



## President's Message

Jackie Guaderrama

The last few weeks have been filled with many activities. I would like to begin by thanking Karla Bressan and Carol Horner for co-chairing the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition held February 14th. This was the first year the competition expanded from piano to piano and strings. Planning and organizing were critical to the success of the competition, and the inclusion of strings presented an additional challenge. This year's Competition was a tremendous success. We received many compliments and positive comments from contestants, judges, and people in attendance. Congratulations Karla and Carol for organizing an extraordinary Competition, and thank you to everyone on the committee. Leslie Kim and the education committee continue to do a terrific job of scheduling and presenting Peter & the Wolf in the Albuquerque schools. The NMSG has received a grant from the City of Albuquerque to present Peter & the Wolf in the Albuquerque schools. A special thank you to Trudy

Jones, City Councilor, for presenting the proposal to the City Council.

Sue Brown and Gayle McCormick were in charge of organizing a lunch held at the New Mexico Symphony office on February 24th for season ticket subscribers. Maestro Guillermo Figueroa announced the 2009–2010 symphony program. Many thanks to everyone who helped with lunch donations, cleanup, and graciously hosted the event.

Teresa Edens and the social committee put on a pre-Mardi Gras event at Cajun Kitchen on February 22nd, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 16th luncheon for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration at O'Niell's Pub. It is your opportunity to meet and vote on next year's board members.

We will hold our annual Symphony Ball on March 28th. Helen Marquez and her committee are working tirelessly to ensure a wonderful evening for the Señoritas, their families, and all guests. You should have received your invitation, and I hope we have a good representation from the Guild to support this event. 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 auction items, and all proceeds go to support the NMSO.

Please read all the information in this Intermezzo regarding the Ball and offer your support in whatever way you can.

Jackie

## Faith and Begorra! It's time for the Guild's Early Spring Luncheon!

O'Niell's Pub on Central has offered us a great deal on a traditional St. Patty's Day luncheon.

Please join us on Monday, March 16th

O'Niell's Pub ~ 4310 Central Ave.

Social hour begins 11:30 ~ Followed by Lunch

We will vote on the new slate of officers for 2009–2010.

Can you serve green beer on election day?

The Guild is challenging the Señoritas in a throwdown!

The girls collected 65 bags of groceries for the

Roadrunner Food Bank during the holidays, and we would like to beat that! So, everyone please bring boxed or canned groceries to the lunch, and they will be delivered to a food bank the same day. Let's show the girls we've still got what it takes!

The American Symphony Orchestra League is sponsoring a nationwide food event on March 24–26 and the Guild would like to do its part.

Teresa Edens,  
Social Functions Chair 821-9587

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## VISION STATEMENT

As ambassadors for the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, the talented, devoted and diverse members of the Guild educate and build community relationships that ensure our musical legacy. The NMSG provides its members with friendship, fun worthwhile endeavors, networking, a sense of belonging, and personal growth through teamwork and trust.

# Symphony Ball 2009



For the 52nd year, the New Mexico Symphony Guild, sponsoring the Symphony Ball, is pleased and honored to present the Señoritas of the Symphony. The 32 Señoritas this year will lead the way as the Ball attendees enjoy an evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment, silent and live auctions, the treasure chest, and of course, the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing that we are supporting our beloved orchestra.

The Ball has grown in stature and size. We now must hold our event at the largest venue in the city, to accommodate the guests, the presentation walk, the dancing, the auctions, and the other events of the evening. Sandia Resort is not only the largest, but one of the most beautiful venues available. The staff at Sandia is most helpful, and they are very important in making the ball a success.

*A most vital part of the ball is YOU! As Guild members, you love classical music and support our NMSO. Listen to the orchestra play both background music for the Señorita presentation and a selection of pieces for listening and dancing. Plan to attend. It is one way that you can support the orchestra and have an enjoyable evening at the same time.*

Tickets are \$150 per person or a table of 10 for \$1500. Tables of 10 are named for the buyer, and the buyer should list the guests name on the RSVP card. You may indicate the person(s) with whom you wish to be seated, and we will accommodate as possible. You may also indicate the preference for a vegetarian dinner on the RSVP card. If you have any questions or need additional information about any aspect of the Ball, please call Helen Marquez, Ball Chair, 836-6744, or email at [j.j.marquez@msn.com](mailto:j.j.marquez@msn.com).

