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## *Symphony Guild Ball 2011*

### *It's Almost Time for the 54th Annual Symphony Guild Ball!*

We are less than a month from the annual NM Symphony Guild Ball taking place on March 12, 2011, at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town. We are very excited to have the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra playing again for the Señoritas of the Symphony presentation. The presentation of these beautiful young ladies, escorted by the Acompañantes, is a unique tradition, as is the formal dance with their proud Dads!

This year we are honored to have the winners of the Jackie McGehee Young Artists Concerto Competition play during our cocktail hour from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Guild raises money through its silent auction at the Ball. Generous companies and individuals have donated some wonderful items to the auction, so arrive early and bid on your favorites!

Invitations were sent the week of February 7, so if you haven't received yours yet, simply contact Patty Waid at [patty@pattywaid.com](mailto:patty@pattywaid.com) and we'll make sure you get one! Ann Mulhern with Mulhern Advertising, Inc. did a beautiful job in not only creating a gorgeous invitation but also designing a beautiful logo that is perfect for our "Spring" theme for the Ball!

I invite you to make your plans now for attending the NM Symphony Guild Ball! Deadlines are looming so you need to move quickly.

**It's time to purchase your tickets for the Ball!** There is lots of fun to be had, whether it is purchasing tickets for a chance to draw a key that opens a Treasure Chest full of beautiful pieces of jewelry donated by Butterfield Jewelers, having your photo taken by Kim Jew studios,

or simply dancing the night away to the wonderfully entertaining Birds of Paradise . . . you will thoroughly enjoy yourself!

**Become a sponsor for the Symphony Guild Ball!** As a sponsor you will receive some wonderful recognition, and your financial support will provide much needed revenue to help the Guild continue educational efforts in the community and their support of the NMSO. We are grateful to this year's sponsors: Frontier Restaurant/Golden Pride, Moss-Adams, LLC, RBC Wealth Management, Casa Rondeña Winery, American Airlines, Mille Fleur Floral, Butterfield Jewelers, Heritage Audio Visual, and Mulhern Advertising, Inc.

**Donate an item to either the silent auction or the live auction: *Deadline March 1.*** The auctions provide a fun way for attendees to purchase some wonderful items ranging from furniture, jewelry and fine art to trips and gift certificates. Whether you're donating an item or purchasing an item, the Guild greatly appreciates your support. We are specifically looking for some high-end items that we can use for the live auction!

**Now is the time to get involved.** Simply go to [www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org](http://www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org) to purchase your tickets and find out more about opportunities to become a sponsor or donate an item to the auction. For further information, you can contact me at 298-9341 or [patty@pattywaid.com](mailto:patty@pattywaid.com). Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 12, 2011!

See you there!

**Patty Waid,**  
NMSG Ball Event Planner

# The last few weeks have been filled with many activities!

Cris Abbot and Stephanie Carter organized a wonderful New Member's Social Event held on February 7th at the home of Past President Geri Jones. Members and those interested in membership caught up on the latest about the Ball and other Guild activities. Thank you, Geri for hosting us.

Many thanks to Jackie Guaderrama for chairing the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings held February 12th. Planning and organizing were critical to the success of the competition, and this year's event was a resounding success. We received many compliments and positive comments from contestants, judges, and people in attendance. See article on page 3.

Karla Bressan and Gale Rawlings plus the Education Committee continue to do a terrific job of scheduling and presenting Peter & the Wolf in the Albuquerque schools. More volunteers are needed! See update, page 8.

Thanks to Carol Cooper-Skopil and her Social Committee, we will have a festive membership luncheon in March at Romano's Macaroni Grill. Details are on p. 8. It is your opportunity to meet and vote on next year's board members, and to donate canned food to the League of American Orchestras' **Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive**. See page 11 for information on the food drive.

The Texas Association of Symphony Orchestras will honor the New Mexico Symphony Guild at the TASO annual conference March 31st through April 3rd in Austin. Teresa Edens will present a 5-minute Powerpoint with narrative to describe our very successful fundraiser, Barbeque on the Bosque, and receive the award on behalf of the Guild. Congratulations!

