



# Keynotes

NOVEMBER 2010

## Message from the Executive Committee

It appears that everyone's favorite time of year in New Mexico has finally arrived! The balloons have come and gone, but the chile is still roasting and apples are being harvested.

Many thanks to Cris Abbott and Stephanie Carter, Membership VPs, and their committee, for a very successful New Member Social on September 14th. Teresa Edens opened her lovely home to all where the last blooms of summer made for a relaxing outdoor event. The Guild welcomed back some former members, and we are happy to announce new members Rodney Baca, Ann Cummins, Tracey Fine, Beatriz Gronert, Nancy Klein, Teresa and Jack McCarthy, Phillip Montoya, Jackie Tobias, Patricia Vasquez and Georgette Whittler.

El Pinto Restaurant was the site of the first General Membership Meeting on September 16th. Members and guests enjoyed lunch amid a gracious welcome from Carol Cooper-Skopil and her committee. Mark your calendars for the Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 4th at Tanoan Country Club.

Teresa Edens continues her work on the Celebrity Conductor Competition. We are planning to present the CC candidates on Nov 6 (classics) and Nov 13 (pops) only. Make sure to cast your votes and encourage others to do so. It's an easy way to support your NMSO.

The Youth Concerts for fifth graders at Popejoy Hall on October 5-7 went off without a hitch. However, the Peter and the Wolf program is still in need of volunteers. Ride along with generous, experienced Guild members for train-

ing and fun. Remember that this program can be the gateway to making orchestral devotees of over 7000 first-graders!

VP of Señoritas Dede Casciano needs a site for the Holiday Social for the Señoritas and their parents. We are fortunate to have so many extraordinary hostesses in the Guild, and this is an opportunity for active, and perhaps even inactive but long-standing, members to provide an enormous service. Contact Dede at 888-0193 or dedecasc12@comcast.net for more information or to volunteer.

Work on the New Mexico Symphony Guild Ball, scheduled for March 12, 2011, is well underway, but Patty Waid and her committee need many more volunteers to make it a success. The need for folks to help with sponsorships is significant during what we all know is a tough economic climate. Ironically, when communities need beautiful music in their lives more than ever, is when the arts are deemed dispensable. Many organizations are vying for the same dwindling dollars, and it is up to our members to fight for the NMSO. The 2010-2011 concert schedule is terrific.

Creativity and energy still flow within a dedicated staff, but the economic situation continues to be precarious. Our members have a strong network in the Albuquerque area. Please use your influence and energy to help the Guild coordinate another successful Ball. If you would like to join us on the Ball Committee, call Parry Waid at 298-9341. All are welcome.

Happy fall!

**Marian Ciepiela,**  
Treasurer,  
Executive Committee Member

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### VISION STATEMENT

*To present and foster an appreciation of arts and music in New Mexico, to support and promote the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and/or other arts organizations, and support and encourage music and arts education for young people in New Mexico.*

**Well, fall is here**, along with a new school year, football, green chile roasting, beautiful fall days, Balloon Fiesta and volunteer opportunities for **you!** Judy Mullen and her Popejoy volunteers escorted over 9000 fifth graders and accompanying teachers and adults for seven



concerts in early October. Many thanks to those individuals for donating their time on those days. Fourth-grade concerts will be held in the Spring: Popejoy, Tuesday, May

17th, Wednesday, May 18th and Thursday, May 19th. Rio Rancho, May 12th.

Bobby Shiller is continuing to schedule the NW quadrant for Peter and the Wolf presentations to first-grade students.

Our ranks seem even thinner than usual this year and we need to step up our game. If you are able to spare a little time to help out we can supply you with **everything** you need. Training and shadowing are available for anyone that hasn't presented in the past as well as for docents who have presented and might be a little "rusty". The orchestra depends on us to carry out their mission of community involvement in education and we owe it to them to deliver! So, please consider lending a hand.

Applications have been mailed and judges are in place for the Jackie McGeehee Young Artist Competition for Piano and Strings to be held Saturday, February 12, 2011.

Volunteers are needed to wear many different hats for this event, so please put it on your calendar and look for more information to come. Contacts: Karla Bressan, home, 296-6158; cell, 228-2532; work, 944-2557; bressanABQ@comcast.net; kbressan@nmso.org. Gale Rawlings, home, 856-9197; cell, 610-0118; egpr32@gmail.com.

If you have any Peter and the Wolf materials or instruments that are not being used and are collecting dust please advise and we will make arrangements to collect them. Thanks so much.

## Volunteer Drivers for Guest Artists

Thank you to our first set of drivers: Betsy, Rebecca, Diane and Jackie! I heard great things from NMSO about this first go-round. Thank you!

We have eighteen drivers signed up so far. Jackie Tobias helped me set up the database for these drivers. Thank you, Jackie! Please continue to encourage drivers to contact

me and sign up. I'd like a list of at least 25! The next round of Guest Artists starts Tuesday, November 2nd, and runs through Monday, November 8th; then Wednesday, November 10th,



through Sunday, November 14th. The whole month of November is very busy!

