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Message from the Chairman...

The National Orchestral Association would like to take this opportunity to thank its many loyal supporters throughout the country. The year 2000 has been a very exciting one for the Association, which has expanded its activities to include not only the support of classical musicians and composers, but greater involvement in community outreach and education programs.

The NOA was proud to be a sponsor of concerts and outreach programs in New York, Utah and Hawaii. One of the NOA's recent initiatives has been to support performing organizations that bring live concert music to senior citizens. We are so grateful to our many contributors from around the country that have enabled the NOA to support so many worthwhile endeavors.

We are also very excited about the establishment of the NOA web site, and hope that our many friends from around the country will visit the site. Once again, thank you for your support, and accept our best wishes for a most happy holiday season and joyous new year.

-- Fran Kennedy

CONCERTS IN THE HEIGHTS

Concerts in the Heights is dedicated to providing the Upper Manhattan Washington Heights Community with a professional monthly concert series of the highest artistic integrity. The series consists of performances of standard repertoire from baroque to

NOA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Last month, the National Orchestral Association launched its new web site (www.nationalorchestral.org). The new web site features historical information about the National Orchestral Association, including a biography of its founding conductor, Leon Barzin. The site has been constructed to provide links to the web sites of organizations that receive support from the National Orchestral Association. NOA Chairman Frances Kennedy remarked in a recent address to NOA patrons, that "the site not only

provides an overview of the NOA, but facilitates the investigation of many of the worthwhile artists and organizations that receive NOA support."

The site contains a wealth of information about the NOA, including its history, and a summary of recent initiatives. Recent editions of "Notes," the NOA newsletter, are also featured, as well as a description of how to make contributions to the NOA, or apply for NOA support.

NOA SUPPORTS ELEMENTS QUARTET

The National Orchestral Association is proud to be a supporter of an exciting new ensemble called The Elements Quartet. The Quartet is comprised of four extraordinary musicians who have combined their talents to form a string quartet dedicated to communicating the excitement of chamber music to contemporary audiences of all ages. Founded in 1999, the ensemble has enjoyed considerable critical acclaim. This summer the Quartet was awarded a major grant co-commissioned by the Koussevitzky Foundation and the Library of Congress to underwrite the composition of the first string quartet by Pulitzer Prize winning composer David del Tredici. The Elements Quartet will premier this important new piece in October 2001. The Frank and Lydia Bergen

Foundation awarded a grant to complete the funding of the commission of the composer David Sampson's "Elements" Quartet. Additional support by the NOA and the Arthur Judson Foundation are helping fund the world premier of this exciting new composition. The Elements Quartet have previewed two movements of this quartet entitled "Earth" and "Fire" with the "Earth" movement being featured on the Elements Quartet's soon to be released CD.



CONCERTS IN THE HEIGHTS (cont.)

contemporary with an added feature beginning in January called "living composers". In an informal setting, audiences will get an opportunity to become acquainted with works fresh from the composer as well as meeting the composer who will be present for discussions during and after the concert.

The monthly series repeats each program twice, with the first concert catering to the elderly from rehabilitation homes and assisted living facilities, and the second concert for the general public. NOA Chairman Frances Kennedy called the afternoon concerts "a wonderful way of reaching senior citizens who would otherwise find it difficult to travel to the City's major concert halls." The mission of the series is to make classical music accessible to all in the community- even those unable to attend concerts that require some travel. To read more about Concerts in the Heights, please visit the NOA web site, and for details about upcoming concerts, visit www.concertsintheheights.com.

UTAH EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

In May, the String Orchestra of New York City ("SONYC") Octet performed concerts in Utah with members of SONYC continuing their educational outreach activities in area schools, building on the successful outreach program they initiated in 1998. These visits were warmly greeted by educators and students alike. The SONYC Octet demonstrated the importance of teamwork in teaching young people about classical music and the art and science of playing in an ensemble. The NOA is pleased to be a part of this ongoing program.

LARK QUARTET



The National Orchestral Association is proud to be a continuing sponsor of the extraordinary work of the Lark Quartet. This classical string quartet is comprised of four young remarkable female musicians who are quickly gaining an international reputation. In 2001 the Lark Quartet will be concretizing extensively with concerts in Tennessee, California, Arizona, and New York in February. In March the Quartet will be featured in concerts in New York, Ohio, and Florida. For additional information about upcoming concerts, please visit the Lark Quartet at their web site: www.larkquartet.com.

The Lark Quartet has been featured in some of the nation's most prestigious concert halls, and the NOA is proud to have been instrumental in introducing the Lark Quartet to various communities in Utah. The Lark Quartet is the only group to have appeared every season at the request of the Park City Performing Arts Foundation. In addition to its concerts in Utah, the Quartet has given master classes and outreach in local Utah schools.

ALICE TULLY HALL CONCERT

On September 20th the NOA acted as one of the principal sponsors of a concert celebrating the Lake Luzerne Music Camp's 20th Anniversary.

THE STRING ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK CITY

The String Orchestra of New York City ("SONYC") is continuing to dazzle audiences with its virtuosity. This extraordinary young group of musicians will be performing a concert at New York's historic Lotos Club. The concert is tentatively scheduled for February 7. For details about this concert and other upcoming events, please visit the NOA website, or the SONYC website at www.sonyc.org.

The String Orchestra of New York City will also be heard this spring at New York's historic Trinity Church, located in the heart of New York's financial district. SONYC will be participating in the Church's renowned noon-day concert series which attracts notable members of the musical community, as well as some of the nation's leading financial executives. This series has proven to be a favorite of Wall Streeters, and those wishing to attend are advised to arrive early.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

The National Orchestral Association is deeply grateful for the kind support of its many patrons throughout the country. For those wishing to make additional year-end contributions to the NOA, a form has been provided on the NOA website. Some NOA patrons have asked if they can make contributions of appreciated marketable securities. The NOA is pleased to receive gifts of marketable securities, and this can be easily accomplished by contacting the NOA via its website or by telephone.

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*Happy Holidays to all of
friends and patrons!*