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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2008

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General Membership Luncheon**

Thursday, September 25, 2008
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*Special Guest Appearance by Valerie Turner,
violinist from the NMSO*

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- Pick up your New Membership Directory
- Purchase Symphony Cookbooks

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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.



President's Message

Jackie Guaderrama

As we begin a very busy fall season, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and will become involved in another successful year for the Guild. Summer may be vacation time for many, but the following committees have been working hard throughout the summer:

■ Yvette Lyle and her Membership Committee started the membership drive in late May. Our first new member social of the year was held August 23rd. Our thanks and appreciation to Whitney Foltz for graciously hosting this event.

■ Leslie Kim and her Education Committee have been assembling and sprucing up Peter and the Wolf kits and packets for over 8000 first graders.

■ Tina Locke and Suzanne Fossett organized a festive Señorita mother/daughter BBQ. An enormous thanks to Anji Lang for hosting the Señoritas in her beautiful home.

■ Paula Bradley has written publicity features for the symphony program book, assembled a Brown Wrapper for the Albuquerque Journal, and updated the Guild web page <http://www.nmso.org/guild>. The Albuquerque Journal has agreed to be a sponsor for two Guild events: the Celebrity Conductor Contest and the Symphony Ball.

■ Karla Bressan and Carol Horner have notified music teachers around the state of the newly expanded Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings. The revised application form has been mailed and will be available soon on our web page.

■ Gina Guest-Rupert has been adding membership information to the newly upgraded database in order to have the 2008-2009 Directory ready for the Fall Luncheon.

■ Teresa Edens has arranged for the first membership luncheon to be held at Yanni's on September 25th.

■ Joyce Barkocy has brought you the first issues of Intermezzo and Keynotes of the year.

■ Sue Brown and Gayle McCormick are arranging the first of three recognition dinners to thank orchestra members, chorus, and NMSO staff. The Guild provided and served refreshments and a light lunch at the NMSO Subscribe-a-thon in August.

■ Teri Fahs has plans to sell our cookbook, A Symphony of Flavors from the Southwest, and has organized a store-room cleanout.

As you can see, much has been accomplished over the summer. These committees have been hard at work promoting, organizing, and laying the foundation for a productive year. Other committee chairs will be starting their work shortly.

The NMSO is preparing a spectacular season. Tickets are available to first-time Guild subscribers at a 20% discount. I encourage you take advantage of this subscription opportunity and support the NMSO and chorus.

With your commitment to the Guild and the NMSO, we will have another outstanding year! I look forward to working with you.

Jackie Guaderrama, President

Membership Committee Has Very Busy Summer!

We planned a successful summer garden party at the home of Whitney Foltz for new and potential members. Everyone had a wonderful time in spite of the rain! We are also planning new membership socials for October and February.

Several members have given us names of potential members who have already joined! We are so gratified when members help us in recruitment. Our members are the best advocates of membership in the NMSG. By the way, it is **never too late** to recommend people to join.

The Membership Directory will be available in September at the Luncheon, but we continue to recruit throughout the

year. Please keep our membership drive at the top of your mind when you think of the New Mexico Symphony Guild.

