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## OUR MISSION:

WAMSO—Minnesota Orchestra  
Volunteer Association provides  
support for the Minnesota  
Orchestra and promotes  
music education.

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## Pulsating Rhythms to Fill Orchestra Hall October 9

### LATIN RENAISSANCE

Step into Orchestra Hall on October 9 and you may feel you've gone south of the border for an evening filled with Latin rhythms, food and dance. Again, this year WAMSO partners with Casa de Esperanza to present Latin Renaissance 2003, our fall fund raising event that benefits both organizations.

Start with the sumptuous flavors of a Central and South American buffet prepared by Jose and Crystal Alvarez of Wooddale Church Special Events. Stroll through a special Silent Auction of Latin treasures for some one-of-a-kind gift-buying opportunities. Then enjoy a concert of Latin music drawn from the classics, jazz and original compositions. And, there's more. After the concert you can salsa, mambo, samba, tango and dance the night away in the hall's moonlit lobby. You'll even have a chance to brush up on your Latin dances with instructors from local dance studios.

"Our first Latin Renaissance was so much fun," said WAMSO President Jo Ellen Saylor, "that we wanted to do it again, even bigger and better this year. Our committee has created some wonderful plans with a few exciting surprises."

This year's concert of exceptional Latin music showcases an amazing group of performers featuring international recording star Albita Rodriguez. Dynamic Cuban pianist/ composer Nachito Herrera will lead the ensemble of all-star musicians including Minnesota Orchestra's principal trumpet Manuel Laureano. MOA's Associate Conductor Giancarlo Guerrero will serve as the evening's host.

"It has been great working with the folks at Casa de Esperanza," said WAMSO Committee Co-chair Susan Armstrong. "We are having a wonderful time bringing both organizations together for the benefit of our individual education programs," she added.

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Top: Dynamic Cuban pianist **Nachito Herrera** will lead the musicians of Latin Renaissance. Bottom: Principal Trumpet **Manny Laureano** will be featured at Latin Renaissance on October 9.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Incoming WAMSO  
President Jo Ellen Saylor  
congratulates Barbara  
Burwell on her successful  
year as the leader  
of WAMSO.*

I love this time of year! It implies beginnings—full-length pencils, pages in notebooks waiting to be filled, fresh opportunities, and above all, the possibility of renewing existing friendships and making new ones. As we transition from one year of leadership in WAMSO to another, these feelings are paramount in my mind. Many thanks are due to Barbara Burwell and her team for all they have put in place that will allow us to move forward in our mission of providing support for the Minnesota Orchestra and promoting music education. This year's team who has accepted the challenges and rewards of leadership will now begin to fill its blank pages.

To continue our rich tradition of being a premier volunteer organization, and ensure that we effectively accomplish our mission, I feel that we should concentrate our efforts in three areas: we must secure our financial stability, meet member needs as well as provide meaningful volunteer opportunities, and solidify our strategic direction for the coming years.

All of you are invaluable in accomplishing these goals. Whether you contribute time, talent or financial support, your help is needed and valued. Do get involved in whatever way you choose. Join us at our membership event on September 24th and for the Latin Renaissance, volunteer for one of our amazing education projects, or renew your membership at a higher level of financial support. We need you to fill the blank pages of this year, and I guarantee that you will renew an old friendship and make new ones!

*Jo Ellen Saylor*

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### *Parting Words from Barbara Burwell*

“For the love of music!” For over fifty years, WAMSO and its dedicated volunteers have enriched our community. Thanks to excellent teamwork, WAMSO has met the needs of the Minnesota Orchestra while delivering award-winning programs and extraordinary music education experiences for all ages. 2002-2003 was another successful year as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of Kinder Konzerts and awarded a Young Artist Competition Grand Prize.

I'm thankful for the generosity of our Board of Directors, our membership, our sponsors, our staff, the MOA Board and staff, and our dedicated volunteers. I want to express my deepest appreciation for your time, your talents and your generous sharing of resources. Together we will continue to make a difference. We will enrich lives through great music. Bravo!

*Barbara Burwell*

# Wamso MEET THE MASTERS PRESENTS CELLIST STEVEN ISSERLIS



Cellist **Steven Isserlis** will work with students at October 11 Meet the Masters class at Orchestra Hall MEET THE MASTERS—11 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, October 11**, Orchestra Hall featuring Cellist Steve Isserlis. **Free and open to the public.**

Steven Isserlis is a cellist whose passion for music transcends conventional divisions. A cellist acclaimed worldwide for his musicality and technique alike, he is equally at home drawing the audience into his circle of friends for chamber music or in recital, delving into the historical archives to emerge with a forgotten gem, or on the concert platform with some of the world's most prestigious orchestras and conductors.

