

# NEW MEXICO SYMPHONY Guild Keynotes

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## 2011 Celebrity Conductor Competition!

The Celebrity Conductor Contest is well under way and we've received generous response, but more is needed if we are to achieve our goal. Please download the e-mail blast you have been receiving and e-mail your address book. Please emphasize that you can go online and easily vote many, many times! I have ballots at my home and would be glad to deliver to you so you can hand them out at any function you might be attending. Take them to your work-out place, church, meetings, work, family gatherings, laundromat — anywhere there might be a potential vote! One of the purposes of this project is to involve the individual supporter who might not be a regular Symphony-goer or supporter and raise awareness to the general populace. This

is a great, inexpensive way to help support the arts in New Mexico and Albuquerque. We have been able to get a TV spot on Good Day New Mexico, attend several community meeting such as the Rotary and we are still working on radio PSAs and other avenues of publicity for the contest. The success of this event will hinge on our ability to literally plaster Albuquerque with ballots with our contestants pictures on them! If you would like some ballots delivered, please call or e-mail me. Don't be complacent and think someone else will do it. It must be you! **Thank you for your support of this event!**

Teresa Edens, 821-9587 or tree.edens@comcast.net

### BATTLE OF THE BANKERS!

The New Mexico Symphony Guild Proudly Presents the Candidates to be the 2011 Celebrity Conductor at

*AFTER HOURS*, Hosted by Guillermo Figueroa, Feb. 4, 2011, at 7:00 pm, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center

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VOTES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2011.

Ballots available at the Symphony Box Office, 4407 Menaul NE, and from the candidates, **or vote electronically at [www.votemsg.org](http://www.votemsg.org)**  
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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.*

# Happy New Year, One and All!



We have many things to be thankful for and many opportunities available for Guild members as we start a new year.

Thanks to Carol Cooper-Skopil, Social Events and Hospitality chair, and her committee for their wildly successful holiday luncheon. What a great time was had on December 4th at Tanoan Country Club. Seventy people enjoyed the jazz musicians, shopping, lunch, and gift prizes. Two and half hours of relaxation during one of the busiest times of the year was such a gift from this fabulous committee. The luncheon committee has received numerous emails of thanks for such a wonderful time. Can't wait for the spring get together! Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, March 3rd.

Teresa Edens continues her work on this year's Celebrity Conductor Contest, "The Battle of the Bankers." If you have not done so already please visit the Guild website, [www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org](http://www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org), to register your votes. Come to think of it, visit often and encourage your friends and family to vote as well. The Celebrity Conductor Contest has traditionally been a very successful fundraiser for the Guild and provides one lucky contestant the opportunity to lead the NMSO.

Calendars out again to mark Saturday, February 12th for the annual Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition. Held each year at Popejoy Hall, this premier strings and piano concerto competition showcases many of the exceptional young musicians in New Mexico. Please contact Jackie Guaderrama for additional information.

Work on the March 12, 2011 Symphony Guild Ball is in the final stretch. Patty Waid and her committee would especially appreciate help with sponsorships and auction items. Please give her a call 298-9341 or 250-4952 to volunteer your time and/or auction items. Something as simple as making a few phone calls would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help. We would love to see a great Guild turn out on the night of the Ball so mark your calendars now.

Finally, as the spring concert season commences say *yes* to Linn Furnish when she sends out an SOS for drivers to assist in the transportation of our guest artists. It truly is great fun to get to know these talented artists — even only for a few minutes of travel time.

Happy New Year!

**Teri Fahs**, Immediate Past President,  
Executive Committee Member

## To Our Volunteer Drivers for Guest Artists

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*  
to all of you who have helped with driving the guest artists for NMSO!

You have all been very generous with your time and gracious to the artists.

I appreciate all of you!

We started driving guest artists again



1/11/11. 8 people stepped up to the plate to drive 1/11 to 1/16/11.

Our next times are 1/22 to 1/24, with

many more to follow February through May.

Please contact me, if you would like to join in this service to the NMSO.

Thank you!

