



NEWS from the Fort Collins Symphony Guild

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Editor's note: You asked for a shorter newsletter, and we listened. I strongly recommend visiting the Guild website, fcsymphonyguild.org, for more information about our activities. Look for these items inside the newsletter:

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Dear Members of the Symphony Guild,

Happy Spring (almost)! The end of our year is fast approaching. Please join us for three events between now and then:

Champagne Brunch, Derby Day, and the Joint Celebration of Our Year. See inside for dates, times and places.

It is my pleasure to tell you about two wonderful contributions received by the Guild: 1) Heather Myers, a Guild member since 2006, has given \$2,500 as a **Matching Challenge Grant** to go to the Symphony, along with monies raised at Derby Day and other fundraising efforts. Please help us match Heather's generous challenge by May 15; 2) an anonymous donor gave \$1,000 to the **Principal Cello Chair in honor of Jeanise Brown**. This gift will more than cover the cost of producing the CD, ensuring that all proceeds from donations of \$20 or more for the CD go directly to the Endowment Fund. My heartfelt thanks to these two donors.



By now the **Musical Zoo** has receded into the past. This year's Zoo was sensational. I want to offer thanks here to the event organizers, Suzie Parzych, Education Chair, and Nicolette Bischoff, Program Planner, for their enormous investment of time and energy in bringing this year's event "to the stage," and to all of you who worked with them to ensure its success. To those of you who helped with time and monetary contributions, a big thank you. (For more about the Musical Zoo, see Suzie's report on page 3.)

Thanks to all of you who attended the **concerts last month** where the Guild was acknowledged for its invaluable contributions to the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra over the past 46 years. I can't begin to tell you how incredible it was to be on the stage after giving our check for \$16,300 to Dave Rosenberg, President of the Symphony Association, and to see you all standing to be recognized. Thanks as well to all of you

who made calls to ensure everyone knew about the concerts and to offer transportation if needed.

Many of you have made generous gifts of your time, talent, and treasure to the Guild over the years. I invite you now to give in whatever ways are most comfortable for you so that the Guild can once again make a significant contribution to the Symphony at the close of the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Please accept my thanks not only for the contributions you choose to make at this time but for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

Warm regards,
Barbara Everett, President

CURRY COOK-OFF A SUCCESS

Thanks to Bob and Gloria Willis (chicken), Kay Edwards (beef), Jerry and Leslie Knaup (shrimp), and John Everett (lamb) for putting on a great **curry cook-off** on February 8. Rathna Murthy arranged entertainment by Sriram



Srinivasam and Arun Chandra on the south Indian drum, the *mridangam*. Thank you, Rathna. Forty-some people attended and several said it was the first time they realized they enjoyed curry. Bob Willis' chicken curry won first prize in the judging; everyone agreed it was difficult to choose. John & Barbara Everett graciously hosted the cook-off in their lovely home. The event raised \$1,026.



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Kay Edwards, Endowment Chair

- **Jeanise Brown Cello Chair**—The goal of \$10,000 for this chair was exceeded, thanks to all Guild members who helped support this effort. Additional proceeds will come from the personal effects of the Jeanise Brown estate sale.
- **Fourth Named Chair to be Endowed**—The Guild voted to approve the **Principal Flute Chair** in honor of Renate Justin, M.D., a longtime member of the Guild. Dr. Justin served on our board and provided rehearsal refreshments for the symphony for many years. She would like the Flute Chair to be in honor of her granddaughter, Johanna Justin-Jinich. Mildred Johnson, past president, has given a generous gift to kick off this campaign. Contributions are encouraged, and checks should be made payable to the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. Mail checks to Kay Edwards, 1721 Linden Lake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

MUSICAL ZOO ATTRACTS 553 CHILDREN!

Suzie Parzych, Education and Fundraising Chair

Wow! March 6th at the FC Senior Center was a literal zoo! 553 area children attended Musical Zoo with their parents or grandparents, making an estimated total of 885.

PERFORMERS FOR THE DAY included:

- **Adam Frey – Euphonium Player** who dazzled all the kids and let them know it's perfectly okay to be a "music geek" and love what you do everyday. Everyday!
- **Canyon Concert Dancer Center** – Dancers for the performances of "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "Alice in Wonderland," sparkled as CCDC dancers always do.
- **Nicholas Bischoff** – Little kids love to wiggle and Nicholas made certain they did during "Movement to Music".
- **Rebekah Gray** – Soprano and "Queen Of The Night". When Rebekah performed, all the kids were in awe that anyone's voice could sing so high. Well, her tiara and costume helped a little, too.
- **Drum Bubbas** – A great group of men and women who love their drums as much as their families, and they like to make as much noise as they possibly can. After, finishing, they played with the kids.
- **"Cheza String Quartet"** – "Cheza" means "set in motion" in Swahili. Their repertoire is tremendous. Each member is double majoring in Business, Math, or Veterinary Medicine at CSU.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered a few hours of their time that day and to those who provided snacks & drinks for the volunteers and performers. We look forward to seeing you again next year for a "New Zoo" that will likely undergo some remodeling over Summer 2010.



