

Notes

the newsletter of

The National Orchestral Association

Volume 9

January 2002

Message from the Chairman...

The indomitable spirit of the American people was in evidence everywhere around the country following the September 11th attacks. Americans responded to adversity in the same way that they always have, facing the nightmarish events with unity, dignity, courage, and a resolve to protect American values and liberties.

We are so grateful to the many friends and patrons of the National Orchestral Association who attended the October 4th Gala in New York, and are especially appreciative of those who traveled to New York, despite the specter of uncertainty and terror. Our Gala exhibited the courage of the American people and the commitment of so many to support the accomplishments of American classical musicians and composers.

The Gala was a moving tribute to Steven B. Allnatt of the American Express Company. The sold out evening was one more example of the way in which Americans pull together in difficult times. We cannot express enough our gratitude and admiration for our loyal NOA supporters.

-- Fran Kennedy

LINCOLN CENTER LIBRARY TO RECEIVE LEON BARZIN ARCHIVE

The NOA will donate materials from its recorded and written legacy featuring the career of founding conductor Maestro Leon Barzin. The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts Library will maintain the collection for future generations of classical musicians and scholars.

NAVITAIRE CEO TOM McCLAIN AND PIANIST WALTER HAUTZIG TO BE HONORED AT NOA FALL GALA

Tom McClain, Chief Executive Officer of Navitaire, Inc. (a leading provider of software and services that enhance airline operating profits), will be honored at the National Orchestral Association's Gala Black-Tie Dinner in New York on October 3, 2002.



Also receiving a special award for lifetime musical achievement will be legendary pianist Walter Hautzig. NOA Chairman Frances Kennedy stated, "We are delighted to be honoring these two men of extraordinary achievement. Tom McClain is one of the finest chief executives in America, and Walter Hautzig enjoys the admiration of musicians from around the world."

Tom McClain has been a loyal supporter of the NOA, and sponsored an extremely successful NOA luncheon for business leaders last year in New York. "His accomplishments in the airline industry, and his commitment to the

arts make him a fitting honoree for the NOA's 2002 Gala. We are delighted to be able to recognize Tom's many achievements, and to host an evening that will pay tribute to this extraordinary executive."

Legendary pianist Walter Hautzig will receive a special lifetime achievement award at the Gala to



recognize his outstanding contributions to the world of music. Mr. Hautzig, who performed as soloist twice with the NOA orchestra (the first time under founding conductor Maestro Leon Barzin), has been hailed by critics worldwide. Mr. Hautzig has appeared in countless recitals in more than 50 countries, and has performed with leading orchestras in major cities throughout the world. His dazzling performance at the 2001 Fall Gala Dinner coincided with the celebration of his 80th birthday. The NOA salutes this consummate artist and looks forward to honoring him.

AMERICAN EXPRESS IS SPONSOR OF AUCTION

The National Orchestral Association wishes to express its gratitude to the American Express Company for underwriting the auction at the NOA's 2001 Fall Gala. NOA Chairman Frances Kennedy spoke about the commitment demonstrated by such



Steven Allnatt and Frank Vaccaro

American Express executives as Steven Allnatt and Frank Vaccaro. She noted that the company's work on behalf of numerous cultural organizations has underscored its position as one of America's leading financial services companies.

DOCUMENTARY FILM TO BE PRODUCED BY THE NOA

At a recent gathering of NOA patrons, Chairman Frances Kennedy announced plans for the Association to produce a documentary film entitled *Maestro Leon Barzin and the National Orchestral Association*. Ms. Kennedy cited the support of the International Humanities Foundation in helping to make this important project possible. Ms. Kennedy noted that NOA President Matthew Trachtenberg will volunteer his services as producer of the film, currently being co-written by NOA consultant Eric Kuttner. Mr. Trachtenberg stated that the film

will honor the great work of Maestro Leon Barzin, and will feature many interviews with classical musicians and composers whose careers have been influenced by him. The screenplay is currently being developed, and is tentatively scheduled to begin shooting late in 2002 or early 2003.

DELTA AIR LINES SUPPORTS TOUR BY ELEMENTS QUARTET

Following their recent appearances at the Tibor Varga Festival in Budapest, the dynamic Elements Quartet will begin a full season of concerts around the world. This spring the National Orchestral Association will be sponsoring the Elements Quartet's annual tour to Utah that will include master classes at Utah Valley State College, performances for patrons of the Park City Performing Arts Center, and a concert at Robert Redford's Sundance Resort. Delta Air Lines has graciously agreed to support the Utah tour, and will be providing transportation for the Quartet.

For more information about this exciting quartet, please visit www.elementsquartet.com. The web site provides biographies of each member of the Quartet, as well as information about repertoire and upcoming concerts.



Please visit the NOA web site at www.nationalorchestral.org

SONYC CONCERT AT WEILL RECITAL HALL

The String Orchestra of New York City ("SONYC") will be performing at New York's prestigious Weill Recital Hall on May 4, 2002. The National Orchestral Association is pleased to be a supporter of this orchestra, and congratulates SONYC on this concert and other exciting events planned for their 2002 concert schedule. For more information about the String Orchestra of New York City, please visit the NOA web site or www.sonyc.org.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITIES SUPPORTS NOA PROJECTS

At a recent NOA Board meeting, Frances Kennedy noted the generous support that the National Orchestral Association



David P. Close, Maestro Patricia Handy is receiving from International Humanities. Ms. Kennedy stated that "International Humanities is providing invaluable assistance to the NOA in support of a variety of programs and special initiatives, including the upcoming film about Leon Barzin." Ms. Kennedy expressed her gratitude to David P. Close, a partner of the prestigious Washington D.C. law firm of Dahlgren and Close, for his enthusiastic support and wise counsel.