

## President's Message

Jackie Guaderrama

**G**reetings to all as we begin our new year!

I would first like to congratulate Donna Pedace and the entire Guild on the very successful 2007–2008 year. It was a busy year and one of many accomplishments. Just in case you missed it, Donna presented a check in the amount of \$112,500 to Eric Meyer, President of the NM Symphony Orchestra on behalf of the Guild at a concert in May. We should all be proud of this fine achievement.

As we start the new year, I want to acknowledge the members of this year's Board who have so generously and graciously offered their time and effort in the year ahead. I greatly look forward to working with the Board as well as the entire membership.

I would also like to welcome Geri Jones to the Board. Geri will chair the Long-Term Planning Committee. As a Guild member since 1988, Geri has served as President, been involved with several Symphony Balls, and is a Grace Note recipient. Her expertise in all aspects of the Guild will be beneficial in establishing our future goals and plans.

Yvette Lyle, VP of Membership, and her committee have

been busy already. Please read her article below. If you have not received your renewal notice, please notify Yvette. Our membership luncheon is scheduled for September 25th, so mark your calendars now.

Leslie Kim, VP of Education, is hard at work on assembling Peter & the Wolf materials. If you are interested in this extremely worthwhile program and have not already participated, please let Leslie know. It is an endeavor that requires many volunteers and is easy and fun to do.

We plan to continue the Celebrity Conductor Contest this fall. This was a very successful fundraiser last year, and we hope it will be equally successful this year. We will soon be selecting four community leaders to participate. Some of you have recommended names for participation; if others of you know individuals who would be good contestants, please let me know. We are seeking those who like a challenge and are extremely competitive.

For the first time, the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition will be expanded and string instruments added to what has always been a "piano only" event. It should be very exciting! Karla Bressan and Carol Horner are chairing this event.

Finally, I know some of you are subscribers to the NMSO or attend some of the concerts, but for those who do not, I encourage you to attend either an NMSO Classics or Pops performance. As we are the major support organization of the NMSO, it is important to recognize this magnificent orchestra with our attendance.

*Jackie Guaderrama, President*

## TASO Convention

**I**n May of this year, we attended the TASO (Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras) Convention in Houston, Texas. Two-and-a-half days were packed full of speakers, meetings, and learning about projects and fundraisers from other guilds.

The New Mexico Symphony Guild was one of seven recipients of the 2008 TASO Service Award. The Award was given to the Guild in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Señoritas of the Symphony and the Doñita/Señorita

Reunion held the evening prior to the 2007 Symphony Ball.

All organizations gave a brief PowerPoint presentation to highlight their activities for the year. We would like to thank Karla Bressan for creating our Doñita/Señorita Reunion presentation.

The TASO convention Committee should be commended for the outstanding organizing (array/assortment/range) of informative and beneficial events and for providing lovely evening activities.

*Jackie Guaderrama, President*

*Teri Fahs, President-Elect*

## Notes from the Symphony Office

**B**e sure to guarantee your seats now for the exciting 2008–2009 NMSO season! It all begins September 19, 2008, and will include a Beethoven festival and new Pops matinee series. The Beethoven festival will offer performances of Symphony No. 5, four Piano Concertos, and the Missa Solemnis featuring the acclaimed NMSO Chorus.

Other highlights of the Classics season include

Mendelssohn's Elijah (also featuring the Chorus), Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1, and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite, complete with ballet dancers onstage.

An expanded Pops season will feature guest artists such as Mariachi Cobre, the New York Voices, New Orleans trumpeter Byron Stripling, as well as a salute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. If you haven't received your 2008–2009 season brochure, call (505) 881-8999 or visit NMSO.org to request one.

# Guild Honors Marianne Kelly with Grace Note Award

The Guild honored Marianne Kelly with the 2008 Grace Award at the annual membership luncheon in May. Marianne and her husband Michael Kelly have been Guild members since 2000.

Marianne has served the Guild in many capacities including Señorita Program Chair in 2001, Symphony Ball Chair in 2002, President-Elect in 2003, President in 2004, Advisor and



Nominating Committee Chair in 2005, and Social Chair in 2006. Her leadership as Membership Chair in 2007 resulted in more than 100 new members.

The Guild initiated the Grace Note Award in 1977 for members who have given exceptional service in time and effort to the organization. A Grace note is one that embellishes a musical selection.

Congratulations, Marianne, and thank you for all you do for our Guild!

## Membership Committee Off to Speedy Start!

All current members should have received their 2008–2009 membership renewal information. We hope you will return it by July 15, 2008.

We are so pleased to have 113 new members thanks to the hard work and diligence of the 2007–2008 Membership Committee. We hope all those new members will renew their memberships for the coming year. It is important to retain all current members while recruiting new ones.

The goals of the Membership Committee this year are to increase membership, increase retention of our current members, and to introduce the NMSG to younger women and men. To that end, we would ask that all members recommend membership of at least one person and preferably

five. We also would like to encourage you to think of those of the “younger generation” who would enjoy and understand the mission of the NMSG. Please call me at 856-7087 or email [yllye@comcast.net](mailto:yllye@comcast.net) to get a membership packet. You could also ask any member of the Nominating Committee or Board for Membership forms.

