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FRIENDS TO SPONSOR BERNADETTE PETERS POPS CONCERT

A'CCENT Staff Report

The Philharmonic Friends Executive Committee has agreed to an unprecedented second concert sponsorship this season, and the Friends will be the sponsor of the Bernadette Peters Pops Concert on Saturday February 4, 2012.

Bernadette Peters, actress, singer, comedienne and Tony award-winner is widely considered the face of Broadway. Her concert will feature songs from her acclaimed Broadway performances as well as from her Grammy-nominated recordings. Bernadette has dazzled audiences all over the country with her interpretations of standards by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Leonard Bernstein and other great songwriters.

According to Friends President, Jill Nussel, the Friends did not enter into this decision without considerable discussion and thrashing over the money side with Treasurer Ken Bugajski. "The Phil really needed another sponsor and the Development Committee had been wracking their brains over who they could call," said Nussel, who also serves on that committee. The Phil's Director of Development & Marketing, Christy Sandmaier, was visibly touched when Nussel left the meeting to inform her of the unanimous vote.

Good news travels fast. Before the meeting was over, Phil President & CEO, J.L. Nave, stopped in to thank the Exec Committee. When it was over, by the time Nussel got back to her office she had 10 e-mails from the Phil Development Committee thanking the Friends for their funding.

"The primary mission of the Friends' is to support the Phil," said Jill Nussel. "I'm proud to say that the Friends really stepped up in these uncertain financial times. We are so honored to be a significant part of the Phil family."

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JL's Jottings

Is it Fall? Summer? Winter? No matter what the weather is doing outside, I know we are well into the 2011/12 concert season and have lots of great music to enjoy!

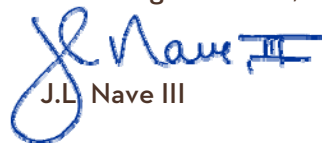
We are busy as usual, but there is one thing that has me particularly excited. As of mid-October, we have increased our Masterworks subscriber base from 940 last year to 1178 this year - a 25% increase! This is due to the incredible programs created by Andrew, the hard work of our marketing team, the change in ticket prices and the very generous grant from the Rothschild Foundation to pay for the 2012/13 Season subscription renewal of all new 2011/12 Season classical series subscribers.

We have also launched the second phase of our Music as Medicine™ Parkinson's research. This research is trying to find out the impact (if any) of lessening the symptoms of Parkinson's disease while listening to classical music. The Phil has already received national and international attention on this groundbreaking research, and we are preparing to have the first phase results published. This is in addition to our ensemble performances at Parkview in the oncology and hospice areas of the hospital, using well established research into the medical benefits of listening to live classical music on patients receiving treatments or hospice care. Go to www.fwphil.org/section/music-as-medicine to learn more about this exciting research.

And, if you haven't voted in our Audience Choice Round 2, there's still a little time left! Andrew is creating a concert on March 3 based entirely on what you, our audience, wants to hear. The first round selected the composers, the second round will select the first half of the concert and the third round will select the second half of the concert. Go to www.fwphil.org/audiencechoice for information on voting and to listen to musical samples of the pieces you can choose from.

This season is all about *Moving Forward with The Phil*. There is no doubt in my mind we couldn't move forward without the support of the Phil Friends. Thank you for all you do to help us bring music to all of northeast Indiana!

Yours in great music,



J.L. Nave III

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Your assistance is appreciated in sharing news and events. This newsletter would not be possible without your input. An article can be written for you if you provide the information, dates and photos if available.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Santa, I hope you're listening! As we're headed into the holiday season, the Phil needs you. Economic times are tough and we've all been asked to do so much more with so much less.

The Phil gets that. That's why the Phil offered season tickets as low as \$80 and some individual concerts for less than \$20. This is why the Friends loan instruments to almost 60 children at little to no cost and underwrites scholarships to help offset the cost of private lessons. We do this not just at the holidays, but all year round.

But we need your help. Please put the Phil's needs on your holiday giving list. Contact Cole Sperry, the Friends Intern and he'll get you set up:

- Contribute to the Phil Annual Fund. If you already contribute, think about how just 10% more will benefit the Phil.
- Go to a concert and take your friends and relatives.
- Sponsor the maintenance of a loaned instrument for children. The Friends pay for the maintenance of these instruments and you could help with that.
- Give to the Friends Education Fund that supports scholarships and other educational opportunities for kids and adults.
- Give a Friends cookbook as a holiday gift, hostess gift, or even a gift for your mail carrier or hair stylist.
- Since you have to shop anyway, support the Barnes & Noble Book Fair on December 10 by using the coupon on page 7 or just telling them you're supporting the Phil. You can order online during that entire week using the number on that coupon. Doesn't everyone on your list need something you can purchase at Barnes & Noble?
- While you're cleaning your house for the holidays, save your "junk" for the annual Phil Rummage Sale in April.



When they measure the livability of any city, they measure the quality of life that comes from having vibrant community organizations. The Phil is more than just a bunch of people who play great music. Going to the Phil is more than just enjoying a great live musical concert. Being a part of the Phil is supporting an invaluable community asset.