## Be Prepared for a Fabulous Auction

Our Auction committee has acquired some fabulous auction items. Just to mention a few:

Several beautiful pieces of jewelry including rings, bracelets, watches, and necklaces. These range in value from \$40 to over \$500.

Several terrific trips and getaways, including a safari trip to South Africa.

An escorted evening at the Chicago Symphony with dinner, concert box seats, and meeting with the performers hosted by the president of the League of Orchestras.

Stay at a beautiful five-bedroom home on the golf



course in Flagstaff

Condos in various spots in Arizona and Colorado

Specialty items to catch your interest.

New this year is the option to “buy now.” If you want an item but not the hassle of revisiting the item throughout the evening, you can buy the item on the spot. The price will be set at 75% of the value. This means you can enjoy the evening without worrying whether someone has outbid you. You can pick up the item anytime during the evening.

## New and Exciting Features This Year!

The Ball committee has been working feverishly to make sure all the plans, expectations, and details come together to provide an elegant and enjoyable evening for everyone. We have planned a few new features for your enjoyment.

Dance Exposé, an Albuquerque dance studio run by Edye Baca Allen, will present a short exposition of dances through the ages, in keeping with our theme and activities. The dance teams will demonstrate swing, waltz, movie and stage, and salsa, complete with polished routines and costumes. “Dancing With the Stars” has nothing

on our Ball this year.

We will also offer a signature cocktail, designed expressly for the Ball and incorporating our Ball colors of blue and white. The cocktail is called a “Symphotini,” and we had a terrific time experimenting with the ingredients to come up with just the right concoction. Try one!

Along with the “Symphotini,” we will have three other bars. The main bar will serve cocktails, the “Symphotini,” and beer. Two bars will serve wines from our generous sponsor Casa Rondeña.

# Some Special Symphony Supporters

The Guild would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank several special contributors to the Symphony Ball who consistently provide exceptional support.

**Butterfield Jewelers** – This is the 10th year that Bernie and Anne Butterfield have provided the jewelry for the Treasure Chest. This year the value of the Treasure Chest is \$10K. Over the course of the last 10 years, the Butterfields have donated over \$100K in Treasure Chest items. They have also attended the Balls and the concerts through the years. They also have a Señorita this year who will be presented. Butterfield Jewelers is located at 2411 San Pedro NE, 87110.

**Casa Rondeña** – John Calvin and Casa Rondeña have donated the wine for the Ball. Casa Rondeña is located at 733 Chavez Rd., NW, 87107. The Calvins are long-time supporters of the Symphony and demonstrate their support in various ways throughout the year. John is presenting the Señoritas this year along with Maestro Guillermo Figueroa.

**Albuquerque Publishing Company** – For the last 2 years, Albuquerque Publishing Company has donated in-kind advertising valued at a total of \$15,000 to publicize Guild events. The Ball is one of the events that benefits from their generosity. We very much appreciate their support.

Thank you very much to these wonderful patrons of the Symphony.



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## *Señoritas About To Wrap It Up*



The Señoritas are in that bittersweet time of the program. All of the events of the season are just about wrapped up, and we now have just the Symphony Ball to attend. But what a wrap up to the season! Under the guidance of Helen Marquez, the Symphony Ball is the wonderful icing on the Señorita's cake. There will be 32 Señoritas presented the night of the Ball by 19 Acompañantes and Brother escorts. On February 8th the staff of Sephora in Coronado Center provided makeup tips to the girls. Sephora opened their

doors after their normal business hours to the Señoritas. Twelve of their makeup artists stayed on to do the girls makeup and consult with them about colors that would compliment their skin tones and the white ball gowns. The store also provided snacks and makeup goodie bags for all of the Señoritas. This was a huge contribution to the Señorita program, so on the next visit to Sephora, please pass on thanks from the Guild for their support.

On March 15th Fishback's Dance Studio will once again invite the Señoritas, dads, and dates into their studio to teach them how to waltz and execute the very intricate Grand Promenade prior to their waltz together.

