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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SUMMER UPDATE

Annual Retreat. The 3rd annual La Jolla Symphony & Chorus Association Retreat will be held on Saturday, August 29, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, in the Green Room of RIMAC (Recreation and Intramural Athletic Complex), located at the north end of the UCSD campus. Topics to be addressed include the following: the fundamentals of non-profit arts fundraising; the "State of the Association" (priorities and accomplishments); the conductors' vision for the future; and presentations from ensemble members (Chorus Manager, Orchestra President).

Professional fundraiser JERRY BUCKLEY will facilitate the morning program, which will focus on our new fund-raising strategies. The afternoon session, to be directed by professional facilitator KATHY WALKER, will be devoted to defining the state of the Association and to building a shared vision for the future. Board President COLIN BLOOR, Music Director HARVEY SOLLBERGER, Choral Director DAVID CHASE, Music Committee Chair ERIC BROMBERGER, Chorus Manager BEDA FARRELL, and Orchestra President TED BIETZ will present their visions. An open dialogue with retreat participants (to include Board members, ensemble performers, staff, and friends of the Association) will follow.

If you would like further information or are interested in participating, contact Bill Morgan, 534-4637.

It's a Girl! Board Member TOM BAZE is a new dad. His wife ANGELIKA gave birth to Jessica Emily on Fathers' Day, June 21. She weighed exactly 7 lbs. at birth. Congratulations to the Baze Family.

Farewell and Thanks. Board Member JENNIFER JEFFRIES has resigned effective the end of this fiscal year. She served us extremely well as Board Secretary and also as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Jennifer is Superintendent in the Fallbrook School District, and regrettably her new duties on a national education taskforce will not allow her time for Association activities.

New Board Members. Seven new Board members were welcomed at a June 23 Faculty Club reception, graciously hosted by COLIN and MAXINE BLOOR.

DIRK METZGER is a professional arbitrator and attorney in San Diego who has been active in various volunteer groups in the community. JOE BICKNELL is Vice President and Director of the Trust Division of Grossmont Bank for San Diego County. He has also served on the Board of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, and will bring us planned-giving expertise. LUIZ MARIA DAVILA has been active in sister city programs with Tijuana, and recently received an award recognizing her contributions to these programs. She will be involved in developing our outreach programs. LIZ COLISIMO has a background in fund-raising, and is a registered nurse and an attorney in San Diego. CAROL AUGUST BUTLER has a background in educational writing/editing, educational consulting, program evaluations, grant writing, public relations and sales, and has taught Latin and French. She will be involved in helping the Association with fund-raising. JOHN BENBOW is the minister of the Congregational Church of La Jolla. He received a Volunteer of the Year award for his contributions to our 1996/97 season. His strengths involve volunteer development and recognition. TOM EMERY is president of The Emery Group, a full-service advertising agency with offices in La Jolla and El Paso. A copywriter by trade, and a native Texan who moved to La Jolla in 1993, Tom hopes to help the LJS&C with publicity and fund-raising.

ACSO Conference. Six delegates from the LJS&C attended the annual Association of California Symphony Orchestras Conference, July 30 through August 1. The conference brings symphony orchestra organizations together and allows participants to learn from each other's experiences and share insights and resources. In attendance were Board President COLIN BLOOR (along with his wife, MAXINE); Board Vice President DIANE SALISBURY; new Board members JOE BICKNELL and TOM EMERY; and Board Executive Director BILL MORGAN. They attended workshops on maximizing volunteer potential, leadership mentoring, working with the press, grant writing, education programs, and many other informative presentations on effective symphony management.

Tom Nee Commissioning Fund. At the start of the campaign last October the Board committed \$12,500 from its own funds to seed the Tom Nee Commissioning Fund. Now a generous contribution from Grossmont Bank has helped the Association meet its goal of funding the project, by the end of the 1997/98 season, with a total of \$36,000. New Board Member JOE BICKNELL capped off the fund-raising campaign when he

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presented a check for \$1,000 from Grossmont Bank to the Board at its May 19 meeting.

LINDA KERNOHAN, the 1998/99 Tom Nee Commissioning Endowment awardee, is composing a choral work that adapts the text from "West with the Night," the memoir of Beryl Markham (1902-1986). A horse trainer and an aviator, Markham is perhaps best known as the first person to fly solo from England to North America, which she accomplished in 1936. She lived most of her life in what is now Kenya, and her memoir is full of beautifully lyrical descriptions of her life adventures. Linda selected this text to shine a long overdue spotlight on what a woman's life could be at the time and place in which Markham lived. The piece will be performed by the Chorus at the March 1999 concert.

COMMEMORATIVE CD

To observe the retirement of TOM NEE as Music Director, the La Jolla Symphony produced a commemorative recording featuring performances Tom led with the Orchestra during the years 1985 to 1997. Included on the disc are works by Mozart, Dvorak, Mahler, Schumann, Stravinsky, Rands, and Larsen. This recording, an in-house production, is not available for general sale – only present or former members of the Association may purchase copies – and only a limited number remains. The price is \$14. For information, contact either Bill Morgan in the Association Office, 534-4637, or Eric Bromberger, 561-5810.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPEAK

BEETHOVEN'S 9TH CD. *Beethoven's 9th* CDs are now available to members of the Association, at a cost of \$10. Recorded in concert in Mandeville Auditorium, the CD is an accurate reflection of the orchestra and chorus near the end of Tom Nee's tenure as music director. This recording uses the first three movements from the performance of Saturday, November 2, and the finale from Sunday, November 3. There are no edits, corrections, or insertions at any point: this is how the orchestra and chorus sounded in the fall of 1996. For purchases, contact the office at 534- 4637.