Don't miss this golden opportunity to meet fascinating guest artists from all over the country! (and help out the NMSO in the process!)

Thank you.

**Linn Furnish,**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## A Beautiful Day for the Fall Luncheon

A beautiful fall day welcomed us at El Pinto on September 16th, our first luncheon/meeting of the 2010-2011 year. El Pinto's gorgeous back patio set an atmosphere of tranquility under the shade of the cottonwood trees and lovely table settings. Excitement was in the air at seeing old friends and meeting new ones.



We received updates from our guild members regarding the state of the Symphony as well as committee wants and needs. The luncheon came to an end with the drawing of door prizes and table arrangements. Fun was had by all because of good company and good food.

Thanks to the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra for their generous donations of four concert tickets and to El Pinto for the use of their patio.

We're looking forward to seeing even more of you at the holiday luncheon in December.

Sincerely,

**The Social Committee**

## NMSO Chorus Appreciation Dinner September 27, 2010



On the night of September 27th, the NMSO Board Room was transformed into a festive setting for the NMSO Chorus Appreciation Dinner. In honor of our southwestern heritage a spicy taco meal was provided as well as delicious dessert selections.

Many NMSG members contributed their time, talent and culinary skills into making the dinner a grand evening for the sixty chorus members who attended.

It is a privilege to work with so many generous and capable volunteers who support the NMSO in varied ways from nurturing and feeding to financial donations. A special thank you is extended to the following NMSG members for cooking, shopping and serving our talented chorus: Kathy Oakley, Sue Brown, Diane Fleming, Sam Sherman, Karla Bressan, Teresa Edens, Paula Bradley, Sonja Thompson, Laura Mortimer, Teri Pribyl, Linn Furnish, George Richmond, Mary Sue Warner, Jackie Guaderrama, Diana Whitehouse, Bonnie Paine, Francie Fidel, Marion Ciepiela, and Judy Gilman.

On January 12th, 2011 we'll celebrate the orchestra. Mark your calendars and save the date for a delicious and delightful event.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Fleming**

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# Jackie McGehee

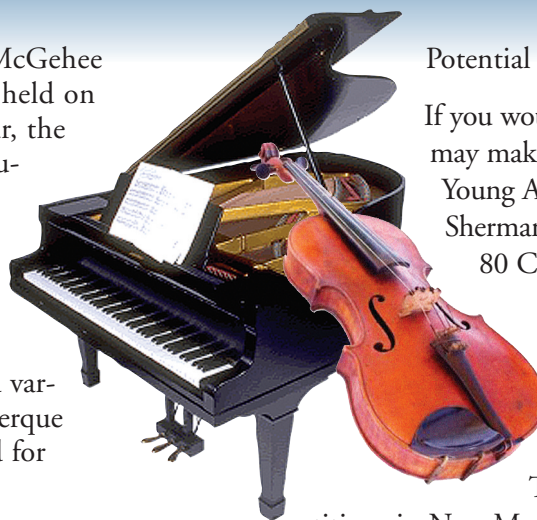
## *Young Artists' Concerto Competition*

Plans are underway for the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition to be held on February 12, 2011. For the third year, the competition will include string instruments as well as piano. Our expansion to strings has been very successful, and has added even more excitement to the competition.

New Mexico music teachers have received copies of the application, and various other groups, such as the Albuquerque Youth Symphony, will also be targeted for potential candidates.

Carol Horner has contacted and scheduled the six judges.

Barbara and Bernie Holzapfel have renewed their donation for this year's competition. We are very appreciative of their long standing support. Sam Sherman, underwriter for the competition, will be sending out letters to past donors.



Potential new donors will be contacted as well.

If you would like to donate to the competition, you may make your check payable to Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition, and mail to Sam Sherman, NMSG, Young Artists' Competition, 80 Camino Vega Verde, Corrales, NM 87048

If you would like to volunteer on the day of the competition, please contact Jackie Guaderrama, 345-3194 or jackiegg@comcast.net

This is one of the premier music competitions in New Mexico, and your involvement is essential to its success. An added bonus of volunteering is watching these young virtuosos perform.

**Jackie Guaderrama, Chair,**  
Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition

## *Symphony Guild Ball 2011*

This is the 54th Annual Symphony Ball and everyone is excited and busy with all the planning. Whitney McClain-Foltz, the 2010 Ball Chair, and her many committee members did a fabulous job with the 53rd Symphony Guild Ball held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa. The 2011 Ball will be held on March 12 at Hotel Albuquerque. It is a wonderfully charming venue at a beautiful location and will prove to be a perfect setting to present our lovely and talented Señoritas amid our "Spring" theme.

