

March 1, 2007



President's Message

Donna Pedace

What an incredible job all the Guild committees are doing this year! Almost every area has surpassed my hopes and expectations, and I am so grateful for all the work of the many committee Chairs and members on the various projects. There are too many to mention individually, but thank you to all. You should take satisfaction in knowing that the Guild, and ultimately the NMSO and the community, benefit from your valuable time and efforts. Specific updates from each area are included later in the newsletter.

The new Celebrity Conductor Competition was a rousing success. The primary goals for the event were two fold: to raise money and to generate a positive buzz in the commu-

nity. We grossed \$27,965 and had a net gain of \$24,794 after expenses. Other than printing and PR, the candidates did almost all the work, so this was not a labor-intensive project for the Guild. The articles in both the Albuquerque Journal and the New Mexico Business Weekly had the community talking about the competition, and the candidates talked it up at many public and private events. The candidates had fun so it was a win-win for all concerned. Pamela Michaelis won the competition but very graciously turned the baton over to John Lewinger to conduct the night of the announcement. Bravo to all the candidates!

The 2008 Symphony Ball is fast approaching...April 5th, and we need all Guild members to participate in some way. The committee needs people to help with the following: stuff the invitations; donate auction items; follow up on auction solicitation letters; pick up auction donations; set up the auction items the day of the Ball; decorate the ballroom, check in guests; clean up the day after the Ball; and many other tasks. The clean-up crew has been sadly lacking the past couple of years, and it is an important, but short-lived need, so please help on April 6th. The Ball always requires the most volunteers of any Guild activity, and we hope each of you will help in some way to make the event a success. The Ball activities are a fun way to get acquainted with other members and to really feel a part of the Guild. Please contact Cheryl Strotz at 293-7669 or kauai111@msn.com to let her know how you can help.

Donna Pedace, President

Slate for the 2008/2009 New Mexico Symphony Guild Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Sue Brown with Joyce Barkocy, Paula Bradley, Suzanne Fossett, Marianne Kelly and Gayle McCormick serving as members, proudly announces the slate for the 2008/2009 Guild Board of Directors. This slate will be voted on at the March 20th Guild luncheon.

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Thank you to everyone who has accepted a leadership position as well as to all our committee members.

Sue Brown, Nominating Committee Chair

NMSO Musicians Dinner

Over the years a tradition has developed whereby the Guild sponsors a meal for the NMSO Chorus, musicians, and staff. These get-togethers have been potluck gatherings taken on by various members of the Guild. This year the NMSO Recognition Committee was formed to organize these three events.

The Chorus Dessert and Social was held on October 1st during their rehearsal break. Approximately 90 people were served in the boardroom. It was a snug but warm gathering. Guild members donated an ample array of desserts and hors d'oeuvres for refreshment as well as mulled cider, cool tea, coffee and water to drink.

The NMSO staff was served a luncheon on November 7th after their monthly staff meeting. Approximately 22 guests sat down to lunch consisting of salads, breads and a chocolate cheesecake, as well as water and iced tea.



The final event will be the Musicians Dinner scheduled for February 12th at 6:00 PM. The menu will consist of a baked potato/taco bar with all the fixings, salad, drinks, angel food cake and strawberries and perhaps an additional dessert. The boardroom is again the venue for the meal, as 75 musicians will eat in shifts during their regularly scheduled rehearsal. The event is still in the planning stages, and anyone may assist in the planning and serving of the meal, as well as donating food.

Call me at 292-2567 to volunteer. Participation in these events is a wonderful way to engage with NMSO personnel on an individual basis, and they are always so appreciative of our efforts.

Marian Ciepiela
NMSO Recognition Committee Chair

Membership News

We are delighted to announce the following new members who have joined us since our last newsletter. We welcome you and hope your membership experience will be fulfilling and rewarding.

Beverly and Larry Abraham
Noelle Barabe
Gail Gottlieb
Susan Frye
Nancy Herring
Susan Hunter-Miller
Sabra Minkus
Leslie Neal

The Membership Committee is excited to announce that we have 114 new Guild members this administrative year. Thanks to Alyce Cummings and her Mentoring Program for helping these members become familiar with our organization.

