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UP, UP AND AWAY FOR THE ORCHESTRA'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Well, here we are, about to begin Orchestra Kentucky's 10th concert season. It's hard to believe how fast the last decade has passed. There have been many joys and challenges that we have faced together. From the first concert at Christ Episcopal Church, where no one really knew what would happen, to the annual *Star-Spangled Spectacular* attended by over fifteen thousand. Looking now at the new season with 22 concerts plus a number of performances throughout Central Kentucky, we've come a long way. All in all, the phenomenal growth of Orchestra Kentucky has been fueled by you, the audience. You recognized the vision and talent of Maestro Jeffrey Reed—his programming savvy and ability to gather and retain top quality musicians. From fifty-three subscribers nine years ago, to over one thousand today, Orchestra Kentucky is a model that has been nationally recognized.

The upcoming season leads off with a new series ideal for everyone that still gets excited about baseball, Halloween and Walt Disney. The *Young at Art* series leads off with a concert at the Bowling Green Ballpark, continues at the Capitol with scary music and treats for Halloween and finishes with the music of Disney, complete with film clips.

The Beatles (aka The Rewinders) are back after a three year hiatus to kick off the *Retro Series*. Sandi Patty warbles at Christmas time. Janine Turner, star of *Northern Exposure*, headlines the *VIP Series* and, (ta ta ta taah) The 5th Dimension plays the big room at the Patsy. All that and more...what's not to like? You'd rather drive to Nashville or Louisville and pay more?

OK BALLPARK DEBUT—A GRAND SLAM

Sodas, hotdogs, Cracker Jack prizes, summer breezes... the list goes on to include the great American pastime, baseball. Add it all up and you have a perfect summer day. Orchestra Kentucky puts a new spin on take me out to the ballpark.

On Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM come out to the Bowling Green Ballpark to hear Orchestra Kentucky perform the music of movie legends, military heroes, and sports greats. *Heroes and Legends* is the lead off concert in the brand new series *Young at Art*. The new lineup of music treats are for the kid inside all of us.

The brand new ballpark provides a great setting for this fun family event you won't want to miss. Sit back and listen to your favorite tunes from *Superman*, *The Lone Ranger*, *Indiana Jones*, *Spider-man* and "Casey at the Bat." With the price of movie tickets rising (not to mention the popcorn and soda) this family outing is not only fun, it's affordable—TICKETS ARE \$7.00! How much? \$7.00!!! Call the box office—NOW—(846-2426) to get your seats. Because when they're gone, they're gone. And there is no crying in baseball or at ballparks.

Young at Art is generously sponsored by Carol and Denny Wedge.

HEROES AND LEGENDS | JULY 18, 2009 | 6:00 PM
BOWLING GREEN BALLPARK

General Admission

From movie legends like the *Lone Ranger*, *Superman*, and *Indiana Jones*, to heroes of our national pastime, Orchestra Kentucky celebrates America's best.

A HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!
OCTOBER 31, 2009 | 3:30 PM | CAPITOL ARTS CENTER

Reserved Seating

Yikes! Attend a spooktacular concert of ghoulish music, then trick or treat in haunted downtown Bowling Green—and don't forget your costume!

DISNEY IN CONCERT—
MAGICAL MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES | 3:30 PM
JANUARY 30, 2010 | LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Reserved Seating

Orchestra Kentucky performs original arrangements of Disney's best-loved music, accompanied by projected stills and movie clips from Disney films.

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ORCHESTRA KENTUCKY STAR GRAND PRIZE WINNER



[Orchestra Kentucky Star Grand Prize winner, Stacey Allen, performs during the final round of the competition. Photograph courtesy of Miranda Peterson of the *Daily News*.]

After two rounds of competitions and a field of almost fifty contestants, the first Orchestra Kentucky Star is born. Grand Prize winner, Stacey Allen of Bowling Green, a member of Hillvue Heights Church Praise Band, has performed with the Kentucky Opera. She has a music education degree from the University of Louisville with a focus on vocal education and continues to study piano and voice. Allen competed against thirteen other finalists to be selected as the first Orchestra Kentucky Star.

Following Allen's buoyant rendition of Lennon and McCartney's "Can't Buy Me Love," a number of talented contestants sent up their vocal offering. With the last note of the last singer's last gasp, the audience voted. The ballots were gathered and then counted by a panel of impartial volunteers under the watchful eyes of the accounting firm of Montgomery and Webb. During the count, the Rewinders performed some Beatles tunes from the upcoming *BeatleMadness: The Reunion* concert coming up August 7th & 8th at the Capitol. Tickets go on sale July 6th, and both concerts will sell out. So, buy early and often.

