

# Notes

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## The National Orchestral Association

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### Message from the Chairman...

The National Orchestral Association is grateful to its many supporters around the world, and would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of the corporate partners that have made so many of the NOA's programs possible.

American Express, Delta Air Lines, Christie's, Deloitte & Touche, Bear Stearns, O. C. Tanner and Navitaire, Inc. are just a few of the companies that help to make a difference for America's classical musicians and composers. In addition, continuing foundation support from International Humanities, The Judson Foundation, the Caroline & Robert Schwartz Foundation, the Jerome Goldstein Family Trust, and the John J. Gilbert Foundation are important supporters of NOA initiatives.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our many individual supporters, including Mrs. Eleanor Barzin.

The loyalty of our many supporters for over seven decades has allowed the NOA to continue the tradition of excellence that was the hallmark of the NOA's founding conductor, Maestro Leon Barzin.

To all of you who make this possible, we express our deepest gratitude.

-- Fran Kennedy

### NAVITAIRE CEO JOINS BENEFIT COMMITTEE

Tom McClain, Chief Executive Officer of Navitaire, Inc., a leading provider of software and services that enhance airline operating profits, will join the NOA Gala Benefit Committee and chair an NOA luncheon for business leaders in New York in October.

### LEGENDARY PIANIST RETURNS TO NOA

Renowned pianist Walter Hautzig will be one of the artists performing at the NOA's Fall Gala on October 4, 2001. The pianist who performed as soloist twice with the NOA orchestra (the first time under founding conductor Maestro Leon Barzin) has been hailed by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as "an absolute master and a great Schubertian." Mr. Hautzig has appeared in countless recitals in more than 50 countries, and has performed with leading orchestras in major cities throughout the world. In addition, he has played for the BBC and most European tv and radio networks. He has made more than 50 recordings for RCA Victor, Vox, Turnabout and the Musical Heritage Society. In 1979 he was



chosen by the State Department to be the first concert artist from the United States to perform in the People's Republic of China. His concerts there were heard by over 900 million people via radio and television in an event described by the then U. S. Ambassador to China as having "moved our relations forward by 20 years."

Trained in Vienna, Jerusalem and Philadelphia, Mr. Hautzig was a student of the late Artur Schnabel. The NOA is delighted that Mr. Hautzig has consented to play at the Gala, which will coincide with the celebration of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### AMERICAN EXPRESS EXECUTIVE TO BE HONORED

On October 4, 2001, the National Orchestral Association will hold its Gala black-tie dinner at New York's prestigious Union Club. The dinner honoring Steven B. Allnatt, Director of Public Affairs and Communications for the American Express Company in Salt Lake City will feature a Latin theme – "Música Clásica con Gancho." The evening promises to be a glamorous and festive one, with special guest performances by The Elements Quartet, pianist Walter

Hautzig, and the String Orchestra of New York City ("SONYC"). NOA looks forward to welcoming its many supporters at this memorable and exciting musical event.



## **ELEMENTS RECEIVES GRANT FOR BUDAPEST FESTIVAL APPEARANCE**

Elements String Quartet has been notified that Arts International will join the NOA and other sponsors in underwriting the Quartet's participation in the Tibor Varga Festival in Budapest. The Quartet will be performing at the Franz Liszt Academy in October, and is looking forward to participating in this prestigious event.



## **TEACHERS EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR NOA SUPPORT OF CONCERTS IN THE HEIGHTS**

After a recent Concerts In the Heights performance series, the NOA received many letters praising the work of Concerts In the Heights and thanking the NOA for its support. Concerts In the Heights is a monthly chamber music series that brings classical music of the highest quality to residents of the Washington Heights area of New York.

Every program is performed twice, once at a matinee designed for attendance by the elderly and

schoolchildren from lower income brackets, and an evening performance

for working families. Concerts In the Heights is pleased to be bringing classical music to underprivileged children and the elderly. The organization feels that these activities are an important component of sustaining and enriching the local community, and providing "an invigorating and intellectually stimulating environment for underexposed constituents."

Recently, a local public school teacher wrote to thank the organization for its work, and included copies of poems written by schoolchildren that were inspired by the classical music performances. The National Orchestral Association is pleased to be one of the sponsors of this important concert series.

## **WOMEN TO TOUR NEW YORK FOR THE NOA**

**Park City businesswoman to host special National Orchestral Association women-only excursion to New York to benefit the NOA**

Kay Calvert, noted venture capitalist, will be underwriting a five-day trip to New York for women patrons of the NOA. The trip will include accommodations at one of New York's well-known hotels.

This event promises to be an exciting one that will join women from around the country in a whirlwind women-only tour of New York benefiting the NOA. The trip will include theater and visits to exclusive shopping venues around New York, as well attendance at the National Orchestral Association Gala. Reservations for this sure-to-be-a-sellout tour are going fast. If you are interested in joining

in on the fun, please contact the National Orchestral Association office at 212-350-4676.

## **FOUNDER AND CEO OF J2 GROUP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOA**

Judy Jackson, Founder and CEO of the J2 Group, is providing assistance to the NOA with planning its



events. The Company that Ms. Jackson founded is a full service organization specializing in creative solutions for corporate special events. The company has designed and created events for many of the country's leading corporations, including American Express, Columbia Pictures, Ford Motor Company, MCI WorldCom, Pfizer and a host of others. The NOA is delighted to have Ms. Jackson as an advisor for its Fall 2001 Gala.

## **NOA WEB SITE**

For more information about the NOA, please visit our web site at ([www.nationalorchestral.org](http://www.nationalorchestral.org)). The site contains a wealth of information about the NOA, including a biography of NOA founding conductor Leon Barzin, copies of recent newsletters and links to some of the fine organizations that receive National Orchestral Association support.