Our final New Member Orientation/Social will be held at 5:30 pm on March 6th at the home of Gayle McCormick. The Membership Committee hopes you'll join us!! If you have any questions, please be sure to call me at 821-1252.

The Guild wishes to express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Lifetime Member Emily Mauney and C-Note Member Lisa Thomas, both of whom recently passed away. We will certainly miss them in our organization, and we are grateful for their many contributions.

Marianne Kelly, VP Membership

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Helen Marquez, chair for the NMSG Social Activities, would like to thank her wonderful committee members including Cookie Emerson, Norma Byers, Patricia Knighton, Paula Hewitt, Virginia McIntyre, JiSan Lopez, and especially Gayle McCormick and Donna Pedace for a successful and enjoyable Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show. The Luncheon, held on Dec. 15 at Sandia Resort, hosted 145+ guests who celebrated the holiday season with carolers, local specialty vendors, and male, female, and child models looking great while wearing lovely clothing lines for the season. Thanks to all attendees for supporting our local vendors and contributing to the successful raffle. I'm please to announce our little fundraiser made \$580!

The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th. The details for the luncheon will be distributed closer to the date, but be sure to save the date for this important activity where changes to the Guild's bylaws will be discussed and voted upon. Our special guest will be Eric Myers, the new president of the New Mexico Symphony Guild.

Page Updates

Updates to your NM Symphony Guild Member's Directory: Just copy, cut on the dotted line, add the holes, and you can add this to your current Guild Member Directory. Just trying to help you stay up to date!

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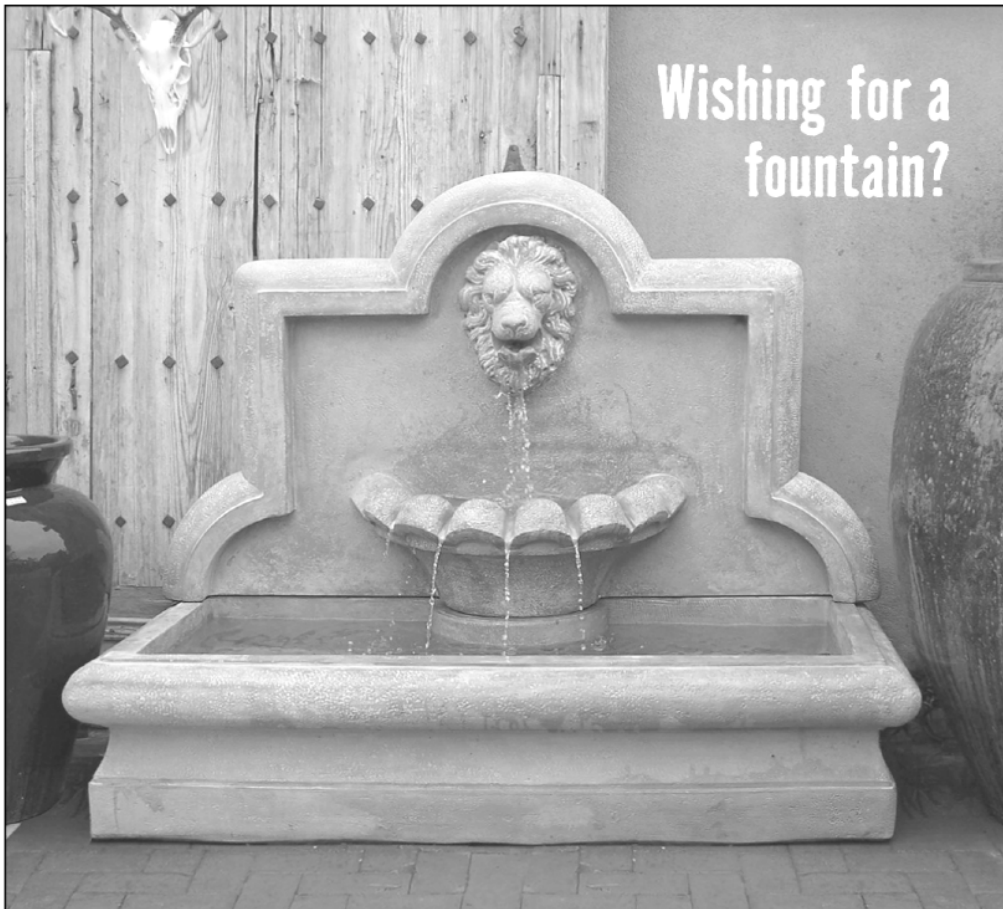
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Peter and the Wolf