We are fortunate to have a number of individuals who have stepped forward to help out with the various committees. However, we still need some enthusiastic, committed people to join us. Currently we are looking for volunteers for the Sponsorship, Auction, and Treasure Chest committees. We have openings for our other committees as well so we invite you to join in the fun and offer your expertise. Our Ball planning committees meet at 5:30 pm at Charles Stephen & Company, 5951 Jefferson NE, Suite D on the following dates:

- October 28, 2011
- November 18, 2011
- December 16, 2011

Since this Ball is the largest fundraiser for the Guild and helps to support a number of programs, including the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, I welcome your input and involvement. As your 2011 Symphony Guild Ball Event Coordinator I am looking forward to not only meeting each of you, but invite you to call and provide feedback for the 2011 Ball! Please feel free to contact me at:

Patty Waid 298-9341 (office), 250-4952 (cell), patty@pattywaid.com

Please join us and be prepared to not only be actively involved but to have some FUN as well!



# 2010-2011 NMSG Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Function/Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Function/Location</i>
<b>2010</b>					
<b>November</b>			<b>February (continued)</b>		
2nd or 3rd		Guest artists' transportation	15th		Intermezzo articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com
10th		Guest artists' transportation			
11th	TBA	Board meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul	21st or 22nd		Guest Artists transportation
15th or 16th		Guest artists' transportation			
<b>December</b>			<b>March</b>		
1st		TASO Newsletter deadline/President-elect	9th		Spring Luncheon (Vote on 2010/2011 officers)
4th		Holiday luncheon	10th	TBA	Board meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul
9th	TBA	Board meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul	12th	6 p.m.	Symphony Guild Ball, Hotel Albuquerque
9th	7:30 p.m.	Very Merry Pops, Kiva Auditorium, Convention Center	15th		TASO membership due /Treasurer
13th		Guest artists' transportation, van required for 5 soloists	16th	TBA	Guest artists' transportation
15th		Intermezzo articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com	28th or 29th		Guest artists' transportation
<b>2011</b>			31st		TASO annual conference Austin, Texas
<b>January</b>			April 2nd		
10th or 11th		Guest artists' transportation	<b>April</b>		
12th		Orchestra appreciation dinner	1st	TBA	Señorita evaluation
13th		Board meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul	1st		TASO membership information due/President
13th -15th		TASO board of directors & Juanita Miller competition, Dallas, Texas	2nd		(President & President-elect)
20th		Guest artists' transportation	4th or 5th		Guest artists' transportation
21st		Celebrity conductor announced	14th	TBA	Board Meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul
<b>February</b>			15th		Intermezzo articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com
1st		Deadline TASO newsletter/President – elect	25th or 26th		Guest artists' transportation
8th		New member social	<b>May</b>		
10th	TBA	Board Meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul	1st		TASO newsletter due/ President-elect
12th	8:00 a.m.	Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition, UNM Rhode Theater/Keller Hall	5th	TBA	Board Meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul
14th		Intermezzo articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com	6th		Guest artists' transportation
15th		Announce Slate of Officers for 2011-2012	11th		Annual luncheon
<b>TBA</b>			12th		4th grade concert in Rio Rancho
Ball meetings and other projects as needed/desired by NMSO/NMSG			17th and 19th		4th grade Popejoy concerts
Community Events			<b>June</b>		
Fundraisers: October: BarBQ in the Bosque / Mardi Gras in late April, early May, Big Band Blowout			15th		Intermezzo articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com

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# Give Thanks for the NMSO!

Getting back on their feet has not been easy for the NMSO this Fall. Musicians and staff are making a huge effort, working overtime, working for free, and generally doing what they can. They received a partial paycheck in the second October pay period for their efforts. Costs are down to a bare minimum. So many expenses are involved in running the NMSO that many are not aware of, and new money is just not coming in fast enough.

The NMSO office is gearing up for a promotion that will produce an immediate infusion of cash. This campaign is called “**Give Thanks for the NMSO**” as a nod to the season. We are asking the Symphony Guild members to be a part of this effort, too. The goal is to have 5000 Symphony supporters and their friends donate just \$100 each to this campaign by Thanksgiving for a total of \$500,000 in liquid cash. It sounds formidable, but if everyone did their part, no one person has to do a lot. Your donation is totally tax deductible. No, it is not chump change, but most of us drop that on dinner at a nice restaurant without batting an eye. We should not balk at giving the same amount to ensure that one of the treasures of New Mexico is safe from extinction.

Many other great causes in our city seem to rank way above the NMSO in amounts gifted and level of awareness of their plight. That is why we as NMSO supporters must rally and support the Symphony.

You may make your one time donation by check or credit card. Make the check payable to the NMSO and mail to P.O. box 30208, Albuquerque, NM 87190, or call 881-9590, and your call will be directed to the correct department. If you'd rather do something more long term, say monthly, the office will gladly set up an electronic giving plan; a set amount will be withdrawn from your account on a regular basis. Monthly gifts give the NMSO something they can count on. You will never miss that \$25/month!

**Please act on this today.** If you have friends who are willing to help, we have a letter ready to go. We would love to give them an opportunity to support the NMSO, also. Please e-mail Teresa Edens, [tree.edens@comcast.net](mailto:tree.edens@comcast.net), with your friends' names and addresses and a letter will be sent.

*We cannot let one of the true jewels of New Mexico go unprotected.*