

PALISADES SYMPHONY ANNUAL MEETING 6-12-10
PRESIDENT'S REPORT/AGENDA by Eva Holberg

Quorum?

Call the Meeting to Order

Minutes of last Annual Meeting

Fund Raising Chair: Sigrid Hofer

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Leicester

This Treasurer's Report is not the final of the season, but it is close. We have a few deposits and expenses not yet counted, some donations do not yet show on the bank statements, which come once a month. Our season goes from August to July. But I will have a final written report in the fall with our fund raising appeal.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Beginning in July 2009, we have been an independent orchestra. The Los Angeles Unified School System is no longer supporting the arts in the Adult School System. This is the end of funding orchestras. Until now, they paid the conductor for rehearsals, and gave us space to rehearse and perform. (They did not pay for dress rehearsals and performances, because they did not consider that a "learning experience")!

The rest of our expenses were met by Palisades Symphony Inc., a non-profit company, which was created to accept donations and pay bills for the orchestra like sheet music, supplies, flyers, programs, mailings, soloists, choir director and accompanist, royalties, scholarships, etc. Its board and president have been looking out for you for over 40 years. If we want the orchestra to continue, we have to fund it completely ourselves. This can increase our budget by 10,000 if we have to pay for performance and rehearsal space.

We were able to negotiate with the Palisades Charter High School to continue allow us to use the space free of charge for **this season**, but they indicated that they would have to charge in the future. They also have their income cut. How much will we have to pay? We do not know. We have stepped up fund raising.

During the last year, we have taken in just a little bit more than we spent. To cover the future added expenses we request that all orchestra members make a donatin to the orchestra, the amount being up to your ability and good will. We were able to raise enough money this year, because orchestra, choir, and audience members were very generous. And we thank all of you sincerely! We also received grants from the Junior Women's Club, the Woman's Club, and our Councilman **Bill Rosendahl**.

We saved money in expenses by performing pieces for which we owned the music or could get it at the LA Public Library. The choir also performed pieces we had done more than 10 years ago. We still had about 35 copies we did not have to buy this time. We also kept a lid on artist fees. We made it! We are probably the only orchestra which has no debt, and we like to keep it that way! We are not out of the woods, because we do not know what the school will charge next year. We still ask all of you to donate to the orchestra again in the fall.

PERFORMANCE REPORT:

We performed our usual 7 concerts last season, starting with the **Summer opera FAUST** by **Charles Gounod** with an outstanding cast, which - as usual - was very well received.

It was followed by our **October** concert, including **Mahler's First Symphony**, the **Clarinet Concerto No. 3** by **Spohr** with **Michael Arnold** and **Leonore No.3**.

In **December** we were joined by the **Brentwood Palisades Chorale**, **Susan Rosenstein**, choir director, in a performance of **Mendelssohn's Paulus**.

In **February** we performed **Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No.2** and **Violin Concerto in E Major**, **James Stark**, sol., also **Mahler's Adagietto** from **Symphony No. 5**. The **Wind ensemble**, under the direction of **Cary Belling**, played the **Tortoise and the Hare** and **Acrobatic Overture** by **Belling** and **Simple Gifts** by **Tichelli**.

In **March** we performed **Oberon Overture** by **Weber**, **Rondo Capriccioso** by **Saint Saens**, and **Zigeunerweisen** by **Sarasate** with **Neli Nikolaeva**, violin soloist, and **Symphony No. 8** by **Dvorak**.

In **May** we did **Dvorak's Requiem Mass**, which included the **Brentwood-Palisades Chorale** and soloists **Susan Montgomery**, **Leslie Inman**, **Gabriel Silva**, and **Ed Levy**.

Our **June** concert celebrates our **Young Artists**. Our **Judges** were **Susan S. Rosenstein**, **Clementine Fleschler**, and **Robert Watt**.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We are very grateful!! We were able to award the **Alfred Newman Memorial Scholarship**, donated by **David and Krystyna Newman**, and **Palisades Chamber Players Scholarship**, which we received with the help of **Delores Stevens** and **Susan Greenberg**. The **Alfred Newman Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) was earned by **Mayumi Kanagawa**, violinist, who is currently in **Japan** and will play with the orchestra in the fall. The **Palisades Chamber Players Scholarship** (\$500) was earned by **Andrew Ohanian**, flutist, who is in the **12th Grade** at **Santa Monica High School**. Additional winners of **Young Artist Awards**: **Elementary Level**: **Noah Simon**, piano, **Junior Level**: **Min-Jae Kim**, violin, **High School (shared)**: **Seth Biagini**, cello, **Stefani Feldman**, clarinet, and **Esther Kim**, violin.

The judges were **Susan S. Rosenstein**, **Robert Watt**, and **Clementine Fleschler**.

WE WELCOME ALL NEW PLAYERS AND WE THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA.

The first concert of the next season, the summer opera, will be **Carmen** by **Bizet** to be performed **August 29** at the **Lutheran Church**. **Rehearsals** will start on **Tuesday, July 13** at the **Lutheran Church**, corner of **Sunset** and **El Medio**, **Pacific Palisades**. Enter the parking lot from **El Medio North of Sunset**.

THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS:

Sigrid Hofer, Vice president and Fund Raising/Mailing Chair

Donna Stanton, Orchestra Membership Chair

Melissa Leicester, Treasurer

Joel Busch, Secretary

Danna Schilling, Orchestra Librarian

Cathy Conn, Concert Hospitality

Ingemar Hulthage, Stage Manager

and last not least **Joel B. Lish**, our music director, an ex officio member of the Board, who presented us with a Season of wonderful music.

Turn meeting over to

Nominating Committee, Sigrid Hofer, chair:

Old business:

New business:

Adjournment