Thanks to all of you who have so generously given of your time and talents to support the Guild and the orchestra in our educational efforts. We will begin soon to present Peter and the Wolf in the southwest quadrant, followed by the southeast quadrant. We need more volunteers to fulfill our obligations on behalf of the orchestra. If you hesitate to venture out to parts unknown, we are always ready and willing to carpool and enjoy a fun outing with other Guild members. We are still planning to have a "second semester" training session if we get some response. RSVP to me at 856-9197; 610-0118; or egpr32@hotmail.com. If you are interested in our Peter and the Wolf program, but not sure what it entails, this would be a great opportunity to find out. We welcome "observers." We are always happy to schedule a "shadowing" situation if you would like to accompany one of our "seasoned" docents to a school presentation. As I've said before, our reward is in the face of the first graders

across the APS and RR schools.

Popejoy Concerts for fourth graders will take place April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd. Students are brought by bus from across the city for an entertaining and informative NMSO concert. Our primary responsibility is to direct the students from the busses into Popejoy Hall. We have an opportunity to meet new Guild members, enjoy refreshments, soak up some sunshine and hear a free concert. Please mark your calendars with these dates and join us.

If you have Peter and the Wolf materials that you are not using, please contact me at 856-9197 or 610-0118 or egpr32@hotmail.com. You may also drop them by the NMSO office in the Guild office cubby. We are always looking for used instruments, not necessarily in working condition.

Gale Rawlings, VP Education



Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Piano Competition Bulletin

The 2008 piano competition is scheduled for March 8th at Keller Hall. We have received applications from eleven talented young artists—a record for our contest. The winner will play with the NMSO at the Mothers' Day Concert at the Zoo, and both the winner and runners up will receive monetary prizes.

We need lots of volunteers for the day of the contest. This volunteering opportu-

nity is rewarding and fun. All the volunteers have an opportunity to hear some of the contestants. We have scheduled a meeting for January 31st to set assignments for volunteers. However, anyone unable to attend the meeting but interested in volunteering for this event, should contact me at 867 9398.

Carol Horner,
Competition Chair

Expansion of the Jackie McGehee Competition

As many of you know, it has been a goal of the Guild to expand the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition to include instruments other than piano. After 16 years of piano competition, I hope that this expansion will be possible in 2009.

I attended the Juanita Miller Competition in Dallas on January 12, and after observing their format, I feel this is a model we can follow. Everyone there was very gracious and helpful in answering questions and providing some excellent ideas and essential information.

It will take a committee dedicated to this project, and we will need the support of all of our members to this very worthwhile endeavor. I look forward to receiving your thoughts and enthusiasm in making this happen.

As an aside, I am so proud to say that after hearing the performances of the contestants in the Juanita Miller Competition, our competitors over the years have been equally as talented as those I observed.

