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...discover the music

GEORGE MARRINER MAULL, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Winter 2006

Discover Chicago Gala on March 30th

"The old razzle-dazzle" and "all that jazz" truly describes this season's gala fundraiser, **Discover Chicago**. On Thursday, March 30, 2006, the evening will begin at 5 PM with cocktails in the grand lobby of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, moving to The Chase Room for dinner and a **Discovery Moment** hosted by George Marriner Maull which will feature music from the Tony-award winning show. The evening concludes with sensational seats in Prudential Hall for a sensational musical, **Chicago**. Gala co-chairs Linda Quinn and Jeanne Saunders promise that this will be a fun filled evening with a "speakeasy" bar and optional "roaring twenties" attire.



We will also present the 2nd Annual **Discovery Award** to honor a man who has supported the work of the Philharmonic for a very long time now - **Peter Ventimiglia**, Vice President External Affairs of Verizon. Verizon has provided underwriting for both the national and international distribution of our Emmy-nominated educational **Discovery Concert™** television production, **Bach to the Future®**, among other support.

Feeling lucky? Take a chance on three fabulous electronics raffle items — a laptop, a 42" plasma television, and a video iPod! Raffle tickets are enclosed with this newsletter, and will also be available for sale at The Gala. Raffle tickets are \$50 each or three for \$100. Sponsorship for the raffle items has been provided by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to request an invitation, visit our website at www.PhilOrchNJ.org or contact the Philharmonic office at (908) 226-7300. Mark Thursday, March 30, 2006 as a date to remember. **Chicago** here we come!! ☰

Upcoming Discovery Concerts™

"Serenade for Strings" - Sunday, March 5 ~ 3:00 pm, NJPAC

"Chorally Yours" - Sunday, May 7 ~ 3:00 pm, St. Peter's Church, Morristown

The Philharmonic will present two of its acclaimed educational **Discovery Concerts™** this spring hosted by music director George Marriner Maull.

On Sunday, March 5 be swept away by the lilting grace of Antonín Dvořák's charming *Serenade, Op. 22 in E Major for Strings*. This work has been judged by many to be one of the most beautiful pieces ever written for string orchestra.

Sunday, May 7 will bring a first – a choral **Discovery Concert™!** Explore two of Johannes Brahms' powerful a cappella motets – *Ich aber bin elend* and *Schaffe in mir Gott* and be treated to the beautiful blend of the Philharmonic Chorus as heard in the acoustically sonorous St. Peter's Church in Morristown.

At each **Discovery Concert™**, the featured music will be performed and then with audience interaction, Maestro Maull and the musicians will discuss and demonstrate some of the musical elements contained in them. After intermission, the entire work(s) will be performed, giving the audience the opportunity to visually follow the music through the provided listening guide. This Emmy-Nominated concert format, designed for adults and teens, is a wonderful way for both the novice and the experienced concertgoer to learn more about the music and enjoy it to the fullest!

Regular tickets are \$30 each, with Seniors and Groups (10 or more) at \$24 and Students at \$10. Tickets for each concert can be ordered on page 3.

Sponsorship for these concerts has been provided in part by Chubb & Son, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, Quantel Associates Inc., Verizon, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kurak and Rick & Ellen Spingler. ☰

NJPAC is a fully accessible venue. Visit www.njpac.org for details.  

St. Peter's Church is wheelchair accessible. 

CONDUCTOR'S CORNER

photo: Gordon Munro




George Marriner Maull

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Now there's a loaded question...but an important one! On Wednesday, December 7th, the Board of Trustees of the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey voted to change our name to *THE DISCOVERY ORCHESTRA!*

There were many reasons that led to this decision not the least of which is that the State of New Jersey is home to the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey, the New Philharmonic of New Jersey, the Garden State Philharmonic, not to mention the New Jersey Philharmonic. Surprised or confused? You are not alone! And we felt that it was important to do our part to help end a little of the confusion.