A special thanks to my committee who served last year as well. Thank you, Marianne Kelly, past VP of Membership, for giving me such an informed start in taking over your position. Finally, a big thank you to Regina Guest-Rupert, Data Management Chair, for all of her help in getting our membership forms out in such a timely manner.

*Yvette Lyle, VP of Membership*

## New Membership Socials Planned

■ Whitney Foltz will host a social on Saturday, August 23, 2008, to thank our new members from last year as well as welcome new and potential members. These parties are great fun! The “Garden Party” at Whitney’s will

be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

■ Lorna Wiggins will host a social gathering on Monday, October 23, 2008, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

■ Yvette Lyle will host the final party on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Social Luncheons and Meetings Set!

Before your social calendar fills for the year, please mark these important dates down, because we're gonna *do lunch!* They don't call me the lunch lady for nothin'!

Our four main luncheons will be held on:

■ September 25, 2008   ■ December 6, 2008   ■ March 17, 2009   ■ May 21, 2009.

We might even be able to squeeze a fun evening event in somewhere after the holidays. We haven't gotten all the locations pinned down yet, but rest assured there will be great food and wonderful companionship served up at each one!

For our September luncheon, we thought we'd start the new Guild year off with an icebreaker and sponsor a musical hat competition. No, your hat doesn't have to play an instrument! Start from scratch or improvise from something you already have. But it must be musical in theme. Use your imagination. There's real talent out there. Prizes will be awarded for the best hats. Look for your invitation for the September luncheon in the mail in August.

Looking forward to a fun year with everyone!

*Teresa Edens, Chair, Social Functions Committee, 821-9587*

## Fun and Rewarding Volunteer Opportunities in the Educational Realm!

Although the summer has just begun, the previous VP of Education, Gale Rawlings, and the current VP, Leslie Kim, as well as Karla Bressan have been busy! These ladies have been compiling lists of elementary schools around town and creating the Peter & the Wolf packets to deliver to those schools in the fall. Would you believe the greater Albuquerque area serves children in over 84 public elementary schools?! Please email Leslie Kim at [dandlkim@comcast.net](mailto:dandlkim@comcast.net) if you are interested in contributing to the lives of some of these kids by presenting Peter & the Wolf to first-grade students. We will host a training session in the fall!

Speaking of Peter & the Wolf, if you have one of the kits, please return it to the Guild office as soon as possible so that we can repair, replace, and inventory the materials.

The dates for the Popejoy Concerts have been set: November 12-14, 2008, and May 5-7, 2009. Again, please contact Leslie if you are interested in helping with these opportunities.

Stay tuned for more information on the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition to take place on February 14, 2009. The Guild and the NMSO make an incredible difference in the lives of many young Albuquerqueans. Please join us—we really need your help..

Our volunteer opportunities in the educational realm are rewarding and fun—whether in the classroom or at a concert, working with the children directly or providing snacks for the volunteers. See you in the fall!

*Leslie Kim, VP of Education*

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## ***Music from Angel Fire Presents the 25th Anniversary Season!***

Join us in the spectacular mountain communities of Angel Fire, Taos, Raton, and Las Vegas to celebrate the exciting power of music with the 25th Anniversary Season of Music from Angel Fire. The Festival will present exquisite, world-class chamber music concerts in the awe-inspiring beauty and serene seclusion of Northern New Mexico. The Festival begins on Friday, August 15 and continues through Monday, September 1. International artists including the Miami String Quartet, violinists Ida and Ani Kavafian, pianist Anne-Marie McDermott, flutist Tara Helen O'Connor, Grammy Award winning fiddler/violinist Mark O'Connor, and two-time Grammy Award winner and 2007 Best Male Artist, Native American flutist Robert Mirabal, along with other talented artists, will gather for 15 concerts, featuring the great works of the Classical, Romantic, Baroque, and Contemporary masters. Joan Tower, winner of three 2008 Grammy Awards, is the Music from Angel Fire's 2008 American Composer-in-Residence. The World Premiere of a new work, a string quartet by Ms. Tower entitled "Angels," will be presented during the Festival through the Bruce E. Howden, Jr. American Composers Project.

Festival Artistic Director Ida Kavafian will again host two special Musical Conversations at the United Church of Angel Fire on August 17 and 28, featuring J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerti. Other program highlights will include the favorite "Salon Concert" where artists will "strut their stuff" in an informal setting with unique repertoire in the afternoon of August 24. The Festival's All Baroque Concert will be performed in Taos on August 27. The Festival's "Closer Encounters" series will also provide an informal and fun educational experience during two rehearsals on August 15 and 20, including artist talks and demonstrations. In addition, the Festival will again present the Music from Angel Fire Young Artist Program. This ever-popular Educational Outreach Program, now in its 10th year, will feature performances by students from the famed Curtis Institute of Music of Philadelphia. These gifted young artists will perform as a part of the Festival's "Music in Our Schools" rural residency program, presenting over 30 hands-on classroom programs in the public schools of Northern New Mexico.

Join Music from Angel Fire in celebrating its 25th Anniversary Season with one great concert after another. The music will be dazzling and your experience exhilarating.

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