Jackie Guaderrama, President-elect

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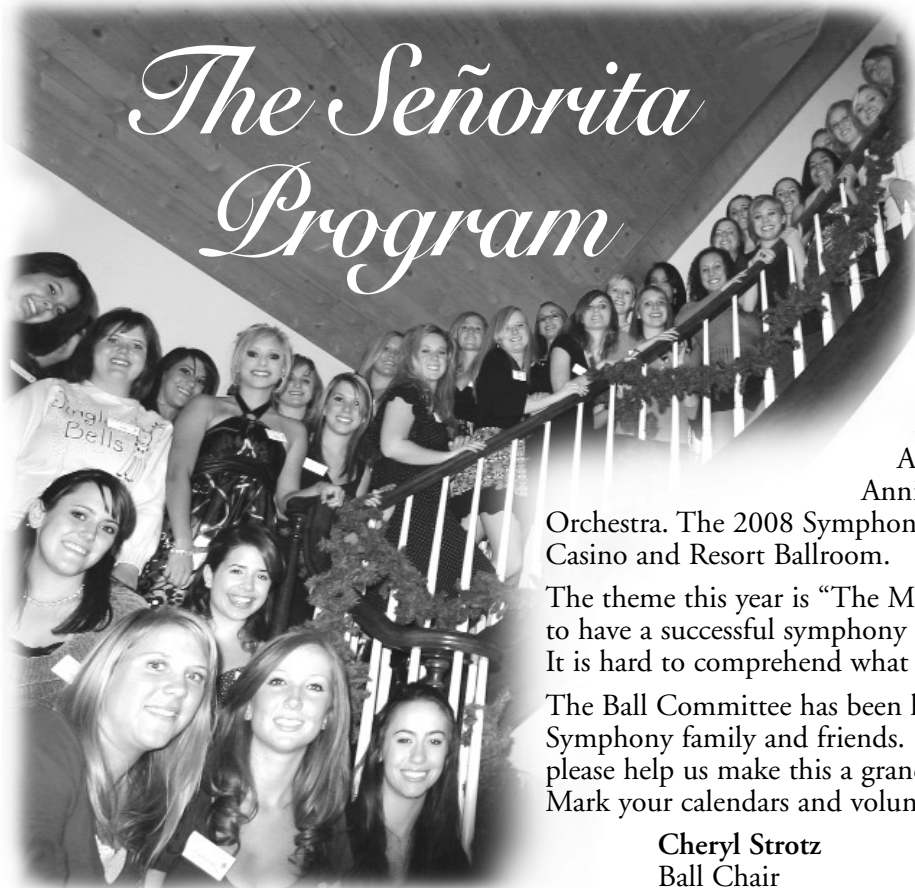
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The Señorita Program



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What is the most exciting and important social event of 2008? The answer is the presentation of thirty-two Señoritas of the Symphony and the joint celebration of the 55th Anniversary of the Guild and the Diamond Anniversary of the New Mexico Symphony

Orchestra. The 2008 Symphony Ball will take place April 5th at the Sandia Casino and Resort Ballroom.

The theme this year is "The Music Plays On." New Mexico has been honored to have a successful symphony orchestra that has enriched the lives of so many. It is hard to comprehend what our lives would be without beautiful music.

The Ball Committee has been hard at work planning a very special event for the Symphony family and friends. Seventy-five years is something to celebrate, so please help us make this a grand, and financially successful, Symphony Ball. Mark your calendars and volunteer to help and plan to attend the gala.

Cheryl Strotz
Ball Chair

Our new Señoritas had a most enjoyable Holiday Season! The Annual Mother-Daughter Tea was held in the beautiful home of Señorita Sommer Lang and her mother Anji Lang in Corrales on December 2nd. The Señoritas received their charms as presented by their mothers, and everyone enjoyed an array of food and beverages.

Suzanne, Lucy and Teri hosted an appreciation dinner at Suzanne's home on December 18th for the Auntie Mames to show how valuable they are to the program. The community service project for December was helping with The River of Lights, and many of the Señoritas volunteered for this event.

"Gracious Entertaining", a new event, was held on January 15th to help the girls entertain on a budget with quick and easy ideas. Soups, appetizers, desserts and tablescapes were demonstrated, and the Señoritas helped to prepare the food.

On January 28th we held a Presentation Dinner for parents at Los Equipales Restaurant with Cheryl Strotz speaking about our upcoming ball. We had an informative and delicious evening!

Pam Berg, our Future Señorita Chair, is actively seeking young girls for the upcoming year and could certainly use some help in this most important task. Please call me at 292-6108 if you can help. Tracey Fine is actively working on our Acompañantes for the Ball. We certainly do appreciate all their efforts.

Suzanne Fossett
VP Señorita Program

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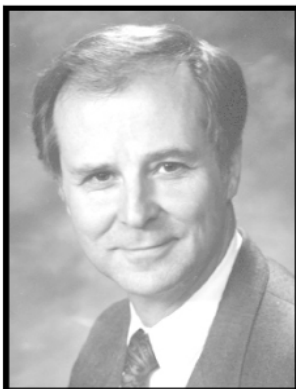
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