



# Overtures & Encores

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League

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

## General Meeting

### Tuesday Evening

October 14, 2008

5:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 p.m. Dinner

### Black Swan Restaurant

### Program

7:00 p.m. Helen Lukan,  
Pianist

### Price \$25

### Reservations

by Tuesday, Oct. 7

to Heather Ingram

321-0799

email: heathlee@iserv.net

### Menu

Stuffed Ravioli  
(spinach pasta pillows stuffed  
with roasted vegetables)

with

Ricotta & Mozzarella cheese in  
a tomato-basil sauce topped  
with grated Parmesan cheese

Apple Strudel  
with a warm vanilla sauce

## President's Notes

Synthia Hardy Kushner, *President*

Fall is really shaping up to be fabulous for KSOL!

All the projects, programs and opportunities are really off to a great start! Please take a minute to read the details in the following pages. There are so many wonderful ways to support KSOL – pick what you'd like to be involved with!

There is quite a bit of news to share this month...

KSO Executive Director Stacy Rideour has accepted the same position at the Jacksonville Symphony in Florida. It's an exciting and challenging opportunity for Stacy and she'll be leaving at the end of September. Also leaving in September for Florida, is KSOL Lifetime Member and 2005-2006 President, Vickie

Langkam. We wish them all the best. They'll be missed.

Our Music Director, Raymond Harvey, was awarded the 2008 Community Medal of Arts Award for his artistic contributions to our community on September 11, 2008. What a wonderful way to kick off his 10th Anniversary Season with KSO. Congratulations!

With so many KSOL activities to participate in, I'm sure I'll be seeing you all soon!



## October Program

Helen Lukan, *Program Chair*

In great demand as a freelance pianist, local musician, Helen Lukan, will present a program about *life as a musician* on October 14th.

Helen has served with many different music organizations throughout Southwest Michigan including the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Bach Festival and currently with the Kalamazoo Singers.



Lilly Baraka, *President Elect*

## Ways & Means

The Ways & Means Committee is developing and we have a very busy year ahead. Our first meeting will be Friday Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m. at the Parkview Hills Clubhouse.

The committee consists of Sharon Gulbis, Anne Van Giessen, Susan Barber, Kay Burtis and Bonnie Fonner.

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please call me at 327-5812 or Email: LillyBaraka@yahoo.com

## Education / Scholarship

Jane Hoogerheide,  
Education/Scholarship Chair

We are gearing up for a new year with the **Kushner & Company Instrument Petting Zoo!** Once the schools return their zoo-request forms, we will begin the scheduling process. We already know that we will be doing zoos with the seven KSO/Gilmore partner schools and our Musicians-in-Residence school (King-Westwood).

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### Scholarship Winners:

The KSOL sponsors three \$500 scholarships every year, two of which are intended for those who, due to financial or underprivileged circumstances, would not otherwise be able to receive private lessons. The third KSOL scholarship, designated as the Irving S. Gilmore Scholarship, is intended for a student with similar circumstances as above, but who is also physically challenged.

★ In the fall of 2007, **Michael Laur**, who studies cello with Luke Cook at Crescendo Academy, became the

latest recipient of the KSOL Irving S. Gilmore Scholarship. This young boy deals with multiple medical issues as a result of fetal alcohol syndrome. Some of you may recall meeting Michael and his mother when he performed at the Ladies Library last April during Audrey Lipsey's presentation on Crescendo Academy.

★ Also in the fall of 2007, the KSOL general scholarship for someone with financial need was awarded to **Leila Al-Ousi**, who studies violin with Olga Ziabrikova at Crescendo Academy. This past May, her instructor reported as follows: "Leila is a great student. She deserves every bit of the scholarship."

★ **Janae Nelson** has been the recipient of the KSOL Ramona Bernhard Scholarship for several years already. Janae, who is currently studying violin with Suzuki violin instructor Dana Duncan, recently sent us a thank-you note in which she shared how

the scholarship has "helped tremendously with our finances. We are very grateful. My love for the violin has grown rapidly over the last few years. Once again, thank you for all the support you have given me and my family."

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If anyone is interested in learning what I do as coordinator of the zoo, please contact me so we can work together (372-1221). Ann Wuerthele has again generously offered to assist me as needed this coming year, but we are always looking for someone who is interested in a larger leadership role.



## Fall Project

**Our goal: to increase the number and participation of KSOL members.**

### ★ Business Focused Event

September 30, 5:15-6:30.

Epic Center Atrium, second floor.

This Event will be an informal "**KSOL 5:01 party**"; a time to mix and mingle with our potential members, the hosts who invited them, and the Board. You were urged to be a host for this Event, and it's hoped that you volunteered.