**Linn Furnish**,  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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*Check out our website! [www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org](http://www.newmexicosymphonyguild.org)*

# We Need References for Future Señoritas!

**Happy New Year!** I am collecting referral names for my February mailing introducing girls who are currently *juniors* in high school to the Señoritas of the Symphony program. If you know a girl who is currently a *junior* in high school, or know someone who does, please send me her contact information, name, address, school and parent's names, and I will mail her and her parents the Señoritas packet. The future success of the Señorita program counts on your referrals.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to hearing from you!

**Theresa Butterfield Maxey, NMSG**

Future Senioritas Chair, 9621 Villa Del Rey NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 259-1983

## Señoritas

The Señoritas have been very busy with community service activities and social events as they wrapped-up a very full 2010. The Symphony Ball is on the minds of the girls as they shop for the perfect gown that best expresses their personality and style!



Pam and Mike Berg graciously hosted a Fall Fiesta in October for the Señoritas at their beautifully decorated home in Los Poblanos Orchards. April Tafoya, from the New Mexico Heart Institute, was our special guest, instructing us in the new "hands-only" CPR method known as Heart Start. After cider and pumpkin cake we all walked to the City of Albuquerque open-space, and had a great time finding our way through the corn maze.

In November, a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all as the

New Mexico Symphony Orchestra rehearsed at Popejoy. We had a very informative backstage tour, guided by Mr. Curtis Mark, the NMSO stage manager. After our tour, Maestro Guillermo Figueroa spoke to the Señoritas about the music which was being rehearsed that night. He then took the

stage and directed the orchestra through two enchanting arrangements.

A very special thank you goes out to Laurie and Rogan Thompson, for hosting the Señoritas and their parents at their beautiful home in High Desert for our December Holiday Social. Rogan

Thompson is the brother of Diana Whitehouse, our NMSG sponsor for this event. Her husband, Steve Whitehouse, entertained us from start to finish with his saxophones, playing holiday tunes and lots of jazz, making our party truly special. The Señoritas donated over 100 bags of groceries that were delivered to Project Share. Thank you to our Señorita families for such generosity!

**Mrs. Dede Casciano**

VP Senioritas of the Symphony, NMSG



# Jackie McGehee

## Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings

Each year the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition attracts some of the most talented and gifted young musicians in New Mexico. This year proves to be no exception.

There will be five pianists and four string contestants competing to be the best in each category. Some have previously won other music competitions in the state. In our competition, the winner receives a cash award and the opportunity to perform with the NMSO. The runners-up are recipients of cash awards as well. While many of the contestants are from Albuquerque, this year there will also be one contestant from Los Lunas and two from Los Alamos.

Also crucial to the Competition are six outstanding judges, three for piano and three for strings. We have been very fortunate to obtain such qualified musicians to adjudicate our Competition.

The competition will be held Saturday, February 12 in Keller Hall at 9:00 a.m. Our Guild members always look



forward to this event, and many consider it their favorite of the year. The contestants must be in grades 9-12, and their talent and ability never fail to overwhelm the audience.

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer with the Competition, and your help will be greatly appreciated. We have an outstanding committee who, every year, show their commitment and dedication to making the Competition run smoothly and efficiently.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at 345-3194. We will have a committee meeting at 10:00 on January 20. Donations to the Competition may be made to Sam Sherman, NMSG, 80 Camino Vega Verde, Corrales, NM 87048.

I hope to see many of you at the Competition showing your support for these young, talented contestants. You will not be disappointed.

Jackie Guaderrama

***New Members Come One and All!*** The NM Symphony Guild will hold a New Members Reception on Monday, February 7, 5:30-7:30pm at the home of Dr. Jerry and Mrs. Geri Jones. Their address is 1050 El Alhambra Circle NW, Los Ranchos, NM. Please RSVP to [stefficarter@q.com](mailto:stefficarter@q.com) or call 296-0688 for more information. We look forward to meeting you.