So as you prepare for the holidays, on behalf of the Friends I'd like to wish you all the light of faith, the warmth of home, and the love of family. Holiday blessings to all of our Friends.

Jill M. Fussel

FRIENDS INSTRUMENT LOAN PROGRAM

By Shelby McFann
Instrument Loan Chair

As we start out the 2011-2012 school year, the following instruments have been loaned: 1 - 1/16 violin, 5 - 1/4 violins, 9 - 1/2 violins, 6 - 3/4 violins, 7 full size violins, 9 cellos, 3 flutes, 1 oboe, 3 violas, 2 saxophones, and 2 trumpets for a total of 48 instruments. Thankfully, 9 of these instruments have been placed with families new to the program. The purchase of a new 1/2 size cello is now completed and placed with a student who is a Friends scholarship student. Since then, 9 more instruments were placed for a total of 57.



Friends inventory of available instruments
- J. McFann

Eleven instruments have been loaned to students qualifying for the free School Lunch Program. Please remember that these students pay no fees, so the program can always use donations underwriting the maintenance of these instruments. Donation amounts would be \$90 for a string instrument and \$75 for a woodwind or a brass instrument.

The proceeds from the Barnes and Noble Book Fair on December 10 will be devoted to instrument loan. Do your Christmas shopping and help support this national award winning program. See page 7 for details.

OPENING NIGHT

AĆCENT Staff Report

There's only one way to describe the 2011 Opening Night on September 10 at the Embassy Theatre - AWESOME! Andrew Constantine promised a season that would mix old favorites with contemporary classical music and the Phil delivered.

The concert opened with Andrew conducting Johann Sebastian Bach's well-known "Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor" and concluded with Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 4 in G Major" featuring Karen Clift singing soprano to this work that illustrates a child's view of heaven.

The evening truly belonged to the percussion section - literally. There was a slight delay after the Bach opener so the stage could be reset with 14 timpani for Philip Glass' Concerto *Fantasy for Two Timpanists* that featured guest timpanist Jonathan Haas and our own Eric Schweikert. That many timpani on the stage made for some interesting music and we hear the violin section has now regained their hearing. The rest of us were on our feet in applause.

Following the 6:00 concert, concert goers enjoyed an Opening Night Dinner at the Grand Wayne Center. The dinner was so successful, that the Phil will be hosting a Closing Night Dinner this season, so mark your calendar now for May 12 featuring the Phil Chorus and the IPFW University Singers. Proceeds of the Closing Night Dinner will benefit the Friends Scholarship Fund.

MISSING OUR FRIENDS ALREADY

AĆCENT Staff Report

This is the season of giving thanks - we just don't like it when it comes with a farewell and best wishes - and we honor two of our "best Friends."

Kate Tuohy has been a volunteer extraordinaire and she is now making her home in Las Vegas. Over the past decade Kate has been a member of the Phil Board of Directors, chaired the Audience Development Committee, and has several times chaired the Gala. She has been on the Friends board where she has served as President, Past Presidents Liaison, Corresponding Secretary and on the Nominating Committee. Kate regularly opened her home to visiting musicians and events of all kinds. She is the epitome of Philharmonic Friends giving her time, talent, and treasure at every level.



Kate (right) with husband Mike Geimer and Christy Sandmaier

- J. McFann



Vicki Churchward, Chris Mallers and Kathie Sessions visit with Mike and Kate in the buffet line.

- J. McFann

Greg Lopez' business card may have said he was the Phil's Administrative Assistant, but to the Friends, we knew him as our Staff Liaison. He seemed to work 26-hours a day, 8 days a week, juggled dozens of constituents, kept J.L. Nave organized, and always maintained a bright smile and a sense of humor.

Greg has been with the Phil since his graduation from Notre Dame in 2006 and wanted to pursue a larger career with a Pops orchestra. His new position is with the Indianapolis Pops Consortium.



Greg Lopez

- J. McFann

There are not enough ways to thank both Kate and Greg for their stewardship at the Phil and with the Friends. Here's wishing you both a farewell, bright skies, blissful dreams, good luck and success in all you do.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To all my Dear Friends!

A big thank you for a wonderful luncheon, a magnificent day, and the beautiful cards!

The journey with the FRIENDS is for sure one I will never forget. Goodbye is not forever, goodbye is not the end.....goodbye really means waiting for the bus to arrive in Vegas!

Hugs and love to all.

Kate and Mike

ADOPT A MUSICIAN



Jayne Van Winkle and her adoptee, Derek Reeves, Principal Violist.

- Linda Kanzawa

By Jayne Van Winkle
V.P. Hospitality

A few years ago, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Friends and Past President Emmett Tuxhorn introduced the Adopt A Musician (AAM) program. The program exists to introduce members of the Friends organization to members of the orchestra. The Friends member (adopter) is matched up with a member (adoptee) of the orchestra. Participants find it an exciting and rewarding experience as it allows a personal connection with the players.