We will hold our annual Symphony Ball on March 12th. Patty Waid and her committee have worked very hard to ensure a wonderful evening for the Señoritas, their families, and all guests. We need a good representation from the Guild to support this event, our largest yearly fundraiser. It is not only a fabulous evening of fun and entertainment, but also the opportunity to recognize the Señoritas who have spent the last year completing numerous activities and community service hours, all of which culminate with the Ball. There are some wonderful silent and live auction items. The Crescendo Award will be presented. Please read the lead article (page 1) and offer your support in any way you can.

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Until next time,

**Paula Bradley, Secretary**



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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.*

# Jackie McGehee

## Young Artists' Concerto Competition

### for Piano and Strings

The JMYACC for Piano and Strings was held February 12 in Keller Hall. This was the 18th year for the Competition. Until 2008 the Competition was only for the piano. Three years ago the event was extended to include string instruments. This year four string contestants and five piano contestants competed.

Thanks to Carol Horner who arranged for the excellent panel of judges.

The judges in each category were:

#### Strings

**Kim Fredenburgh**, New Mexico Symphony Orchestra

**Oliver Prezant**, Music Director, Santa Fe Community Orchestra

**Patrick Neher**, Professor of Bass, University of Arizona

#### Piano

**Roger Melone**, Resident Conductor and Chorus Director, New Mexico Symphony Orchestra

**William Lipke**, Professor of Piano, Adams State College

**Dr. Richard Shuster**, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Piano Studies, Texas Women's College

Contestant winners in each category are as follows:

#### Piano

1st Place: **Joshua Rupley**, Albuquerque

2nd Place: **Sierra Harland**, Los Lunas

3rd Place: **David Li**, Los Alamos



#### Strings

1st Place: **Laura Steiner**, Albuquerque

2nd Place: **Jun-Min Lee**, Albuquerque

3rd Place: **Johnny Mok**, Albuquerque

Cash awards were given as follows:

1st place in both categories - \$750

2nd place in both categories - \$400

3rd place in both categories - \$300

Contestants who did not place (3) were each awarded \$50.

First-place winners will have the opportunity to play with the NMSO at the Mothers' Day Concert at the Rio Grande Zoo. Arrangements are also being made for the first-place winners to play during guest check-in at the Symphony Guild Ball.

A tremendous thank you to our many donors whose generosity provides the cash awards and helps incur the expenses of the Competition. The Guild relies heavily on our donors, and we deeply appreciate their donations. Thanks to Sam Sherman for organizing the fundraising effort.

Another group who deserves recognition and thanks is the Guild volunteers who make the Competition run smoothly and seamlessly. Special thanks to Karla Bressan for coordinating the volunteers; and to Teresa Edens and Gale Rawlings for organizing the breakfast and the post-competition reception. An enormous amount of coordination and commitment is involved, and each person doing his or her part is essential to the success of the Competition.

Congratulations to all our contestants, parents, and teachers who were part of this year's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition.

Jackie Guaderrama, Chair

## Bravo! Thank You to Our Dedicated Volunteers Who Make Things Happen!

NMSG Vice President Education: **Karla Bressan and Gale Rawlings**

NMSG Treasurer: **Marian Ciepiela**

NMSG Assistant Treasurer: **Katherine Oakley**

JMYACC Chair: **Jackie Guaderrama**

Judges: **Carol Horner**

Audition Committee: **Jackie McGehee and Valerie Turner**

Hospitality: **Teresa Edens and Gale Rawlings**

Underwriting: **Sam Sherman**

Volunteers: **Karla Bressan**

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**Volunteers**

Paula Bradley	Shelley Koeffler	Becky Peterman
Rick Cohen	Yvette Lyle	Gwen Peterson
Rosalyn Cohen	Gayle McCormick	Terri Pribyl
Teri Fahs	Nancy Mauk	Mary Sue Warner

**Señoritas of the Symphony**

Sarah Bonafair	Abby Magnus	Sarah Strohl
Giovanna Figueroa	Brooke Sahl	

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# Señoritas

The 24 Señoritas have completed over 600 hours of community service activities and are now preparing for the Ball. The girls will join their fathers and dates at Fishback Studio of Dance for waltz lessons on February 27, their final activity of the year. They are also busy selling keys for the treasure chest. We hope you will join us, as we honor these young ladies' accomplishments on March 12, at the New Mexico Symphony Guild Ball, Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town.