## VP Education Report



**Peter and the Wolf:** The program for NW quadrant schools is complete. Thanks to Bobby Shiller, quadrant chair and the volunteers. NE quadrant chairman, Diana Whitehouse has begun scheduling schools for presentations. Docents should expect e-mails with schedules very soon.

**Young Artists' Competition:** Jackie Guaderrama will submit her report. Application deadline is January 4, 2011. Competition is scheduled for February 13, 2011.

**Popejoy Concerts:** Fourth grade concerts are scheduled for May, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Bressan and Gale Rawlings

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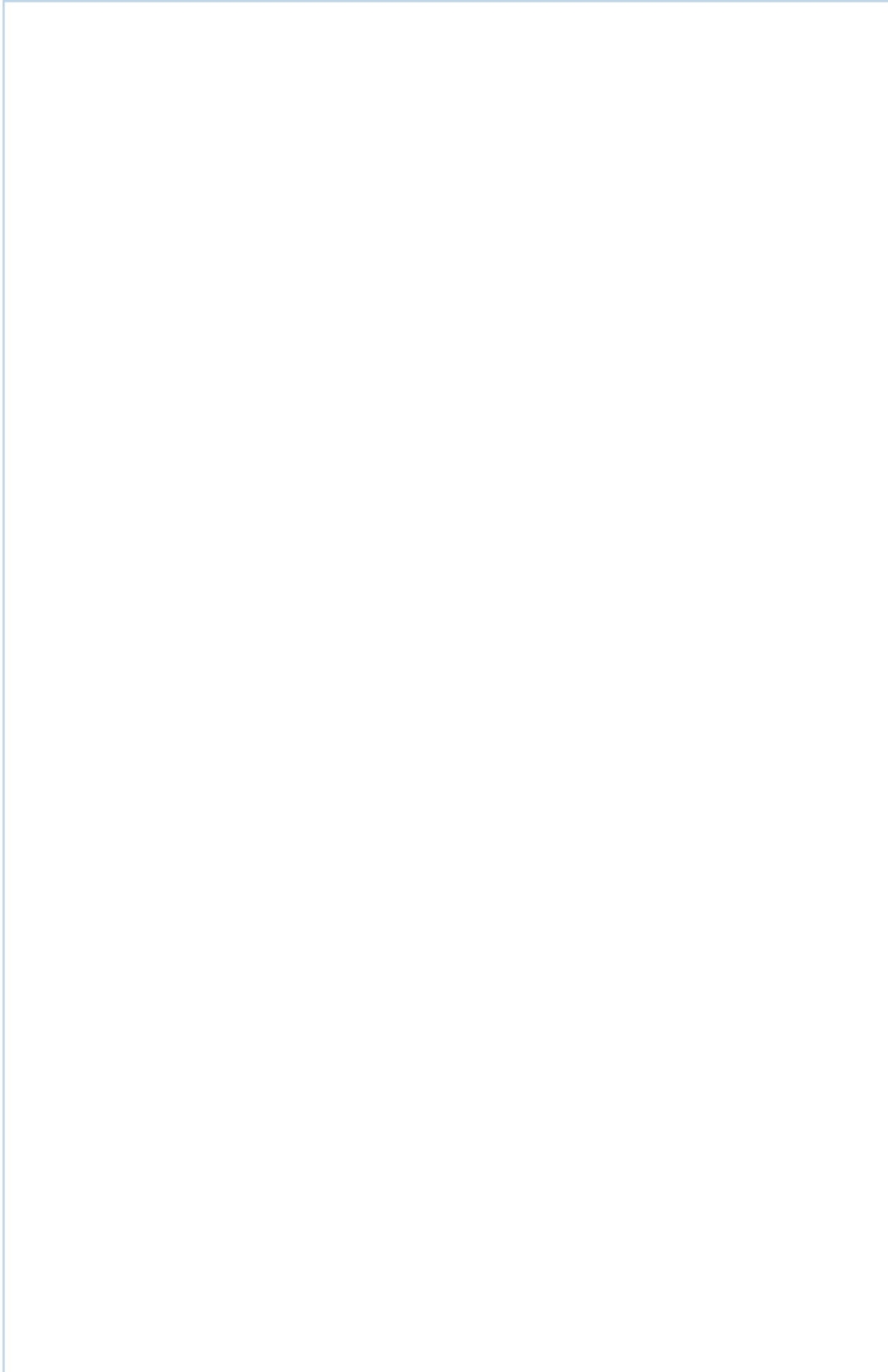
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# Symphony Guild Ball 2011