As part of the grand prize, Allen gave a stellar, stirring performance with Orchestra Kentucky at the *Star-Spangled Spectacular*, before thousand of cheering, patriotic partiers. Music Director Jeffrey Reed commented, "We really had a great response to the Star contest and we're planning on doing it again next year."



[pictured in left photo: Mary Ann Fox, age 14 | pictured in right photo: Maria Burnette, age 14; Mary Grace Reed, age 17; Laura Beth Fox, age 16] {photographs courtesy of Joe Imel of the *Daily News*}

THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

On April 13th, budding Orchestra Kentucky musicians performed a spring concert at Warren Central High School. Members of Bowling Green Youth Orchestras, under the direction of Orchestra Kentucky's co-concertmaster Randall Olson and violinist Helen Motter, performed their final concert of the year. More than seventy musicians took to the stage in two orchestras to perform "Jupiter-Bringer of Jollity" (from the *Planets*) by Gustav Holst, "The Chorus" from *Judas Maccabaeus* by G. F. Handel, and "The Best of the Beatles" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. If you know of a young musician who would like to participate in the Bowling Green Youth Orchestras program, please call the Orchestra Kentucky office at 846-2426.

young at art
VIP SERIES
retro series

Season subscriptions are still available for the *Young at Art*, *Retro* and *VIP* series. Subscriptions are good for you . . . save money, time and peace of mind. You also get the same great seat concert after concert. Call 846-2426 before it's too late.

ORCHESTRA TIMELINE

As Orchestra Kentucky eagerly prepares to celebrate its 10th anniversary, let's take a minute and look back at some of the monumental moments that have shaped the orchestra's last 10 years. Orchestra Kentucky is the only fully professional orchestra in South Central Kentucky.

<p>2000</p> <p>Orchestra founded in the summer of 2000 by Jeff Reed and Mike Thurman.</p> <p>The first concert on September 11, 2000 presented at Christ Episcopal Church in Bowling Green.</p>	<p>2001</p> <p>Youth Orchestra established, expanding to become two ensembles of approximately 70 students.</p>	<p>2001 2002</p> <p>Orchestra programming grows beyond the usual classic repertoire to include modern classics like the music of the Beatles. The madness begins and gives birth to the <i>Retro Series</i> with The Rewinders band rocking the house along with the original orchestral arrangements.</p> <p>First season to offer subscriptions. Fifty three sold.</p>	<p>2003</p> <p>Established a growing String Academy, 130 students and seven teachers.</p> <p>Orchestra Kentucky records a popular CD with Grammy-winner Curtis Burch—<i>Burchland</i>. Dr. Charles W. Smith commissioned to compose music for recording.</p>	<p>2005</p> <p>Orchestra presents the first annual free Fourth of July <i>Star-Spangled Spectacular</i> on Western Kentucky University's campus at the Guthrie Tower. Concert and fireworks display is repeated yearly, with crowds totaling more than 15,000 people.</p> <p>The Encore volunteer group is formed to provide volunteer assistance and to raise funds for the orchestra. Group brings in more than \$40,000 at 2007 Notable Art event, where painted instruments by local artists are auctioned to benefit the orchestra.</p>	<p>2005 2006</p> <p>The C-3 (Children's Cushion Concerts) series added. Perry the Penguin, the orchestra mascot, made an appearance and led the children in a parade.</p>
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Speaking about popular music, the great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams said:

“ This too is ‘art’: different in kind, but also capable of greatness. And woe to any composer who cultivates ‘art for art’s sake’. The composer must not shut himself up and think about art, he must live with his community—if we seek for art we shall not find it. ”

Throughout the Orchestra's history our mission has been to “Change lives . . . one note at a time,” and the Orchestra values your participation, whether you're a single ticket buyer, subscriber, sponsor or investor, in realizing the milestone of Orchestra Kentucky's 10th Anniversary. Bravo and brava!