Two social events are planned each season to introduce all participants. All other contact is completely up to the adoptor and adoptee. Many of the adoptors send birthday and holiday cards, celebrate special occasions together, etc. The relationship is completely up to the participants.

We ask members of the Friends to contribute \$25.00 each season to help with expenses incurred with the two sponsored events usually held in January and early summer. In addition, attendees will be asked to provide a dish or beverage to minimize costs to the organization.

The Friends are currently contacting members of the orchestra to explore whether or not he or she is interested in the program. Hopefully, we will grow the program as more Friends and musicians find it a mutually enjoyable way to join the orchestra with the audience.

If you are interested, please contact Jayne Van Winkle at 749-5934, jayne921@comcast.net or Emmett Tuxhorn at 485-8026, emmtux1@msn.com

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DON'T SHOP BLACK FRIDAY!

The Friends Have Some Better Ideas



Shop 'Till You Drop in Chicago - Dec. 3

The tickets to "Memphis, The Musical" are sold out but there are eight seats left on the bus if you just want to shop downtown Chicago and not have the hassle of parking or driving in the big city. You'll park your car at the old K's Merchandise on Coliseum. The luxury motor coach will leave at 7:00am and get you to Michigan Ave as the stores open. The Kristkindlemarket (old world handcrafts) will be open that weekend near State Street shopping. Have lunch at any of the many downtown restaurants. The bus will pick you up around 5:00pm and you'll head home and be back to Fort Wayne before 10:00 pm. The Friends will serve you a great breakfast on the way AND a nice box dinner on the way home. There's usually a

movie on the way back. Better yet, you'll have an opportunity to win two free tickets to the Bernadette Peters concert in February. It's a deal you can't beat for **ONLY \$50!!** The parking alone would cost you that much! Call Marylou Hipskind at 485-0945 or email her at MLH121@aol.com and reserve your seat right away!

Barnes & Noble Book Fair - Dec. 10

Barnes & Noble has stepped up to help us and now we hope you will join in this project. Here's how it works:

1. Clip out the coupon at the top of this page or download a whole page of them from our web site www.philharmonicfriends.com
2. Shop at Barnes & Noble on December 10 and a portion of everything you buy, including your coffee will go to the Friends. Just give them the coupon above at the checkout.
3. Can't be there that day? Shop online at WWW.BN.COM from DECEMBER 10-15 and use the promotion code (10548766) at check out and we'll get the same great deal.

Check out their web site for video games, textbooks, and their new line of housewares. Download more coupons from our web site or send the promo code to everyone you know: your son stationed in Dubai, your sister in Seattle, your old sorority sister who spends her winters in France. Even your friends in Indy can participate. Tell them to send the info to everyone they know, too.

This years proceeds will go to our award winning Instrument Loan Program that loans instruments to kids who often can't afford them. More than half of our students are on federal lunch programs, so imagine the world we can introduce them to when we loan them a violin or a trombone.

Holiday Cooking With the Friends

Let the Friends help you with your holiday cooking. All of the menu recipes on the right are from **PLAYING WITH FOOD**. If you need a cookbook, call Marylou Hipskind at 485-0945, email her at MLH121@aol.com or purchase online at www.philharmonicfriends.com or through the Phil Box Office and we'll get one to you in time for your own cooking or to give as a gift. The cookbooks are on sale now for **JUST \$20**.



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8:00 PM Embassy
Saturday, December 10, 2011
8:00 PM Embassy

Signature Chamber Special

Handel's Messiah
Thursday, December 15, 2011
7:00 PM Auer Performance Hall, IPFW

Holiday Pops

Sponsored by Indiana Michigan Power
Friday, December 16, 2011
8:00 PM Embassy
Saturday, December 17, 2011
2:00 PM Embassy
Saturday, December 17, 2011
8:00 PM Embassy

Masterworks 4

True Brits
Saturday, January 14, 2012
8:00 PM Embassy

Freimann 3

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
7:30 PM
Sunday, January 22, 2012
2:30 PM Lincoln Auditorium,
Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Family 2

Firebird: Princesses and Fairy Tales
Sunday, January 29, 2012
2:00 PM Auer Performance Hall, IPFW

Pops 4

Sponsored by the Philharmonic Friends
Bernadette Peters
Saturday, February 4, 2012
8:00 PM Embassy

Signature 3

Strings Attached
Casual: Friday, February 10, 2012
7:00 PM Arts United Center
Connoisseur: Sunday, February 12, 2012
2:30 PM Arts United Center

Masterworks 5

From Dark to Light
Saturday, February 18, 2012
8:00 PM Embassy

Freimann Special

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
7:30 PM
Rhinehard Recital Hall, IPFW

Signature Choral 2

Friday, February 24, 2012
7:00 PM
1st Wayne St.
United Methodist Church

Masterworks Special

Audience Choice
Saturday, March 3, 2012
8:00 PM Auer Performance Hall, IPFW

Masterworks 6

Guests and Grandmasters
Saturday, March 17, 2012
8:00 PM Embassy

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