome Anne van Giessen to our Board! Anne is co-chairing our Chicago Bus Trip with Jo Arnold. Surprises are planned along with a group dinner at Rosebud Restaurant. The annual bus trip is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality fun time with your fellow KSOL members!

Our Spring Project 2012 is well underway and we have a Project Co-Chair, Mary Lam- Rodrigues! We are trying something new – a Country Homes Tour! We've covered downtown Kalamazoo three times in recent years, so we thought it was time to go to the country for scenic views and green plantings and find vintage homes. Please mark your calendars for the tour dates of May 18 – 20, 2012. Please contact Mary, if you'd like to Co-Chair the project or join in the planning!

Regards, Mary



October Program - Michael Wood

Janis Clark, *Program Chair*

Michael will use some of the marvelous highlights from the October Mozart and Schubert concert to talk about the essential role of beauty in today's world. Technological advances and new forms of entertainment may grab our attention and influence the way we experience beauty and art, yet a timeless melody can still resonate so deeply that we forget about all else. He will talk about why it is that musicians become so dedicated to their art, and why the orchestra is still such a powerful medium in today's world. Michael is truly immersed in the fine arts and in sharing his talents with our community.

In his role as Artist in Residence, Michael not only gives educational presentations and concerts but he also "adopts" a school each year as part of the KSO Partner School program and performs with the KSO "Music on the Move" Woodwind Quintet. He teaches private les-

sons to students at Crescendo Academy of Music, and serves as a coach and mentor for members of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet in alternate years.

Complementing his musical artistry, Michael also is an extraordinary craftsman who can be found by day in his role as master finisher at Homestead Furniture in the Park Trades Center, putting the final flourishes of color and texture on the studio's custom creations.

Please join us in welcoming Michael Wood to our KSOL October meeting and see him onstage at Chenery Auditorium the 21st and 22nd of October.



Michael Wood

SYMPHONY IN STYLE

Fashions for the Season

Jan Boesch & Barbara King,

Fashion Show Co-Chairs



Jan Boesch



Barbara King

Our fashion show committee has been hard at work over the summer to ensure a wonderful evening for this year's fall fundraiser which takes place on **October 25, 2011 at the Epic Center Theatre**, downtown Kalamazoo.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception in the Epic Center Atrium where guests will dine on delectable appetizers, enjoy musical guests Barry Ross & Steve Kamerling, bid on fabulous silent auction items and peruse the vendor booths before the show begins. Ticket holders will also have a chance to win one of our many great door prize items.

World-renowned soprano Susan B. Anthony (a Kalamazoo favorite!) will again serve as our Master of Ceremonies for this wonderful evening of fun and fashions. Fall & Holiday outfits will grace the runway supplied by: Burtrum Furs & Leathers, CAbi, Cake's Boutique, Carlisle Collection, Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Earthly Delights, Lana's Couture, M.O.D.A., Stein Mart and Sydney.

This year **men's fashions** will also be featured in the show and one of our special guest models will be our wonderful **KSO Music Director, Raymond Harvey!**

Ticket prices are \$55 for VIP seating and \$45 for general admission. (\$25 of ticket is tax-deductible)

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS, and tickets will go quickly – so don't delay!

Sales will begin on September 13th at the KSOL General Membership Meeting. During the meeting, be sure to pick up some of our promotional postcards to hand out to your family and friends.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact **Teresa Crawford** at **(269) 372-4486** or email: **KSOLevents@gmail.com** to purchase your tickets.

On behalf of this year's Project Committee, we thank you in advance for your participation! We all look forward to seeing you in October for **"Symphony in Style"**.

Public Relations

Barbara Farraye, Public Relations Chair

So, did you circle **October 25, 2011, in red**, on your calendar? Why? That's when KSOL will present **"Symphony in Style"- Fashions for the Season!**

The Kalamazoo Gazette will publish a Fall Arts Preview beginning on September 11. It will contain information about entertainment activities between September 11 and January 22. An article has been submitted about our event for that listing.

Look for an article in the October issue of Encore. It was sent in August hoping that with an early arrival it would be included. They are printed as space permits.