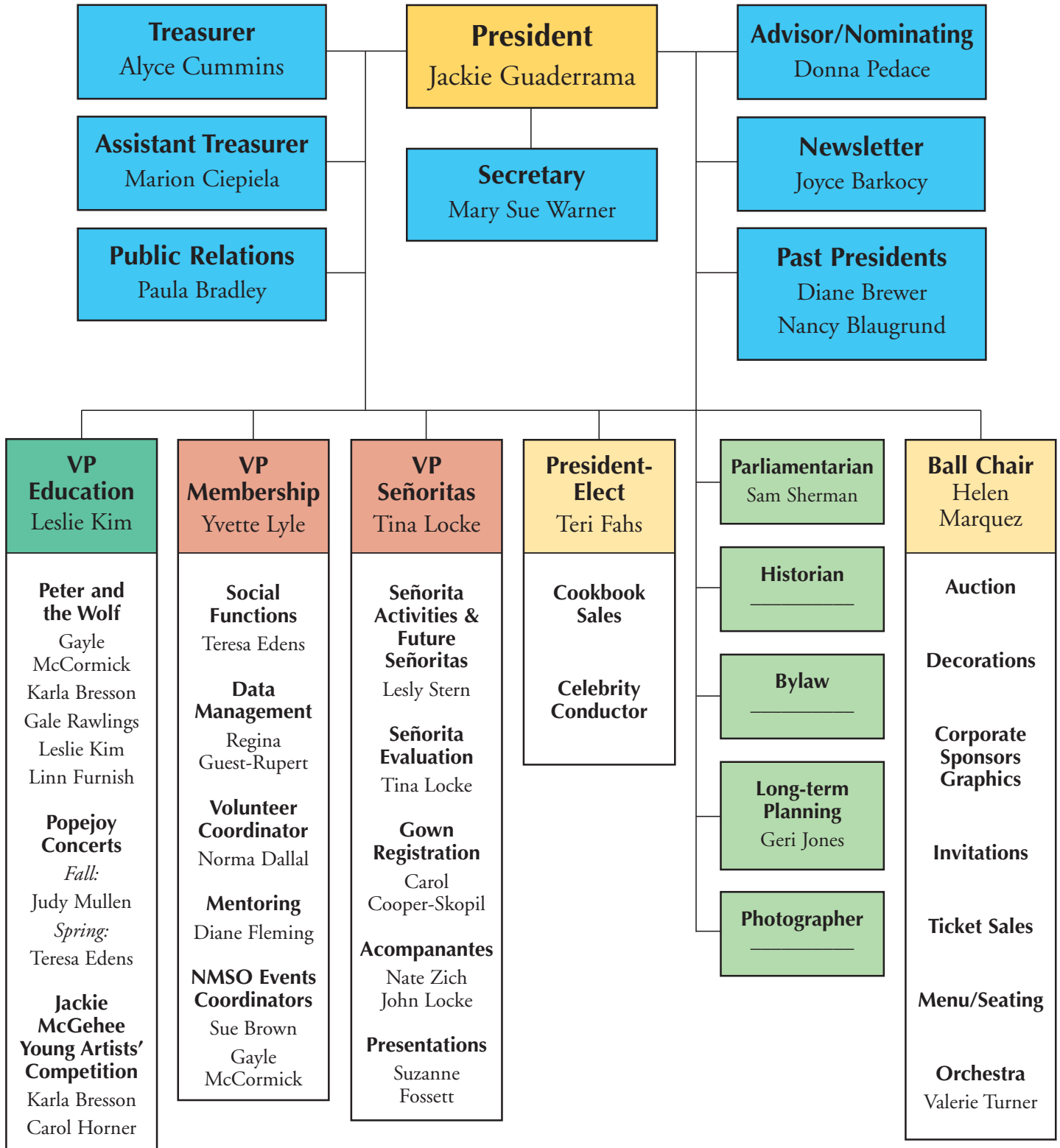
Thanks to the dedicated Membership Committee who had so much fun together, while working hard to enhance our membership. Members of this committee are Shannon Barnhill, Nancy Blaugrund, Val Burch, Tracey Fine, Marianne Kelly, Gayle McCormick and Lorna Wiggins.

Please contact any of us if we can help in recruiting friends, family or co-workers.

Yvette Stout Lyle, VP Membership



Organization Chart 2008-2009



Cookbooks On Sale! Cookbooks On Sale!

It's that time of year! Our cookbooks are on sale again. Jackie has asked that we sell ALL of our cookbooks this year – all 384 of them! Are you able to help?

These beautiful books were put together in 2006 by our Guild members.

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Think of weddings, showers, birthdays, any holiday!

Through the effort of so many, we have a wonderful cookbook and many new members. PLEASE, seriously consider purchasing as many books as you can.

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I will also bring a box of cookbooks to each of our activities.

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Calling all inspired muses! Please share your love of music and children by volunteering to become a Peter and the Wolf presenter. We really need you! The Guild plans to serve thousands of Albuquerque's 1st graders by sharing this beautiful story while helping build music literacy.

We now have two Training Sessions planned... so please join us for one of two short 1-hour training sessions, sweets, & treats.



■ The first session will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 10 am at the home of Leslie Kim. RSVP by Monday, September 1st.

■ The second session will be Friday, October 3rd at 1 pm in Garcia Hall at the NMSO offices on Menaul. RSVP by Monday, September 29th. You may call or Leslie at 296-4761 or email at dandLkim@comcast.net.

Peter and the Wolf Kits will be ready to be picked up the week of Tuesday, September 2nd... either at the NMSO office (in the closet) or at one of the training sessions. If you take one from the closet at the Symphony, please sign the kit sign-out sheet hanging on the shelves near the kits.

Look for volunteer sign-up

sheets to participate in our educational programs at the luncheon on September 25th. We will also have those delightful "Oso Bear Visits the Symphony" coloring books by Jill Lane available for purchase. They make wonderful gifts, and all proceeds go directly to the Guild.

See you soon! Please contact me today by either calling Leslie at 296-4761 or emailing at dandLkim@comcast.net to express your interest in the training as well as signing up to participate in this opportunity.

Leslie Kim, VP Education

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Young Artist Competition to Include Strings

In 1992, the New Mexico Symphony Guild had a vision of an annual concerto competition for outstanding high school pianists. Today, this competition carries the name of Jackie McGehee, a long-time NMSG member and past president, who spearheaded the event and underwrote the program to get it started. It is considered one of the premier competitions in the state. This competition provides monetary awards for the winners, as well as, an opportunity to perform with the NMSO.

This year, the Guild is pleased to announce the expansion of the competition to include string instruments.



The event is now called the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings.

The competition will be held on February 14, 2009, at the Center for Fine Arts on the University of New Mexico campus. Admission is always free and open to the public.

Mark your calendars for a rewarding day of volunteer service and beautiful music from our talented young New Mexicans.