After the Ball, a date to be determined, the Señoritas and moms will get together to share memories and the good times of the past year. It is wonderful to see how the girls have grown closer through the program and hear about the wrap-up of their Senior year, where they will be attending college, and their summer plans.

Right on the heels of closing out one season, we will kick off the next. On April 26th we will hold the future Señorita Invitational Tea at Four Hill Country Club. We are looking forward to meeting many girls and their moms at the tea to begin the 2009–2010 Señorita season. If you know of any young lady who is interested in this program, please contact Lesly Stern at [HYPERLINK "mailto:lcstern@hotmail.com"](mailto:lcstern@hotmail.com) lcstern@hotmail.com or 255-8348.

**Tina Locke**, VP Señoritas

The results are in...

## Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings

On a beautiful, brisk Valentine's Day, 15 talented young musicians competed for prizes in the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition. At the end of the day, the distinguished panel of judges chose the winners in the piano and string divisions.



The piano contestants

### *The Piano Winners*



*Left to right:* Sarah Liu, third place; Kathy Lin, first place, and Catherine Chen, second place.

Kathy Lin, a junior at Los Alamos High School won the piano competition. She played Concerto No. 2 in D minor op. 23, I. Lorchetto calmato by Edward MacDowell. Kathy will perform with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra at the annual Mother's Day concert at the Rio Grande Zoo. She also won a cash prize of \$500.



The string contestants

### *The String Winners*



*Left to right:* Violinist Julia Connor, first place; cellist Quinn Boyack, second place, and cellist Aaron Feeney, third place.

Julia Connor, violinist, won first place in the inaugural string competition. She received a cash award of \$500 and a performance opportunity with the NMSO. She will perform with the Orchestra on April 7th at New Mexico Tech in Socorro as part of the Symphony's Performing Arts Series. Julia is a senior at Albuquerque Academy. She played Sergei Prokofiev's Concerto No. 2. in G minor, op. 63, I. Allegro moder

Thanks to Charlotte Gardner for competition photographs.

**Karla Bresson and Carol Horner, Co-Chairs**

# Welcome New Members!

The Membership Committee Continues to Attract New Members. Many of our new members who joined the Guild since November have heard about how the Guild supports the Symphony and want to be a part of that commitment. Even in difficult times people understand the need to support such an important institution in Albuquerque such as the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. We salute and welcome these new members:

*Sharon Hart*

*Lessile Mortimer*

*Stanley Kolodny*

*Barbara Shiller*

*Jessica McElroy*

*Richard Spray*

*Margaret McGuinn*

It has been a real pleasure to talk to these new members and hear their enthusiasm. Several of them have already been involved in Peter and the Wolf and the Young Artists' Competition. If you meet any of them at our events, let them know how glad we are to have them.

**Yvette Stout Lyle**  
V.P. of Membership



## Ah... Spring is in the Air!

As the winds whirl through the city, so does our education program volunteers! We are just now completing our Peter & the Wolf presentations in the southwest quadrant. A million thanks to those of you who help, and especially to those of you who help so regularly. We could not reach so many children without your dedication to the program. Please do not lose your steam yet. We have one more quadrant (the southeast) to go! Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

We also need volunteers to help with the Popejoy Concerts on



May 5-7. The NMSO will present a new program, and the concerts, as always, promise to be great. If you would like to bring refreshments for volunteers that day OR if you would like to help us usher 4th grade students and stay to enjoy the concert, please contact Teresa Edens at [tree.edens@comcast.net](mailto:tree.edens@comcast.net) or phone her at 821-9587.

**Leslie Kim**, VP Education

## Important Reminders!

**Grace Note** nominations are due to Teri Fahs on or before March 15th. Nominations forms were attached to the February newsletter.

At the upcoming **Spring Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival**, Teri is seeking Guild members interested in helping to sell our final 150 cookbooks! Festival dates are March 13-15.

The Festival is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Anyone working will have free entrance into the Festival! We will have 2-hour shifts set-up throughout the day. Come for only 2 hours or come and stay for the day.

In advance, *thanks a million* for your help.

Please contact Teri at: 293-5686 or [terifahs@comcast.net](mailto:terifahs@comcast.net).



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