

Music Director Report

March 12, 2008 Board Meeting

A big "Thank You" to the board for their support of the Carmina Burana Concert and "Congratulations" to Elizabeth Dekker and all involved in the Benefit Dinner and Auction for a splendid evening. All the various elements came together in concert to make another wonderful "EVENT" for the symphony and its patrons.

I was very pleased with the concert musically and sent the following letter to the musicians:

What a glorious concert! I am still beaming with excitement about our first Carmina Burana. We were able to bring the excitement, passion and intrigue of this 20th century masterpiece to our audience with great power and musicality. For that I am very proud.

The Sibelius was given a very heartfelt, musical and sensitive performance with many outstanding solos throughout. In fact, the entire concert gave us many opportunities to show off the talented musicians we have among our ranks.

Although the vocal soloists were outstanding and often took center stage, I think it was the LaPorte County Symphony that rose to the top of the accolade department. The choruses worked very hard and did a marvelous job at the tremendously difficult texts. Kudos to Al and Matt for bringing us a chorus in such great shape.

Thank you for your hard work and belief that you could and would rise triumphantly to the top of the Carmina Mountain. You did!

What a glorious evening we gave our patrons, from the opening sip of the benefit dinner (thanks to Elizabeth Dekker & our fabulous staff) to the last chords of Carmina, truly another EVENT that has people talking about our wonderful orchestra. BRAVO!

I worked with the artistic committee and the personnel manger to review and reduce the 2008-09 budget projections. That report has been submitted in the Artistic Committee Report.

April Pops

Dancers Needed

I'm still trying to locate ballroom dancers to dance a tango and participate in the swing dance portion of the concert. Please forward potential contacts. Otherwise, we are on track for a fabulous concert featuring music from the stage, screen, and the world of dance. The concert will include:

Dance numbers such as:

Morton Gould - Tap Dance Concerto, 1st mvt., Jerry, Sheri and ?? Flint

Leroy Anderson - Irish Washerwoman, McNulty Dancers

Caroica - Dance Tech

Hardiman - Lord of the Dance, McNulty Dancers

Gade - Jalousie, (Tango - Guest Artist, TBD)

Warren - Forty Second Street, Dance Tech, Audience Dance

Jump Swing Fever (Audience Dance & Guest Dancers)

Jump Jive An Wail, You & Me, It don't mean a thing,

Singers:

Jenny Hartson - Defying Gravity from Wicked, Memories from Cats

Rick Barnes - Mack the Knife, Zoot Suit Riot (with Dancers)

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Movie Selections to include music from:

John Williams Films

Austin Powers

Forest Gump

The Story of Mumble Happy Feet

Magnificent Seven