



# KEYNOTES

## Newsletter of the Grand Rapids Symphony Women's Committee

Winter 2012

### President's Message

Happy New Year, ladies! I hope everyone had a very restful and joyous holiday season (even though there was that one very important item missing this year: snow!) This was my first "married" Christmas and it made everything even more special this year! It seems that our holiday time with family is never long enough, though, as it is now January 3rd and back to work.

The Cookbook II chairs and committees are going strong. At our November board meeting, we signed up for recipe testing and if you were not there, I am sure they would love to have more volunteers. I can't wait to start testing the recipes that everyone turned in. Gina, Leah, Kim and Lori plan to have the book printed and ready for a fall launch – the perfect gift for everyone on your list! There will also be "tasting" parties after the testing to look forward to as well!

Tickets are now on sale for the *Fabulous Follies* taking place March 24, 2012 at Wealthy Theater. Tickets are \$35 each. To purchase, you can contact me by email (speterson@grsymphony.org) or by calling our ticket hot-line at 616-454-9451 x136. It will be a fun-filled evening featuring skits inspired by past Grand Rapids Symphony and Women's Committee events. The doors open at 6:30 for appetizers and drinks, with the show at 7:30. We are tying in the Cookbook with this fundraiser, and featuring potential recipes during this 6:30 cocktail hour. If you would like to help prepare food for this event, please contact chair, Martha Bowman.

As far as the Symphony is concerned, there are many very special concerts coming up! The Classical Concert February 10-11 features a premiere of a piece commissioned by the GRS: *Sukkot Through Orion's Nebula* (how can you miss a piece with a title like that?) and also Brahms' beautifully romantic Symphony No. 2. A highlight for many will be the conclusion to the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy: *The Return of the King*. It is a screening of the film with live orchestral accompaniment February 17-18. The Rising Stars series in February features two of the GRS' own flutists – Chris Kantner and Ruth Bylsma performing Bach's *Brandenburg* Concerto No. 4, as well as a more modern piece with Bach influences entitled *Brandenburg Gate*, by Paul Moravec.

As always, please let me know if there is any area of fundraising or volunteering within our Committee you would like to get involved in, or any ideas (however big or small) for the future of the Committee!

Wishing you a very happy and healthy 2012,

--Sarah Bowman Peterson

Treasurer's report as of December 16, 2011: Checking \$15,270.02 <u>Endowment \$13,207.93</u> Total \$28,477.95
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### **It's Hard Work**

Happy New Year everyone! It is a good thing that the New Year comes when it does because, frankly, I don't think we could keep up the pace that we set in the month of December. From the series of Nutcracker performances that we played with the Grand Rapids Ballet during the Thanksgiving holidays to the Motown concert that we gave on New Year's Eve for the Rotary concert, the musicians in your Grand Rapids Symphony performed twenty-three concerts! Whew! While everyone is enjoying the festivities of the holiday season we're working *really* hard!

Actually, we keep that sort of pace up all through the season. We were right back at it in the first week of the New Year with our Cinematic Shostakovich. The next week it was the Fox Motors Pops concert "Swinging with Sinatra and Dorsey" mixed in with our first Side-by-side concert. This year we are sitting side-by-side with the top string students at Grand Valley State University. The third week of January begins some of favorite concerts, the Lollipops! (This year we are doing Little Red Riding Hood with the Grand Rapids Ballet). Then we close out the month with our Richard and Helen DeVos Classical concert featuring Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2*. Wait a minute – that's eighteen concerts in the month of January. It's hard—but GREAT work. Happy New Year everyone – I think!

John Varineau  
Associate Conductor

Congratulations to John Varineau for his recent lecture at Calvin College's *January Series*! He spoke on January 5th about "The Uses, Misuses, and Abuses of Music."

### **Membership- Vickie Dodge, Vice President for Membership**

Sue Dehlinger is our newest member. She just joined recently and is anxious to get involved.

Welcome, Sue!

A coffee was held at my house in October for new members Barbara Corbato, Kelly Estes, Dorothea Peterson, Mary Ellen Troy, and Karin Waterbury. We are happy to have you in Women's Committee!

