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From our President:



Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that your holidays were merry and bright, no matter what holiday(s) you celebrated; Winter Solstice, Chanukkah, Kwanza, Xmas, or nothing at all. Other than getting caught on the 5 freeway in Santa Clarita during a freak snow storm on January 2nd, my holiday season was great!

2011 began with a fabulous event on January 8th at the Luxe Hotel, featuring musicians from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). The setting, the food and the entertainment were all superb. Maybe we just met some future LA Philharmonic artists (who

knows?). Kudos to Christine Upton and Judy Hirsch for their efforts. We have some upcoming events that will be loads of fun, so save the dates: New member tea on Saturday, March 26, our installation on Saturday May 21 and, of course in July we'll drive to San Luis Obispo for a weekend filled with music, food, wine, friends and laughter.

Don't forget some of our volunteer opportunities – Symphonies for Youth, Symphonies for Schools, and Showcase House. All of these events are rewarding and fun, and provide us with opportunities to meet other volunteers and to feel gratified that we are doing something good for the community. Since school budgets have been cut so drastically, I can't stress enough the need for our many community programs that help foster a love for the arts (especially music) for the youth of Los Angeles.

.....Adrienne Bass.....

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Johnny Lee to Play at COPW Event



Johnny Lee

On March 26, 2011, at noon, Johnny Lee will be a soloist at the COPW annual New Member Tea. Mr. Lee joined the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the start of the 2005/2006 season. Previously he was assistance concertmaster of the Charlotte Symphony and Concertmaster of the Canton Symphony. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Lee began playing violin at the age of five. After graduating from Harvard College with a cum laude degree in Economics, he attended the Cleveland Institute of Music , where he received his master’s degree in 2003.

Our COPW event is chaired by Joyce Mallean, and will be held at the home of her daughter, Tanya. It is our annual new member Tea, and all COPW members are encouraged to come and bring a potential new member to what promises to be

a lovely event. Refreshments and conversations with our friends and our guest soloist will be some of the highlights of this pleasant afternoon. You will be receiving invitations shortly. Please RSVP promptly for yourself and your guests

RODAH AND BASS AT WDCH

By Adrienne Bass

A few months ago I approached the LA Affiliates President, Arlyss Burkett, about staffing a table in the lobby at Disney Hall prior to concerts. I wanted to pass out brochures for COPW and the Affiliates in the hopes of finding some LA Philharmonic patrons interested in joining COPW. Not long after , we were given the “green light” and had two dates selected for our new recruitment efforts, January 9 and February 13.

On Sunday, January 9, Lenore Rodah , COPW membership Chair and I arrived at Disney Hall a few minutes past noon and set up our table on the first floor. We laid out our brochures and put smiles on our faces. We packed up our goods around 1:55pm after sitting at the table for a little over 1 ½ hours. Within that time we got many concert goers who stopped at the table. Lenore and I answered dozens of questions: “where is the box office?, where is will call?,

where is the cafeteria?, (well you get the picture), but only a handful of questions were about either the Affiliates or COPW. It was easy to make the decision to cancel the next date, but Lenore and I were glad that we tried on behalf of COPW.

So we would like to encourage all of you to recruit your family, friends, and ~~co-workers for COPW~~. Combined with our website, we do have some formidable membership recruitment tools!



Melanie Sanguinet, Adrienne Bass and Lenore Rodah at the WDCH

“2,400,000 Americans play the accordion – hopefully not at the same time”

Jeff Gothard

COPW ANNUAL MEETING IS LUXE

Following are photos from the wonderful COPW event held on January 8th at the Luxe Hotel in West Los Angeles. Co-chaired by Chris Upton and Judy Hirsch, this annual meeting of COPW featured a very large crowd of happy music lovers who listened to the talented youth from the County Performing Arts School play Mozart. A beautiful setting, a lovely day, and the inspiration of fine young musicians.



Korean Music Charms Crescendo

Sona Boyd co-chaired an afternoon of Korean Music and Dance on January 16 at the Los Angeles County Music Center for a large number of Affiliates. Drums and elaborate large lyres accompanied the beautiful dancers. Kudos to Sona on a great event!



Sona introducing the troupe

AFFILIATES ENDOWMENT FUND

By Lois Kobler

As we start a New Year filling in our diaries and appointment books with special dates to remember, please consider a *celebratory* donation to the Affiliates' Endowment Fund.

