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

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 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

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
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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  

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  

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.

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.

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!