## Celebrity Conductor Contest



The 4th Celebrity Conductor Contest concluded with a flourish on February 4, as Ron Shettlesworth, President of Main Bank, conducted the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra in the *March of The Toreadors* at the NMSO After Dark Concert. The contest raised almost \$12,000 in 6 weeks, with Ron bringing in over \$7500 himself! Way to go, Ron! Kyle Beasley, Senior VP at Bank of Albuquerque, came in second, with Natasha Mata of Wells Fargo Bank and Paul Sowards of Century Bank as our other two contestants.

We would like to thank all of our contestants for participating in this fundraiser to support the NMSO and the Guild's educational and outreach projects. We would also like to thank Ann Mulhern of Mulhern Advertising, Inc. for her help in getting the word out and Angelo Gaeto Photography for the portraits of the contestants. Thanks to all who voted-more than once!-for their favorite candidate.

Teresa Edens  
Project Chair



# Peter and the Wolf

So many, many thanks to the committed docents who have carried the first two quadrants of our Peter and the Wolf program for first graders. Thus far, we have made the presentation to schools in the northeast, northwest and Rio Rancho. Yes, I'm prejudiced. I believe that the educational programs that have been developed over the years are valuable and a source of great pride to the Guild and to the Orchestra. **But I believe we are at a point where we need to determine whether we are genuine in our efforts and willing to step up and carry out our promises to support the orchestra *or* are we just paying "lip service," which is how it appears to me at the present time.** Docent-wise we are about stretched to a point of no return, endangering the continuation of our program. We are more than willing to train new docents or refresh returning volunteers. All equipment is provided by the Guild at no cost to you. Shadowing an experienced docent is always an option as well.

To learn more, contact Gale Rawlings: 856-9197(home) or 610-0118(cell), [egpr32@gmail.com](mailto:egpr32@gmail.com), or

Karla Bressan: 228-2532 (cell) or 944-2557(work), [bressanabq@comcast.net](mailto:bressanabq@comcast.net)

The future of our program lies in ***your*** hands!



## You are Invited to the Spring Membership Luncheon

March 17, 2011, 11:15am – 1:00pm

Romano's Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM (near Uptown and Winrock Center)

Please RSVP by sending your check in the amount of \$17.00 to:

Chris Lee, 9628 Peralta Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, 505-821-3785

Members and guests are invited to bring donations of canned goods to be donated locally, but credited to the League of American Orchestras' **Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive**

Members will vote on the Slate of Officers.



# Popejoy Concerts



Spring has sprung, the grass is riz; time for Popejoy Concerts it is!

Rio Rancho fourth graders will be entertained by the NMSO on Thursday, May 12, at 10:15 and 12:15 at the Sue Cleveland Performing Arts Center. APS fourth graders will be welcomed to Popejoy Hall on Tuesday, May 17 for two concerts, Wednesday, May 18 at 10:15 only and two concerts on Thursday, May 19th. Our role as Guild members is to escort the students from the busses to the entrance of the respective buildings where ushers will direct them to their assigned seating. This is a great opportunity to get some Vitamin D, meet new Guild friends, enjoy a light breakfast/snack and hear an entertaining concert presented by your New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. A chairman is needed for both locations. Call Gale Rawlings: 856-9197 or 610-0118, [egpr32@gmail.com](mailto:egpr32@gmail.com) or Karla Bressan: 228-2532 or 944-2557(work), [bressanABQ@comcast.net](mailto:bressanABQ@comcast.net) to volunteer.