The Affiliates' Endowment Fund began several years ago with a Pledge to raise \$250,000 within ten years. The Pledge was honored

within less than 4 years; however, the Endowment continues. While the principal remains, most of the interest earned is earmarked for the Los Angeles Philharmonic education projects.

In addition to your own family and friends' birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, there are several dates on this year's calendar that provide excellent opportunity for thoughtful gift-giving.

Consider honoring a special someone with a tax-deductible gift to the Affiliates' Endowment on one of these days:

Valentine's Day	February 14
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Mother's Day	May 8
Father's Day	June 19
Grandparent's	September 11
Halloween	October 31
Hanukkah	December 21
Christmas	December 25

A specific form is available to insure that any donation you make to the Endowment is credited to COPW. Donors receive a WDCH note cards and a rehearsal invitation

Please contact Lois Kobler, 213-620-9584 or loisellis@mac.com for further information and a form.



Heavenly Singers

COPW TRANSITIONS

David Overholt has resigned from the COPW board for health reasons.

Elaine Berman will replace David Overholt on the COPW board.

Elizabeth Grillos is a new COPW member. She found our organization on the Web.

Carol Hochman Brown is a new member and attended the January 8 COPW event.

Kate Flavin is a new member and enjoyed the January 8 event.

Melanie Sanguinet has been promoted to Manager of Volunteer Activities for the LA Phil, replacing Valerie Thompson who recently resigned the position.

Fornia Fill, a long time active member of COPW, has recently died at the age of 96. She had been living in Northern California, but was a resident of Southern California for most of her adult life. COPW will make a memorial contribution to the LA Phil in her honor.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

BY Lenore Rodah

COPW is making some real strides to improve our services for members. Soon we will have gifts for new members that will be "collector items", metal book marks with our COPW logo. These bookmarks will also be available for sale to present members.

Nan Flette has completed an excellent new membership handbook that has everything you need to know about COPW. It is available on our web site and can be easily downloaded by new members. It will really help new members get a handle on our organization and its functions. We plan to submit this handbook for a Gold Book award.



New COPW members and mentors at the Luxe Hotel.

Our new mentorship program is beginning. New members will be assigned a mentor who will be their connection to COPW for their first year. The mentors will receive a guideline form with ideas on acquainting the new member with COPW and the volunteer activities of the LA Philharmonic Affiliates. We encourage members to volunteer to be a mentor to our newest members, particularly

those members who find us on the website. Please contact me, Lenore Rodah at lrodah@hotmail and I'll help you get started.

VOLUNTEERING

BY Becky Novy

As your chair for Volunteer activities, I have three splendid activities in which you can participate.

On February 19 and February 26, the Toyota Symphonies for Youth will be presenting concerts on Jazz for youth and their parents who have subscribed to that series. Volunteers from all of the LA Phil Affiliate groups will assist with the pre-concert activities for the children. These include Music Petting Zoo, music crafts, and a story telling venue. You will be assisting parents helping their children enjoy the concert. Plus you will enjoy the concert if you wish. Call me if you want to assist. It's not too late.

On February 22-25 the Symphonies for Schools concerts will be held. These four concerts are also on a jazz theme. To volunteer please contact: Sydney Tanner (310)670-6012 or sydneytanner@sbcglobal.

Finally, a very fun volunteer activity is held annually in the Pasadena area. The Showcase house, is usually a grand mansion that is totally redesigned by interior decorators and landscape architects. This year the house is a Tudor style home built in 1927 and designed by Paul Williams who was one of the first black architects and a very prominent designer of California homes.

The event which runs April 17-May 16 raises over a million dollars for musical charities including the LA

Phil. If you volunteer for a session, you will receive a free admission ticket (a \$35 value). Please call me if you would like to participate. 661-259-5314

LA PHIL LIVE

The LA Phil will broadcast live performances by Gustavo Dudamel and the LA Phil on March 13 and June 5 in movie theatres throughout the country. Visit LA PHIL LIVE to find venues and order tickets.

FRIENDS OF THE LA PHIL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES.

COPW has a contribution goal of \$8,000 To date we have received \$5,300 from 17 members. Help us reach our monetary goal and increase our contribution %. Any \$ amount is appreciated! Contact Chuck Rubin our Campaign chair.

COPW YOLA INSTRUMENT DRIVE COMING

WATCH FOR DETAILS NEXT MONTH

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