Women's Lifestyle Magazine of Kalamazoo, has received information also. Did you know that KSOL member, Darlene Clifford, is the publisher of this very popular, (and it's free!) magazine? A request was made that KSOL be included in the monthly listing as well.

A photo was taken at a recent Fashion Show committee meeting. Thanks to Mary Klenow's computer skills, it was sent to the three aforementioned publications.

You'll see KSOL's full page ad in the September concert program book. Mary Lam-Rodrigues has given you a hint of the color scheme and other information on this page.

Please share the Public Relations news with family and friends. **We want a full house for our Fashion Show!**



Seated: Co-chairs Barbara King & Jan Boesch along with KSOL Pres. Mary Klenow; standing Helen Driver & Sandi Fox

Chicago Trip – Nov. 16

ALL ABOARD!

Our annual Chicago bus trip on Wednesday, November 16 is only two months away. It's time to make your reservation and your plans for a great day in the Windy City!



The bus will depart from the former K-Mart parking lot on S. Westnedge at 8 a.m. and return at about 11 p.m. to allow for a very full day of shopping, going to the theatre or a museum, and dining at a favorite restaurant. As usual the bus will stop

Jo Arnold & Anne van Giessen, *Chicago Bus Trip Co-Chairs*
near Macy's on State St. and near Michigan Ave. shops.

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 Rosebud Restaurant (located on Superior and Rush where the bus picks us up), please reserve your spot when you pay for your trip.

Your non-KSOL friends are welcome to join us. Please call **Anne at 668-5521** or **Jo Arnold at 327-0886** for more information and/or use the form below to make your reservation.

Chicago Bus Trip Reservation

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Dinner Reservation _____

Reservation with payment of \$45 is due now.

Make checks payable to KSOL and send to:

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

Membership

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

Since the publication of the August Overtures & Encores newsletter, the following notes have been sent:

- ❖ **Welcoming Notes:** to two new members Jane Rooks Ross and Jeff Ross husband of Ann Ross.
- ❖ **Sympathy Notes:** expression of support to Liz Walker on the illness of her husband Gary.
Condolence to Michael Werden on the death of his brother.
- ❖ **Congratulatory Notes** to Marianna Zeman, a member for over forty years, on her 90th birthday; joining the *grande dames*, Dottie Early and Trudy Early.



Kay Burtis



Diane Heckler

Please check your listing in the new Membership Directory and notify Kay or Diane of any errors or changes. Thank you.

Nominating Committee

Esther Wurfel, *Nominating Committee Chair and Immediate Past President*

The nominating committee has it's first meeting on September 23rd and has more challenges than usual! They will have to find two president-elects, one for 2011-12 and one for 1212-13. The Assistant Treasurer for 1211-12 has recently resigned - due to scheduling conflicts - and a replacement is being sought by the nominating committee as well. If you have a desire to take a leadership position and be part of the board

of directors, please contact me. Your support of our wonderful organization is essential to it's survival and longevity.

Please call me at: **323-8788 (work number)** or email me at esther@ame-systems.com

I look forward to hearing from you!

KSOL Book Club

Janet Thieme, *Book Club Coordinator*

If you're interested in attending one of the upcoming meetings of the KSOL Book Club, now is the time to start reading. We'd love to have you join us!

On November 15, Lilly Baraka will lead our discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan, the story of architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney, the client for whom Wright left his wife and children. On January 17, Margaret Woodhams will lead our discussion of *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez, a book about the friendship between the author and a homeless violinist that he meets on Skid Row.

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.



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October Calendar of Events

- Tues. Oct. 4** 12:45 pm Executive Committee
1:30 pm Full Board Meeting
Home of Mary Lam-Rodrigues
- Tues. Oct. 11** 10:30 am General Meeting Registration
The Beacon Club
- Fri. Oct. 21** 8:00 pm KSO Concert - Chenery Auditorium
and Mozart & Schubert
- Sat. Oct. 22** 8:00 pm Matthias Bamert, Guest Conductor
Anthony McGill, Clarinet



Tony McGill

- Tues. Oct. 25** 6:30 pm *"Symphony in Style"* - Fashion Show
Epic Centre Theatre

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 Cafe
- 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

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