Recent concerto engagements have taken Isserlis to some of the world's greatest orchestras, including the Boston, Atlanta, Detroit and London Symphony orchestras, the Berlin, Rotterdam, Czech and Israel Philharmonics and the Philharmonia and Philadelphia orchestras.

## Introducing Jo Ellen Saylor...New Wamso President

Jo Ellen Saylor brings a wealth of volunteer experience to her new position as the 28<sup>th</sup> WAMSO president. Her commitment to community, school and church is evident by the various leadership roles she has assumed: President of the Junior League of Minneapolis; Board member of the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery and the American Cancer Society-Hennepin Unit; President of South View Middle School Parent Council; and a member of the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church Board of Life and Growth.

Saylor's past WAMSO volunteer positions, particularly as Strategic Planning Chair and Director of Development, have given her a broad vision to lead the organization. She has also been Board secretary, an advisor and Mid-Winter Gala Chair.

Saylor resides in Edina with her husband, H. L. Saylor, and daughters, Meredith and Kathryn.

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MEET THE MUSICIANS  
LUNCHEON



Join us in welcoming Milana Reiche as our guest at a noon luncheon, Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at Vincent, 1100 Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis. Enjoy a fabulous meal at a great bargain (\$15):

*Grilled chicken open faced sandwich  
with roasted portabello mushrooms,  
sun-dried tomatoes, truffle-honey  
infused chevre*

*Served with green salad*

*Chocolate melted cake  
with creme anglaise*

Milana Elise Reiche, former Concertmaster of the New World Symphony, is a member of the first violin section of the Minnesota Orchestra. In addition to her work as an orchestral musician, she performs with her sisters in Trio Sorelle.

A firm believer in community outreach programs, Reiche participates in Friends of the Arts Community Performances and the Minnesota Orchestra's Adopt-A-School program and has participated in Kinder Konzerts. *For reservations call 612-371-5654 by September 19, 2003.*

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*Sustaining  
Members!*

Support from the following people is vital to the well being of WAMSO—Minnesota Orchestra Volunteer Association. We gratefully acknowledge these valued friends:

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Kathryn Saylor*

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# *Spring Luncheon & Fashion Event*

WAMSO hosted a sold-out **Spring Luncheon and Fashion Event** on May 6 at the Depot. This benefit for WAMSO music education programs featured fashions and accessories from the merchants of Galleria in Edina and was directed by Kevin Quinn. Among the guests were event co-chairs Kiki Rosatti, Cindy Olmanson, Mary Holmes (pictured below), and Joan Manolis (not pictured).



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*A special thanks to the trumpet section of the Minnesota Orchestra for their fabulous musical presentation of the Centennial Fanfare (A Common Call).*



*The 2003 Symphony Ball Car Raffle raised over \$15,000 for the Minnesota Orchestra. The winner of the two-year lease for a 2003 Cadillac CTS was Al Cady. Mary Cederberg, raffle chair, and Barbara Burwell, WAMSO president (pictured left), celebrated at the Symphony Ball on May 31.*

Latin Renaissance continued from page 1



Latin Renaissance 2003 WAMSO co-chairs **Susan Armstrong** and **Karen Christopherson**.

Karen Christopherson, the other WAMSO co-chair, urges every WAMSO member to get involved. "Here is a great opportunity for everyone to help us achieve one of WAMSO's goals," she said, "to reach out to new communities and encourage their participation in WAMSO programs." The event also celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Casa de Esperanza is a 21-year old organization working with Latinas and the Latino community to end domestic violence through direct services, community building, and systems change. Like WAMSO, Casa de Esperanza directs much of its efforts toward building a better future for children and families. It is this mutual goal, the hardworking committee members and the talented performers that will make Latin Renaissance such a special evening. Proceeds from the event will be divided between the two organizations.

Honorary chairs for Latin Renaissance 2003 are Karen and John Himle, Uri and Melissa Camarena, and Lolita Ulloa.

## 2003 Latin Renaissance

Thursday October 9, 2003

6:00 pm Latin Buffet & Silent Auction  
8:00 pm Concert  
9:30 pm Dancing

\$100 Dinner, Silent Auction, Concert and Dancing (\$30 tax deductible.)  
\$40 Concert and Dancing

Call the Orchestra Hall Box Office, 612-371-5656. Servicio en español: 651-646-5553.