But a far more important reason is that we want our name to more accurately reflect who we are and what we do. The roots of this change go back at least six years when our Board decided that we should up-end our mission from a performing organization that educates to an educational organization that performs. That shift represented no mere clever parsing of words. We believe that every performance we give has but one primary goal – that of helping our audience members to develop an acute awareness of when they are actually “listening” to music and when they only are “hearing” it as a background to other activities or even just their own thoughts. Engaging our audience members in this fashion and thereby increasing the amount of detail they perceive – and therefore the amount of pleasure they receive – lies at the heart of each *Discovery Concert™* we produce, including of course our Emmy Nominated television show *Bach to the Future©* seen already by millions across the USA and now being released worldwide!

Don't worry – it will still be us! Any graphic changes in our logo and printed materials will not appear until we officially begin our 20th season of operations on July 1, 2006. Stay tuned. What's in a name? For starters, a great 20th birthday present! 



This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



“Music for Older Kids”

Music for Older Kids is a series for children ages 7-10 and their parents. Tickets can be ordered on page 3.

Whirlwinds – The Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet

Meet the members of the woodwind family of instruments in this introductory musical adventure.

February 12, 2006 – 3:00 pm - Somerset Hills YMCA

March 12, 2006 – 4:00 pm – Madison Area YMCA



Sassy Brass – Festival Brass

The brass family of instruments comes alive in this interactive program.

April 2, 2006 – 3:00 pm

Madison Area YMCA

Music for Older Kids is sponsored by the NYMEX Foundation, The Christie Family Foundation and Mack-Cali Realty Corporation.

The Madison Area YMCA is accessible to people in wheelchairs.



FALL IN LOVE WITH DVORAK – THE “NEW WORLD” SYMPHONY LISTENING COURSE PRESENTED BY MUSIC DIRECTOR GEORGE MARRINER MAULL AT THREE LOCATIONS

Five Wednesdays, March 1-29, 2006, 10:30am-12:00pm.

Montclair Adult School, Montclair

To enroll call (973) 746-6637

Four Tuesdays, March 21 & 28, April 4 & 18, 2006,
7:30pm-9:00pm.


South Orange Maplewood Adult School

To enroll call (973) 378-7620

Five Tuesdays, May 9-June 6, 2006, 7:30pm-9:00pm.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gladstone

To enroll call the Philharmonic Office at (908) 226-7300
or use the order form on page 3.

All course venues accessible to people in wheelchairs. 

Accessibility Statement:

The Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey makes every effort to accommodate the needs of individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities for all its programs and activities as well as at its administrative office. Upon request, specific accommodations will be made subject to the available resources of the Philharmonic.

Accelerando... from the Executive Director



Hewitt Johnston

Two very important bits of information are to be found in other articles in this newsletter. George Marriner Maull has outlined the reasons behind our name change, and Michael Kurak, the Chair of the Development Committee, has announced the formation of the Discovery Circle, a group of supporters who will make multi-year pledges. If we had one hundred supporters pledging one thousand dollars per year for a three year period, that would be an incredible foundation of support as we begin our budget process each year.

We are in the midst of a very difficult climate for support of artistic organizations such as The Discovery Orchestra. There is a collective pall of donor fatigue over the entire charitable sector. Tsunamis, earthquakes, and floods offer a "perfect storm" of genuine need and the figures for just the dollars that have been sent in response to these cataclysms shows the abundant generosity of so many. But when human tragedy is seen on such a grand scale, other things seem superfluous and, sadly, creative arts often are forced to absorb the brunt of such reactions. Yet art itself is one of the avenues to making whole a society so badly wounded. Great art offers a salve, a balm, a comfort that goes beyond mere words and embraces the listener or viewer with a transcendent reality that brings hope and peace and healing.

I certainly hope that you have all responded with generosity to the needs engendered by these terrible natural disasters, but I also hope that you will not forget the importance of our mission and will continue to be generous in your giving, and I thank you in advance!