### ★ Retiree Focused Event, Oct. 28

It's not too late! There are so many

who would like to be a member of our dynamic organization and are just waiting for someone, like you, to extend an invitation. Please contact me if you would like to be a host.

### ★ Kushner and Company Instrument Petting Zoo Docents

December 10.  
Epic Center downstairs classroom  
Docents will be treated to lunch.

If you aren't available for these events, you can still invite a prospective member or **invite someone to a general meeting**, except the Annual Meeting in May.

Barbara Farraye, *Fall Project Chair*

I hope I've impressed **each of you** with the significance of these events. As a member, you are asked to support our projects.

This is the Fall Project: **MEMBERSHIP!**

Please do **YOUR** part.



## Membership

Diane Robertson, *Membership Chair*

### KSOL Symphony Discount!

President Synthia spent a great deal of time this summer to secure a true "perk" for KSOL Members from our symphony. All regularly priced tickets in Zones 1, 2 and 3 will be **discounted 25%** to all members!

Call Candis Parrish at 345-7759 Ext. 221 to receive discounts and mention you are a KSOL member. No reason for all KSOL members not to attend our symphony concerts!

### Friendship Cards:

Get well cards have been sent to:

- ★ Nancy and Chuck Thiele who are recovering after a serious car mishap with a deer. And, sadly to the Thieles, a sympathy card was sent at the loss of Chuck's mother Olive.
- ★ Vicky Langkams husband Leonard, a get well card was sent after his recent surgery.

On a happy note:

- ★ A birthday greeting was sent to our dear Dottie Early on the occasion of her 90th birthday! Joyce DeNooyer made a Tribute donation in honor of Dottie's birthday.

### Of Note:

In the wings several new members are coming into the league. Announcements in next months issue! Remember our Fall Project is membership; your help is needed to increase our numbers!

Please keep me apprised of anyone in need of a card, word of cheer, sympathy et al. Many thanks! THINK MEMBERSHIP



## Symphony Highlights

Horacio Gutierrez – Pianist  
Friday, October 17, 8:00 p.m.

Raymond Harvey – Conductor

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Debussy – Sarabande

Debussy – Petite Suite

Elgar – In the South

Rachmanioff –  
Piano Concerto No. 2

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November  
Anthony Ross – Cello  
Friday, November 21, 8:00 p.m.

Shubert – Symphony No. 8

Rachmaninoff – Symphony in  
D minor

Dvorak – Cello Concerto

## Nominating Committee

I am very pleased to announce the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee elected by our membership last spring. The committee members are: Barbara Smith, Barbara Far- raye, Anne van Giessen, Diane Robertson, Susan Barber, and Jane Hoogerheide.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating the Executive Committee for 2009-2010. I look forward to working with the committee identifying members for these important KSOL leadership positions. If you have any recommendations, please let me know.

**Julianne Wood-Ruthwill,**  
*Past Pres. & Nominating Com. Chair*

## Fall Bus Trip 2008

**Join the Fun!** The KSOL Bus Trip to Chicago is Thurs., Nov. 13, 2008.

We're looking forward to another great day with KSOL members & guests. Leave the K-Mart parking lot on S. Westnedge at 7:30 AM.

The cost will be **\$40.00**.

**Please mail your checks to:**

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



**For questions, please call:**

Jan @720-0931 or Dottie @345-6871

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

or email Jan: [jwboesch@tds.net](mailto:jwboesch@tds.net).

Be sure to include a friend, it's a great way to introduce them to the wonderful people from the KSOL!!



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### Calendar of Events for October

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| <b>Tues., Oct. 7</b>  | Exec. Committee – 11:30 a.m.<br>Full Board – 12:00 p.m.<br>Lilly Baraka’s home |
| <b>Tues., Oct. 14</b> | General Meeting – 5:30 p.m.<br>Helen Lukan, Pianist<br>The Black Swan          |
| <b>Fri., Oct. 17</b>  | KSO Concert – 8:00 p.m.<br>Horacio Gutierrez, Pianist<br>Miller Auditorium     |
| <b>Tues., Oct. 28</b> | Retiree Focused Event  |

### Upcoming Events for November

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| <b>Tues., Nov. 4</b>  | Exec. Committee – 11:30 a.m.<br>Full Board – 12:00 p.m.<br>Bonnie Fonner’s home |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 11</b> | General Meeting – 5:30 p.m.<br>Barry Ross, Violinist<br>Bravo Restaurant        |
| <b>Fri., Nov. 21</b>  | KSO Concert – 8:00 p.m.<br>Anthony Ross, Cello<br>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