Message from the Chairman…

The indefatigable spirit of American business is alive and well! American corporations continue to demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to support a wide range of worthwhile charitable organizations during this challenging economic climate.

Notwithstanding the recent revelations from a small group of companies, the overwhelming majority of American corporations continue to provide leadership in setting an example for the worldwide business community. Nowhere is this more evident than in their ongoing support of non-profit organizations, including the National Orchestral Association.

The spirit of American business is exemplified by the airline industry, which despite its recent hardships, continues to generously contribute to the enrichment of cultural life in America and throughout the world. We are proud to be able to honor one of the airline industry’s own, and are grateful to the many corporations that have provided tireless support for so many worthwhile causes.

-- Fran Kennedy

BUSINESS LEADERS JOIN IN HONORING NAVITAIRE CEO TOM McCLAIN

Executives from American Express and Delta Air Lines will be acting as co-chairs of this year’s Gala Black-Tie Dinner to be held at New York’s prestigious Union Club on October 3, 2002. This year’s Gala will honor Tom McClain, Chief Executive Officer of Navitaire, Inc., a leading provider of software and services that enhance airline operating profits. Steven B. Allnatt, Director of Public Affairs and Communications for the American Express Company in Salt Lake City, will co-chair the evening along with Delta Air Lines executive Thomas E. Lazour. NOA Chairman Frances Kennedy stated that “Tom McClain embodies the spirit of American business leadership. He is one of the most innovative executives in the airline industry, and we are pleased that his many friends in the airline industry and from around the world will be joining us at this year’s Gala dinner to pay tribute to this extraordinary executive.” This year’s Gala Committee includes business leaders from a wide range of industries. Mr. McClain has been a tireless supporter of the NOA, and last year hosted an NOA luncheon for business leaders in New York.

LEGENDARY PIANIST TO RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARD

Renowned pianist Walter Hautzig will receive a lifetime achievement award at the NOA Gala dinner. The pianist has appeared in more than 50 countries, performing with orchestras in major cities worldwide. He also performed with the NOA’s orchestra, and has been hailed as a legendary treasure of the American musical landscape. The NOA is pleased to be able to recognize his contribution to music.

DOCUMENTARY TO BEGIN FILMING IN OCTOBER

A documentary film chronicling the achievements of founding NOA conductor Maestro Leon Barzin is scheduled to begin shooting in October. The initial phase of this production will center on filmed recollections by colleagues and friends, as well as some of the artists who performed with Maestro Barzin. Filming will continue through the fall, with post-production scheduled for January.
CONCERTS IN THE HEIGTHS ANNOUNCES SEASON SCHEDULE

The Elements String Quartet has been named Artists In Residence at the Utah Valley State College. Representatives of UVSC announced recently that this exciting quartet will be playing and teaching at the College beginning this Fall. In addition, the Quartet will continue its busy concert schedule, including concert performances with internationally celebrated pianist Ruth Laredo.

Elements Quartet

The pianist will be featured in performances of the Piano Quintet of Dvorak. The Quartet will also be performing their signature collection of short chamber music pieces. The concerts will be held at New York’s Merkin Concert Hall on October 7th, and at the world renowned music school, Hoff-Barthelson in Scarsdale, New York on October 4th. For more information about the Elements Quartet and their upcoming concert season, please visit their website, www.elementsquartet.com.

CONCERTS IN THE HEIGHTS BEGINS THIRD SEASON

Concerts in the Heights is now at the beginning of its third season. This chamber music series, founded by violinist Monica Bauchwitz, continues its mission of bringing together world-class chamber musicians for inspiring and educational performances in an informal setting. The concerts are receiving continued attention in Manhattan’s Washington Heights area and throughout the City. Weekly matinee performances are attended by senior citizens and students from local public schools. The concerts serve school districts that receive little exposure to fine arts and cultural events, and the feedback from area teachers has been overwhelmingly positive. A new program will feature performances and lectures by living composers. These concerts will bring prominent composers to their audiences for lectures and informal discussions. For information visit www.concertsintheheights.com.

SONYC ANNOUNCES UPCOMING CONCERTS

The String Orchestra of New York City (“SONYC”) recently announced their concert schedule. This extraordinary ensemble of string soloists will be performing a variety of works at various New York venues, culminating in a concert at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on May 20, 2003. The Carnegie concert will include works by Bloch, Bartok, Patterson, and Tchaikovsky. The ensemble will also be featured in a special guest appearance at the Fall Gala of the National Orchestral Association on October 3, 2002. On October 24th, the ensemble will perform a concert at New York’s exclusive Union Club on Park Avenue. On October 4th and December 6th the ensemble will play at Christ & St. Stevens Church in New York, and on December 8th the orchestra will play at Wave Hill in Riverdale, New York. For further information about their upcoming season, please visit www.sonyc.org.

NEW TREASURES FROM THE NOA ARCHIVE ON WEBSITE

We invite you to peruse our newest addition to the National Orchestral Association website (www.nationalorchestral.org): “Treasures from the NOA Archive.” The section includes a sampling of photos, programs, and reviews culled from the Association’s archives dating back to the 1929-1930 season. The archive contains many photographs, including several of founding conductor, Maestro Leon Barzin.

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NOA HAS NEW MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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