Lastly, many thanks to outgoing trustee Sandra Brown Hall and her husband Aaron Hall for their time and effort in support of The Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey. We wish them well in all their future endeavors. ☰

Discovery Circle

As Executive Director Hewitt Johnston has pointed out above, this is a time of great difficulty for non-profits, and because of this reality, the need for new and novel approaches to garnering donor support is essential. In our own case several important projects (such as expanding our repertoire of **Discovery Concerts™**, producing our next television show and even keeping our staff at its current capacity) are in jeopardy of being downsized or cut unless we can obtain the necessary funding.

We believe that we have found just the solution with the offering of membership in the **Discovery Circle** to our donors. Members of the **Discovery Circle** commit to the Philharmonic's mission by making multi-year pledges of *at least* \$1,000. Think, for a moment, of the financial foundation that 100 pledges for \$1,000 would mean as we begin the budgetary process. To know at the outset that \$100,000 per year could be counted on would accomplish two very powerful things: it would contribute to sound fiscal planning and would offer visible proof of our grassroots support as we seek foundation and corporate grants.

Members of the **Discovery Circle** will receive access to preferred seating at certain concerts, invitations to special receptions and select events, complimentary DVD's and a special **Circle** newsletter.

Recently, when George Marriner Maull spoke of the **Discovery Circle** at an Intimate Evening, three members of the audience approached Executive Director Hewitt Johnston and said, "sign us up." The **Discovery Circle** is in business and I encourage you to join! ☰

Michael Kurak

Philharmonic Trustee and Development Committee Chair



TICKET ORDER FORM

Discovery Concerts™

	Qty	Reg	Qty	SENIORS/ GROUPS	Qty	Students	SUBTOTAL
03/05/06		\$30		\$24		\$10	
05/07/06		\$30		\$24		\$10	

Music for Older Kids

	Qty	Reg	Qty	YMCA MEMBER	YMCA ID #	SUBTOTAL
02/12/06		\$10		\$5		
03/12/06		\$10		\$5		
04/02/06		\$10		\$5		

Listening Course

	Qty	Reg	Qty	Senior	SUBTOTAL
Dvořák's "New World" 05/09/06		\$80		\$65	

In-Home Recitals

	Qty	Reg	Qty	Student	SUBTOTAL
Halcyon Trio 03/10/06		\$50		\$25	
New Hudson Sax Quartet 04/28/06		\$50		\$25	
Musical Grds. 06/04/06		\$50		\$25	

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Artists and programs subject to change. No refunds available.



Music for Kids at the Wyckoff Family YMCA

Sunday, February 5, 2006 ~ 4:00 pm
Exit 9, Percussion Group

Exit 9, a high energy percussion ensemble will use a wide range of instruments and musical styles to surprise and delight all in attendance! Tickets are \$15. To order tickets or for more information, call the Wyckoff YMCA at (201) 891-2081 and ask for the Development Office.



Intimate Evening Friday, March 10 ~ 8:30 pm Pottersville Residence NOTE NEW DATE

Experience the thrill of being up close and personal with internationally renowned chamber musicians. The Halcyon Trio features pianist Gary Kirkpatrick, violist Brett Deubner, and clarinetist Andrew Lamy. This in-home concert is limited to 60 guests, and a reception with the artists follows the recital. Reservations: \$50/ Student (ages 10-18) \$25. Tickets can be ordered on page 3.

Spring Events

Quest Autism Benefit ~ Saturday, April 1, 2006, 8:00 pm, Wyckoff Family YMCA, Wyckoff, NJ. Second annual *Music from the Heart* featuring the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey performing Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, to benefit the Quest Autism Foundation and the Wyckoff Family YMCA. Call (201) 891-2081 for more information. To purchase tickets, visit www.wyckoff.tickets.musictoday.com/wyckoff/calendar.aspx.

Intimate Evenings ~ Friday, April 28, 2006, 8:30 pm ~ The New Hudson Saxophone Quartet ~ Princeton residence.

Musical Gardens ~ Sunday, June 4, 2006, 4:00 pm ~ Harpist Elaine Christy ~ Bedminster residence.

Visit www.PhilOrchNJ.org for more details.

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