UPCOMING SEASON. Our 1998/99- season subscription campaign is going well, with 777 subscriptions received to date. We're at 85% of our subscription goal of 911, with three months left in our subscription drive.

Ensemble member season subscriptions are available for only \$40. This is a \$10 savings over buying the tickets individually, and guarantees the seats you want for the entire season!

Home in October. The LJSSC will sponsor two special events in October, featuring

COMPOSERS AND MUSICIANS FROM MEXICO. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 8:00 PM, SIX COMPOSITIONS FROM MEXICAN COMPOSERS WILL BE PRESENTED AT MANDEVILLE RECITAL HALL AND PERFORMED BY LJSSC MUSICIANS, TO INCLUDE Jeff Nevin, Lisa Cella, and Cecilia Kim. AND ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, AT 3:00 PM, STUDENTS FROM THE JAZZ CALIFORNIA CONSERVATORY WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE IN ERICKSON HALL. BOTH EVENTS WILL BE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. CONTACT BILL MORGAN, 534- 4637, FOR INFORMATION.

CONCEPT VOLUNTEERS. IS ANYONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CONCESSIONS, BOX OFFICE, OR PROMOTIONAL ITEM SALES DURING THE UPCOMING SEASON? PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT GINDY IN THE OFFICE, 534- 4637.

UCSD Dept. of Music: September Events

Friday, September 11, 4 PM-8 PM
Saturday, September 12, 9 AM-6 PM
Sunday, September 13, 10 AM-5 PM
Mandeville Auditorium
'Piano Sale'
Greene Music and Yamaha Corporation. Many brands, new and used; selling at institutional rates. Free admission. For more information, call 586-7000.

Saturday, September 26, 6 PM
Faculty Club
'The Italian Connection: A Gourmet Tour of Italian Opera History'
With "Tour Guide" Professor CAROL PLANTAMURA, author of *The Opera Lovers Guide to Europe*. Dinner, lecture, music (featuring soprano CHERYL BROWN and pianist NICOLAS REVELES), and silent auction. UCSD Friends of Music Scholarship Fundraiser. \$50/person, or \$500/table for 8. R.S.V.P. by September 11, at 534-4830.

"ORCHESTRATIONS"

Women Who Mean Business. A wind ensemble from the Orchestra will perform for an audience of over 2,000 at the 5th annual "San Diego Women Who Mean Business" awards, sponsored by the San Diego Business Journal. The event recognizes women business leaders for their achievements and contributions to San Diego's economy and future. The ensemble will perform *Mozart's Serenade in C Minor*, K. 388.

New Orchestra Manager. We extend a warm welcome to violist SUSAN UNG, the Orchestra's

new Manager. Susan has a bachelor's degree in Music from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree from SUNY/Stony Brook. Married to UCSD Department of Music faculty member CHINARY UNG, Susan previously played with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, and currently teaches private violin and viola students.

Auditions. The Orchestra invites experienced musicians to audition for the 1998/99 season. Auditions will be held on September 5, 6, 19, and 20. Appointments may be scheduled with DAVID BITHELL, at 487-4948.

"CHORAL ARRANGEMENTS"

Newlyweds. Congratulations to soprano KAREN JOHNS and bass PETER JORGENSEN, who wed in San Diego on July 31!

The Next Generation. Former Chorus members EVE and LYLE PERSONETTE welcomed 8 lb., 5 oz. Matthew James into the world on July 24.

Get Well Soon. Baritone PAUL BLAIR became seriously ill during a recent Cancun vacation, and while he is now doing well a lengthy recovery period is anticipated. Your good wishes may be sent his way c/o the San Diego Rehabilitation Institute, 6645 Alvarado Rd., San Diego, CA 92120-5285, or pblair@cs.ucsd.edu.

Auditions. If you missed the first round, held on Saturday, August 22, don't despair: additional auditions will be held on Saturday, September 12, and (for students) Saturday, September 26. Call BEDA FARRELL at 727-6451 for an appointment or more information.

Rehearsals Begin. Hope you marked your calendars for an early start: Monday, August 24!

Singers Perform in France. Watch for a full report on the *La Jolla Chamber Singers'* July tour of the Dordogne in the next issue...

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

At the Saturday, May 16 concert the following individuals were feted as the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus Association's "Volunteers of the Year" for 1997/98. **THELMA PARRIS** served as a Board member for a number of years, and has been instrumental in producing both the Young Artists Competition and our annual "Music with Love" benefit (which she co-chaired for five years). In addition, she served for five years as editor of the subscriber newsletter, *Fanfare*. **SHARON JONES** has also been a member of the Board, serving on the Fundraising Committee and the Publications Committee. In addition, she was president of the Chorus for three years, and is founding editor of and frequent contributor to *TUTTI*. **TAMI MASON** has spent long hours facilitating ticket sales, working in the box office and at the concession tables at every concert (both the Saturday and Sunday performances) during the 1997/98 season. We thank them all for their generous and valued contributions to the success and health of the Association.

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