Save This Very Important Date!
Saturday, May 1, 2010
Kentucky Derby Party 2010
Adams-Atkinson Arena

Sip mint juleps, savor some appetizers and support the Fort Collins Symphony Guild as we celebrate and watch the 136th Run For The Roses.

This exciting afternoon event offers the following delights:

- **Marketplace in The Stalls** – Vendors and local artists with delights for any upcoming gifts and personal items you might be interested in.

- **Silent Auction** – The committee is looking for a variety of Silent Auction items between the realistic auction prices of \$20 - \$200. If you, or someone you may know is interested in providing an auction item, or would like to work on the committee, please let us know. Your help with this area is greatly appreciated.
- **Appetizers and Cocktails** – The Mint Julep is always a refreshing start to a race, don't you think?
- **Dressage Demonstrations** – What's not to love about such an elegant sport?
- **Hat Contest** – The secret judges have already been selected. One or two might even be a local celeb!

Sponsorships and tables are available at this time. Individual tickets are \$50.00. Please contact fcsymphonyguild@yahoo.com, or, derbydayevent@yahoo.com for additional information and tickets. No e-mail? Call Suzie Parzych@ 970-631-8920 for information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Larry and Rita Moon Reid, Membership Co-Chairs

- 1) **Website**--Check out the Guild's newly-updated website! It has a new look, easier navigation and the latest information on Guild activities. Visit it at www.fcsymphonyguild.org Many thanks to April Johansen, our web designer and clarinetist for the Fort Collins Symphony.
- 2) **Bach's Lunch**--If you have friends who enjoy the Symphony as much as you do, and if they want to join you socializing and working to support the Symphony, let us know! We will invite them and you to our annual Bach's Lunch on Saturday, April 17. This luncheon is a recruiting event for prospective members of the Guild and their sponsors. It's a fine opportunity for people to learn more about the Fort Collins Symphony, how the Guild supports the Symphony in the community, and how they can help as members of the Guild. You will be the connection to bring more fun to your friends and more members to the Guild. Call Rita or Larry Reid at 266-1345.
- 3) **Our newest Members**—add them to your Directory.
 - Jane Low
 - Carole and Myles Crane**Contact information changes:**
 - Maryann Colarusso
 - Ron Colarusso
 - Frances Stover
 - Pat Wright
- 4) **Wild Boar General Meeting Evaluation:** There were 31 copies of this review form sent out (one review per household of the members attending); 21 were returned. Responses averaged the "information" quality of the event as a B+. Responses averaged the "fun" quality of the event as a B+. "Talking with new members and friends" received the highest favorable rating of the activities.

It is extremely important to keep our 2009-2010 Membership Guide and Directory up-to-date! If you have any address, phone or e-mail changes, please send them to the Membership Committee in care of Rita and Larry Reid at: guildmember@comcast.net

GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS--Please RSVP to Evelyn Wells at (970) 207-1602 or eviewells@comcast.net for each meeting at least four days in advance. Remember that prospective members are welcome at our general meetings. We look forward to seeing all of you.

- **MARCH 28, 2010: 12 noon to 2 P.M.**
“**CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**” at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Allen Entertainment by Elena, Pianist, a CSU student. Long-time Guild members will be honored. Come enjoy a beautiful view of the mountains while sipping champagne and having breakfast.
- **MAY 25, 2010: 5:00-7:00 P.M.**
“**YEAR END CELEBRATION**,” a Joint Celebration with the Symphony Association Board at the home of Margaret Webber.

OTHER GUILD EVENTS

- **COMPOSER TALKS** with Bill Runyan
Noon, at the FC Main Library
April 7 and May 5, 2010
- **BACH’S LUNCH** (for prospective members’ social)
Saturday, April 17, 2010
Home of Terry and Rich Irby
- **KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY** (fundraiser)
May 1, 2010, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Atkinson Arena, CSU Equine Center

GUILD BOARD MEETINGS--held the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in different Board member homes.

If you know a Symphony Guild member who is having some medical problems, needs a sympathy card, or is having a special anniversary, please let me know and I will be glad to send an appropriate card from the Symphony Guild. We want our members to know they are being thought of in a special way. Thank you.

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