Please continue to inform your friends and neighbors about Women's Committee. If you have anyone who is interested in or wants to join WC, please contact me and I'll send out a letter and membership brochure. Thanks!

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## ATTENTION: Hilarity Alert!!

The planning for the Women's Committee's spring fundraiser has begun. Sarah and I have been busy cooking up skits for our "Fabulous Follies" which will be at Wealthy Theater on **Saturday March 24, 2012**. Doors will open at **6:30** for a cocktail hour before the show starts at **7:30**. Many of our committee members will be treating you to appetizers and desserts which will be featured in our new "Cooking in the Kitchen" cookbook. Your ticket will entitle you to one free drink at the bar.

Once again our dear friend **Mrs. Edith Blodgett** has agreed to be our Major Sponsor. Come and be entertained by David Lockington, John Varineau and members of the orchestra as we poke fun at what we do on stage both Classically and "Popsy". Perhaps scenes from "Cirque de la Symphony", Disney Pops, Wizard of Oz.....use your imagination and be ready to laugh!!

The tickets are **\$35.00**. We will have them ready at our January members meeting. We need to sell **ALL** 400 tickets, ladies, so please help us do this. We are so excited to be able to have a Saturday night free for our fundraiser. Let's get as many people as we can to drink and be merry!!

Martha Bowman  
Sarah Peterson

## Cookbook Update

Plans for the Encore Women's Committee Cookbook continue to progress. Thanks to all who have sent in their favorite recipes! For those of you who have not, we still welcome your recipes. We would love to include at least one recipe from each of our members. We have also reached out to other Symphony affiliated organizations and supporters.

Please email recipes to [ldhooks@aol.com](mailto:ldhooks@aol.com) or mail them to Leah Hooks at 130 Robinwood Lane SE, GR 49506. If you've misplaced the original recipe worksheet, you may send your recipe in any format convenient to you! Please be sure to include your name and a contact phone number and/or email address. Testing of recipes will begin after the first of the year. Please watch for updates on both testing and special events to promote this important fundraiser.

Thanks for your support,  
Your Cookbook Chairs

Jan Bennett, Lori Curley, Leah Hooks, Gina Paul, Kim Roy



## Upcoming Symphony Concerts

### Classical Series

DeVos Hall at 8:00 pm

\*January 27, 28– Mozart and Beethoven

\*February 10, 11– Romantic Piano

March 9, 10– Rach 2 Meets Sibelius

March 30, 31– Copland’s Symphony No. 3

### Fox Motors Pops

DeVos Hall

\*January 13 & 14 (8:00 pm), 15 (3:00 pm)- Swingin’  
with Sinatra and Dorsey

March 16 & 17 (8:00 pm), 18 (3:00 pm)- Live and Let  
Die: The Music of Paul McCartney

### Rising Stars

St. Cecilia Music Center, Royce Auditorium

Thursday at 7:00 pm, Friday at 8:00 pm

February 23, 24– Two Brandenburgs

March 22, 23– Colorful Contrast

### Symphonic Boom

DeVos Hall

February 16 & 17, 7:00 pm– Lord of the Rings

### PNC Lollipops

Sunshine Community Church

10:15 AM and 11:30 AM

\*January 21– Little Red Riding Hood

March 17– Dr. Seuss’ Green Eggs and Ham

### DTE Energy Foundation Family Series

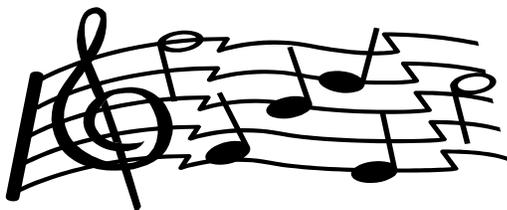
Forest Hills Fine Arts Center, 3:00 pm

February 26- Wacky, Way Out Instruments

### Special Events -DeVos Hall

March 3, 8:00 pm- Symphony with Soul

\*denotes concert in upcoming month



## 2011-12 Women’s Committee Board

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### 2012 Member Meetings

January 12, 2012 –Cascade Engineering 12:30 pm

March 1, 2012 – Goei Center 4:00 pm

May 17, 2012 – Kent Country Club 12:30pm

### Keynotes

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