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Remember that the Guild's website is a great source of information throughout the year. Check it out at [www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org](http://www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org). Bookmark the site or add it to your Favorites list, and check the site frequently. Comments are always welcome. Just email [webmistress@newmexicosymphonyguild.org](mailto:webmistress@newmexicosymphonyguild.org).



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# 2011 NMSG Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Function/Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Function/Location</i>
<b>March</b>					
10th	TBA	Board meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul	6th		Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul
12th	6 p.m.	Symphony Guild Ball, Hotel Albuquerque	11th		Guest artists' transportation
15th		TASO membership due /Treasurer	12th		Annual luncheon
17th		Spring Luncheon (Vote on 2010/2011 officers)	17th and 19th		4th grade concert in Rio Rancho
16th	TBA	Guest artists' transportation	<b>June</b>		
28th or 29th		Guest artists' transportation	15th		Intermezzo articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com
31st - April 2nd		TASO annual conference, Austin, TX			
<b>April</b>					
1st	TBA	Señorita evaluation			
1st		TASO membership information due/President			
2nd		(President & President-elect)			
4th or 5th		Guest artists' transportation			
14th	TBA	Board Meeting, Kalmus Board Room, NMSO, 4407 Menaul			
15th		Keynotes articles due to Ann Mulhern, website information to Jackie Tobias, jtobi@q.com			
25th or 26th		Guest artists' transportation			
<b>May</b>					
1st		TASO newsletter due/ President-elect			
5th	TBA	Board Meeting, Kalmus Board			



## Membership is Fun!

Membership in the New Mexico Symphony Guild is full of fun and opportunities to meet new people sharing a common bond. Think of a friend or two who might enjoy the Guild, and bring them to one of our membership luncheons between now and May 31, 2011.

Our February Membership Social at Geri Jones' lovely home was full of friendship and good times, and we thank you, Geri, for opening your home for the event.

For information on membership in the Guild, please contact Cris Abbott at kgabbott@aol.com or 797-2195, or Stephanie Carter at steffcarter@q.com or 296-0688.

Invite a friend to join the Guild today!



# Volunteer Coordinator Report

Our next guest artist driving is Feb. 22nd to the 28th, with many more days coming for March through May. If you have not volunteered for this service to the NMSO, there is no time like the present!!

We have a small but mighty group of fabulous volunteers who have been faithfully transporting the guest artists. My hat's off to them!

Wouldn't you love to join them?? You have the opportunity to



talk with the NMSO guest artists, as you take them from here to there.

This is a chance to speak with these artists, one on one. Some of our volunteers have found that they have friends in common with the artists!

What fun!! Please call me and join our service to the NMSO.

Thank you.

**Linn Furnish**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
884-6626

## Guild Supports National Effort to End Hunger

**G**uild members will have the chance to give back to the community during the League of American Orchestras' third Annual **Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive**. We will collect food at the March luncheon and donate the collection to a local food bank.

Over the last two years, 250 orchestras from all 50 states donated more than 300,000 pounds of food, the single largest orchestra project serving communities nationwide.

Our efforts will convey that the NMSO/NMSG are grateful for the community support received. The amount (total pounds) of food collected will be added to the national total.

Most needed foods are dry soup, rice, powdered/canned milk, macaroni & cheese, cereal, peanut butter, beans, canned fruit and vegetables, tuna, canned meats, stew, soup, pasta, cereal, fruit juice/sip-sized juice. We cannot accept items in glass jars or bottles, unlabeled or dented cans, any open or resealed packages, perishable food, homemade food, expired products, monetary donations, and clothing, diapers, or other nonfood items.

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**Invite your neighbors, friends and family to help support the NM Symphony Guild because Music Matters!**

We currently have 277 members, and we can always use more support and volunteers. For more information about joining our Guild, email Stephanie Carter at [stefficarter@q.com](mailto:stefficarter@q.com) or call 296-0688.

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