There has been a flurry of activities surrounding the planning of the 54th Annual Symphony Guild Ball March 12, 2011, and the excitement is building as details unfold. New print materials have been developed for the Sponsorship and Auction solicitation packets and the mailings were done the first week of the new year! Our beautiful invitation, developed by Mulhern Advertising, will be going out the end of January.

Now is the time to start considering being involved and helping to support the Guild, and you can do it in one of three ways:

1. Purchase your tickets for the Ball! It is a grand event that is in its 54th year: lots of fun, with the traditional presentation of the Señoritas, a first class dinner, a silent and live auction, Treasure Chest key sale for a chance to win one of a number of beautiful pieces of jewelry donated by Butterfield Jewelers, and an opportunity to experience the beautiful music of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. Plus, after all this wonderful fun and excitement everyone will be able to dance the night away to the Birds of Paradise, who provide not only some great popular music but entertainment to go along with it!

2. Become a sponsor for the Symphony Guild Ball! As a sponsor, you will receive some wonderful recognition, and your financial support helps to provide much needed revenue to help the Guild continue their educational efforts in the community and their support of the NMSO.

3. Donate an item to either the silent auction or the live auction! The auctions provide a fun way for the 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.

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 more information you can contact Patty Waid, NMSG Ball Event Planner, at 298-9341, or [patty@pattywaid.com](mailto:patty@pattywaid.com). Don't forget to mark your calendar: March 12, 2011!

See you there!

Patty Waid, NMSG Ball Event Planner

## Holiday Luncheon

Ah, I remember it like it was yesterday... Red poinsettias atop round tables covered in crisp white table cloths and red runners, candy canes tied with bright red ribbons; a jazz pianist and bass playing soft background music; ladies dressed in holiday finery, sipping wine and purchasing gifts of sparkling jewels and wares from the holiday vendors.

No, this is not an excerpt from a Dickens novel. This was our very own guild holiday luncheon. The event started off successfully with the sweet jazz sounds of Rick Bowman (piano) and Rick Fairbanks (bass), while Guild members, friends and family shopped and socialized through the cocktail hour.

After a brief welcome, Sonia Torres and Theresa Maxey spoke on behalf of Butterfield Jewelers, the commemorative jewelry for sale and their recent donation of \$5,000.00 to the Symphony Orchestra. Then it was on to a fabulous lunch, conversation, door prizes and more shopping. Ah, you should have been there for the door prizes. Trish Hoffman donated a pair of fabulous pink earrings; Silk Road Connections gave a great, hip chunky necklace;

Willow Creek selected a perfect Christmas pillow as their gift to us (Willow Creek also donated cute bags of lotions, etc. at every place setting), and last but not least, the Symphony Orchestra donated symphony tickets and mugs.

I can't think of a better way to spend time, than with friends and family. Once again we would like to thank our vendors for so graciously setting aside time in their busy holiday schedule to set up shopping booths for our shopping pleasure: Silk Road Connections, Trish Hoffman jewelry and Willow Creek. All of our vendors donated 10% of their sales to the guild as well as a door prize. *Thank you Thank you!*

Also, thanks to Tanoan Country Club for a wonderful lunch, and their competent, helpful and happy staff. I believe they met our every want and need.

If you were unable to attend, please try to join us at our Spring Luncheon on March 9th. We are having fun! (Location to be announced soon.)

Happy New Year!

Carol Cooper Skopil

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## 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 fifty states donated more than 300,000 pounds of food, the single largest orchestra project serving communities nationwide.

Our efforts should 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. Items that cannot be accepted are 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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