

# Notes

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### IN MEMORIAM FRANCES J. KENNEDY

Frances J. Kennedy, longtime Chairman of the Board of the National Orchestral Association, was an inspiration to all of us. Her extraordinary leadership transformed the National Orchestral Association and broadened its mission to include a wide variety of performing organizations and individuals. She was a passionate advocate for classical arts organizations, and a loving mentor to many musicians. Fran was devoted to helping others, and enjoyed the affection, admiration and respect of all who knew her.

Her indefatigable support for American classical musicians and composers was truly inspirational. Her extraordinary spirit and continual optimism were evident in her every endeavor. Shortly after the attacks of 9/11, Fran led a triumphant gala dinner in New York to celebrate our nation and its rich cultural heritage, and to galvanize supporters of American classical music at a time when they most needed support. Even when facing a devastating illness, Fran was a beacon of hope and good cheer. She believed in the goodness of people, and worked tirelessly to help others achieve their dreams. Her vision, her wisdom and her love of music will continue to inspire us all.

### CONCERT HONORING CHAIRMAN FRANCES J. KENNEDY

A free concert and cocktail reception honoring the memory of our beloved Chairman, Frances J. Kennedy, will be held at New York's famed Lotos Club on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. The concert will feature world renowned pianist, Walter Hautzig, who will join other noted musicians in a special tribute to Frances Kennedy. The hour-long concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Lotos Club Ballroom, and will be followed by a cocktail reception in the Lotos Club Library. The intimate setting of the Ballroom was a favorite venue for charitable events hosted by our late Chairman. Fran Kennedy was a longtime member of the Lotos Club, and her grandfather, Arthur Judson, served for many years as Club President. Since seating for this concert is limited, please call or e-mail for reservations as soon as possible. Priority seating will be available for those who contributed to the Frances Kennedy Memorial Fund. To make a reservation to attend this free concert and cocktail reception, please send an e-mail to the National Orchestral Association at [info@nationalorchestral.org](mailto:info@nationalorchestral.org) or leave a voicemail message at 212-208-4691.

### LEGENDARY PIANIST TO PLAY AT CONCERT

Renowned pianist Walter Hautzig, who was the recipient of the National Orchestral Association's lifetime achievement award at its 2002 Gala dinner, will participate in the February 15, 2005 concert playing Chopin. 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. Walter Hautzig was featured in the recently completed documentary, *Leon Barzin and the National Orchestral Association*. We are delighted that this great artist has agreed to play in loving memory of our late Chairman.



The memorial concert will also feature other classical artists who will be present to express, in musical terms, their affection, respect and admiration for Frances Kennedy.

**NOA UNDERWRITES  
CONCERT BY  
MUSIC OF THE SPHERES  
IN MEMORY OF  
FRANCES KENNEDY**

Music of the Spheres held a concert on October 1, 2004 at Christ & St. Stephen's Church in New York, which was dedicated to the memory of Frances J. Kennedy. The National Orchestral Association was pleased to be able to help underwrite this performance, which featured works by Rossini, Verdi, Bizet, and Weber. Renowned violinist and conductor Stephanie Chase was featured, and her arrangement of the Carmen Fantasy for String Quintet was a highlight of this memorable evening. The concert concluded with a performance of Carl Maria von Weber's Clarinet Quintet (Opus 34), with clarinetist Jon Manasse, whose latest solo appearances include performances with the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra at Lincoln Center, and the prestigious Tokyu Bunkamura Festival in Tokyo.

**KENNEDY FUND  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Board of Directors of the National Orchestral Association would like to express their deepest gratitude to all of those who contributed to the Frances J. Kennedy Fund, inaugurated after the passing of our late Chairman, Frances J. Kennedy. The fund received contributions in excess of \$5,000 that will be used for general operating support for the National Orchestral Association. In addition to receiving contributions, the NOA was also heartened to receive letters of condolence from Fran's many friends around the world.



**DOCUMENTARY SUBMITTED TO PBS**

The recently completed documentary, *Leon Barzin and the National Orchestral Association*, has been submitted to the Public Broadcasting System for consideration. The nearly two hour documentary chronicles the history of the National Orchestral Association, and the life of its founding conductor, Maestro Leon Barzin. It features recollections by students, colleagues and friends of Maestro Barzin, as well as many photos and audio recordings from the archives of the National Orchestral Association. DVDs of the documentary will be made available later this year to various media outlets and major Association contributors. The documentary is dedicated to NOA patron, Eleanor Close Barzin. Submissions to PBS are highly competitive and the Board of the National Orchestral Association is hopeful that this documentary will be accepted for broadcast.

**CONCERTS IN  
THE HEIGHTS  
DEDICATES SEASON TO  
FRANCES KENNEDY**

Concerts in the Heights has dedicated their entire season to the memory of Frances J. Kennedy. Concerts in the Heights has become a cornerstone of classical music entertainment for students, senior citizens and families of the Washington Heights area in New York. Artistic Director Monica Bauchwitz said that she was thrilled to "take part in honoring Fran's life as I truly admired and adored her." Like so many who worked with Fran over the years, Ms. Bauchwitz recalled the visionary leadership that made Fran unique. The National Orchestral Association is proud to be a supporter of the great work being done by Concerts in the Heights.

**MERKIN CONCERT HALL  
PERFORMANCE  
REMEMBERS  
FRANCES KENNEDY**

The String Orchestra of New York City ("SONYC") held its season premiere on November 11<sup>th</sup> at New York's Merkin Concert Hall. The evening was dedicated to the memory of Fran Kennedy, and included an In Memoriam photograph and testimonial honoring her.

**UTAH ORGANIZATION  
RECEIVES NOA GRANT**

The Park City Performing Arts Foundation, through its performing venue, the Eccles Center, has presented an extraordinary array of talent, and continues to be an important cultural resource for the area. In October, the NOA was pleased to be able to make a special contribution to this organization in memory of Frances Kennedy.