For additional information contact:

Karla Bressan, Co-chair 296-6158
Carol Horner, Co-chair 867-9398

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The Señorita Program

Off to a Successful Start for the Year!

Thirty-Five young ladies have joined the 2008–2009 Program. Many thanks to Pam Berg who did a wonderful job recruiting the majority of this year's class.

Please welcome the 2008–2009 class of Señoritas:

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| Marissa Arredondo | Adrienne Knighten |
| Jessica Berg | Adriana Long |
| Kaitlyn Biernacki | Emily Loutfy |
| Caroline Boothe | Jazmine Madrid |
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The new Activities Chair this year is Lesly Stern. She came on board after the season began, but immediately started scheduling events for the season. In addition to this mon-strous position, she has agreed to be the Future Señorita Chair. If you are aware of any girl in her junior year of high school that would be interested in the program, please contact Lesly at 255-8343 to pass on the necessary information.

The Acompañantes Chair is Nate Zich, and his Co-Chair is John Locke. These two gentlemen have worked together on other community service projects and make a great team. Nate brings his experience working with the La Cueva High School Football team and DECA program to the Acompañantes. Please pass any contact information of

interested high school senior boys to Nate at 615-0643 or Natezich@yahoo.com.

This year we have nine Auntie Mames. Diane Fleming has returned for a 3rd year, and Lucy Barabe has stayed with the program to serve as Auntie Mame. New Auntie Mames are Cherrie Beasley, Susan Rominger, Marcie Salazar, and Kristi Thomson. Former Señoritas, now Auntie Mames, are Kelly Lawrence, Cait Locke, and Juliette Watson.

Suzanne Fossett is serving once again as the Presentation Chair. She has done an amazing job in the past, and we look forward to her flawless preparation of the Señoritas as

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they take the stage. Carol Cooper-Skopil is again the Gown Registrar for the Señoritas, and Marian Ciepela is the Treasurer. All of the people serving on the Señorita Committee are dedicated to giving the young women associated with the program a memorable year-long experience.

The Señorita activities so far have included:

- The Invitational Tea in April followed by the Symphony Under the Stars, Stars and Stripes Concert in May.



- Several Señoritas, along with Suzanne Fossett and Lucy Barabe, volunteered at the Los Ranchos Barn Dance in July assisting with many of the jobs that needed to be done for the dance.

- August 2nd was a Mother/Señorita welcome BBQ held at the home of Ms. Anji Lang and Mr. Ryan Fritz in Corrales. Our thanks to them for the wonderful setting they provided.

- Father/Señorita Bowling was held on August 24th at Silva Lanes.


- September 18th will be the Etiquette Dinner at the Four Hills Country Club where Becky Thompson will present tips on table manners and social gatherings.

- A new event for this season is Father/Señorita Putt-Putt Golf held at Hinkle's Family Fun Center on September 21st.

We are still accepting applications from any interested girl who is a senior in high school. Please contact me at 822-1829 or by e-mail at ferretclan@hotmail.com.

Tina Locke, VP Señoritas

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Again this year, the Guild has the pleasure of providing a meal for the musicians during the rehearsal the evening of Tuesday, September 16th. This is our way of showing appreciation for the joy of magical music they bring to our lives.

We are asking our membership for hors d'oeuvres, snacks, meat and cheese platters, fruit, cookies, and bars, for example, and of course drinks and ice. We will also need helping hands to set up and clean up.

The musicians and your committee chairs always appreciate your gifts.

Please let us know how you can help.

Gayle McCormick, 294-0349, McCorDG5@aol.com
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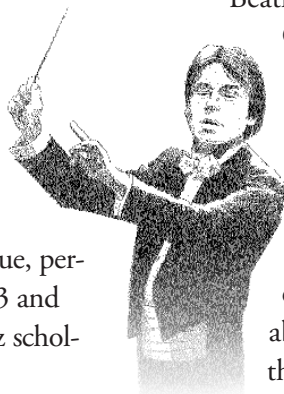


Notes from the Symphony Staff

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Our 76th season begins with a bang September 19th, 20th and 21st, with the symphony's own principal clarinet, James Shields, performing Mozart's Clarinet Concerto! This is also a rare opportunity to experience Hector Berlioz's haunting-yet-brilliant masterpiece, *Symphonie Fantastique*, performed by the NMSO for the first time since 2003 and conducted by NMSO Music Director (and Berlioz scholar) Guillermo Figueroa.

Our expanded Pops season takes the spotlight September 27th and 28th with an appearance by the New York Voices, performing the "Music of the Baby Boomers." The vocal brilliance of the New York Voices and artistry of your



NMSO will bring you classics by such pop masters as the Beatles, the Mamas and the Papas, Simon and Garfunkel, Bill Withers, Stevie Wonder and many more. Conductor Chris Walden will lead the program. Join us either for the regular Saturday night performance or for the brand-new Sunday matinee concert.

It's not too late to guarantee your seats for the entire season! Season ticket packages are still available. For all your NMSO ticketing needs, visit us at the NMSO Box Office, 4407 Menaul Blvd. NE... at Washington or call 505-881-8999.

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