### 2003 Latin Renaissance Steering Committee members:

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of Mary Pearson's aunt Lucille Lentz*

*From Georgine Pliske  
in memory of Ceil Victor*

*From Jo Ellen Saylor in memory of  
Robert M. Ryan, Janet Ryan's father-in-law*

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Twenty-nine teams and 118 students competed.  
Congratulations to the winners:

First Place: Glen Lake Elementary, Hopkins School  
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Thanks to...Contest judges Barbara Burwell, Norbert  
Ni Lubowski and Melissa Ousley of Classical 89.3;  
backstage tour guides Bob Anderson, Pam Arnstein,  
Mina Fisher, Aaron Janse and David Kamminga; and  
the seventeen WAMSO contest volunteers.

A young "musician" enjoys the WAMSO instrument  
station at Marshall Field's Day of Music on July 12. Over  
100 people volunteered for this 24-hour event.



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Kiki Rosatti, 2003 Volunteer of the Year; Joanna Cortright, Kinder Konzerts educational consultant and on-stage narrator; and Barbara Burwell, 2002-2003 WAMSO President.

A special group of people gathered at the Hilton Minneapolis on June 4, 2003, to celebrate WAMSO's accomplishments in 2002-2003.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Volunteer Efforts Recognized at Luncheon

Kiki Rosatti was named 2003 WAMSO Volunteer of the Year. Rosatti is the current WAMSO Director of Marketing/Communications and took on the added responsibility of planning and executing the May 6<sup>th</sup> WAMSO Spring Luncheon and Fashion Event.

Joanna Cortright shared her memories of 25 years of Kinder Konzerts and her vision for the future. As the educational inspiration to the program and on-stage narrator for the entire 25 seasons, Cortright's creativity, spirit and support

have helped Kinder Konzerts maintain its outstanding quality and consistent level of excellence.

Flowers were presented to Cortright and all the Kinder Konzerts volunteers present at the luncheon as a salute to their efforts.

WAMSO salutes the over 500 volunteers who participated in 22 programs and events and donated thousands of hours to WAMSO and the Minnesota Orchestra in 2002-2003.

## GET INVOLVED TODAY!

V O L U N T E E R O P P O R T U N I T I E S



### INAUGURAL SEASON HELP WANTED!!

The 2003-2004 season is an exciting time for WAMSO and the Minnesota Orchestra as Osmo Vänskä begins his inaugural season as music director. Get involved today by signing up for one of these fun volunteer opportunities:

**NEW OPPORTUNITY!**—Concert Ushers for 2003-2004 Season. Volunteer ushers needed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday classical evening concerts at Orchestra Hall. Enjoy free admission to the concerts! Training session required. Next training session is Wednesday, October 1, 6-8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall.

**Bus Captains for Coffee Concerts**—Join in the fun by hosting the Bus Ride Express traveling to and from Orchestra Hall from Ridgedale, Rosedale and Southdale. Free bus ride and concert ticket.

**Coffee Concert Ushers/Hosts**—Volunteer for Thursday daytime concerts at Orchestra Hall. Call Barb Alexander, 612-825-5533, or Dee Flynn, 763-544-3024.

**Kinder Konzerts Guides**—Enjoy children? Volunteer as a Kinder Konzerts docent. This year's story is *Three Fun Fables* by Daniel Dorff. Training session scheduled for September 26, 9 a.m. to noon, Orchestra Hall. Call Sandy Bainbridge, 952-925-5135, Roma Calatayud Stocks, 952-470-5737 or Thea Langseth, 763-571-6431.

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Call Janet Ryan at the WAMSO office (612-371-5654, [wamso@mnorch.org](mailto:wamso@mnorch.org)) for more information.

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CALENDAR

WED	09/24/03	Meet the Musicians Luncheon at Vincent
FRI	09/26/03	Kinder Konzerts Guide Workshop
MON	09/29/03	Listening House at Little Jack's with guest Ron Hasselmann
WED	10/01/03	Volunteer Usher Training
THU	10/09/03	Latin Renaissance
SAT	10/11/03	Meet the Masters with Steven Isserlis
WED	10/22/03	First Chair Society Event at Women's Club
SUN	11/02/03	Adventures in Music Previews
MON	11/03/03	Listening House at Little Jack's
THU	11/06/03	Post-Coffee Concert Reception for DaXun Zhang
THU	4/15/04	American Craft Council Preview Party

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