<p>2006</p> <p>The Rewinders perform at Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina before a record crowd.</p>	<p>2006 2007</p> <p>National Advisory Board established.</p> <p>Larnelle Harris Christmas concert sells out.</p>	<p>2007</p> <p>New concert series with the Shaker Museum at South Union established.</p>	<p>2007 2008</p> <p><i>Retro Series</i> offered subscriptions for first time. Number of subscribers grows to more than 300 in two years.</p>	<p>2008 2009</p> <p>Music Legend Glen Campbell performs.</p> <p>Orchestra sells 1,000th subscription.</p> <p>Orchestra changes name to Orchestra Kentucky of Bowling Green.</p>	<p>2009 2010</p> <p>Orchestra celebrates 10th Anniversary Season, <i>A Perfect 10</i>. Season features guest artists Janine Turner, 5th Dimension and Sandi Patty.</p> <p>Orchestra introduces new series, <i>Young at Art</i>, debuting July 18th at the Bowling Green Ballpark.</p>
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Perry the Penguin, Orchestra Kentucky's mascot, came from a dream founding board member Duncan McKenzie had after consuming a platter of pickled herring. Perry sprang to life through the talents of C. David Jones, the extraordinary artist who creates much of Orchestra Kentucky's artwork. Stop by the OK office (1046 Elm Street) and check out David's mural of Perry and his musical buddies.

Year after year, David creates the creative program covers handed to you by our hard working ushers you receive at each *Retro* and *VIP* series concert. The colorful montage of images on the cover are inspired by the concerts and special events of the entire season. David's keen sense of style and humor make these programs a work of art. Most people take them home. It has become a tradition for David to incorporate the overall season theme and EVERY featured concert theme or artist into the program cover for that season. As the number of orchestra concerts grows, David's job gets tougher and tougher.

WHERE DOES PERRY THE PENGUIN COME FROM?

Each year the orchestra has prints made of David's program covers and they have become a collector's item for many. David also draws a thought provoking cartoon inside the program, featuring Perry grappling with the meaning of life and music.

To commemorate the orchestra's 10th Anniversary season, David has been commissioned by the Encore volunteer group to create a work that celebrates the accomplishments of Orchestra Kentucky. This piece was unveiled at the Encore's Garden party on June 26th. All of David's hard work for the Orchestra is greatly appreciated.

If you would like a print of a C. David Jones Orchestra Kentucky program cover, please call the orchestra office at 846-2426.



upcoming calendar

HEROES AND LEGENDS

6:00 PM | Saturday | JULY 18th

Bowling Green Ballpark

Series sponsored by Carol & Denny Wedge

Orchestra Kentucky salutes great American heroes, from athletes to movie characters, to those who serve in our armed forces. The new Bowling Green Ballpark serves as the setting for a concert that is certain to inspire young and old alike.

BEATLEMADNESS—THE REUNION

8:00 PM | Friday + Saturday

AUGUST 7th + 8th | Capitol Arts Center

Sponsored by:

Overhead Door Company of Bowling Green

Co-sponsored by:

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Orchestra Kentucky brings back the concert that started it all.

MADE IN AMERICA

7:30 PM | Monday | SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Living Hope Baptist Church

Sponsored by Integra Bank

Co-sponsored by Mary Frances & Roland Willock

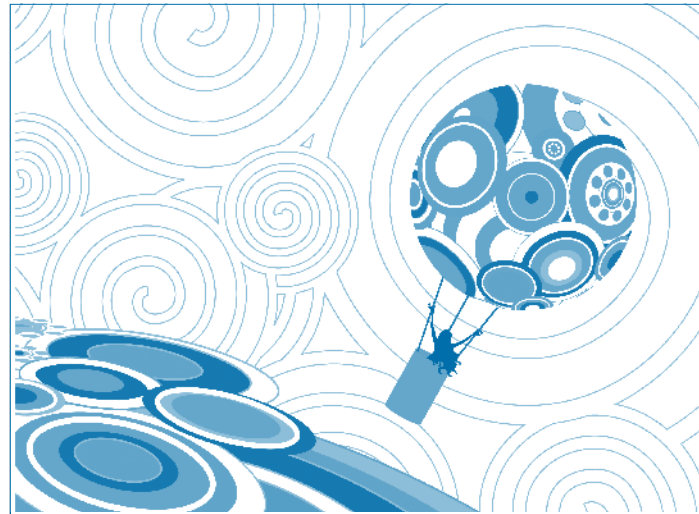
Born in the USA! Orchestra Kentucky features masterpieces of America's greatest composers, with Janine Turner, star of Northern Exposure.



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UP, UP AND AWAY \$10 RAFFLE TICKET

You can go "Up, Up and Away" to anywhere you want to go if you are this year's lucky winner of our Encore's annual raffle. Previous winners have gone to New York City and Disney World, but anywhere on the map is possible.

Purchase as many \$10 raffle tickets as you want and increase your odds of winning. The winner-takes-all package includes a travel voucher from AAA of Kentucky, spa services from Regina Webb, a gift certificate for dinner at Mariah's and a gift certificate from Lucy's Fine Gifts. All proceeds benefit Orchestra Kentucky... so for the cost of a \$10 raffle ticket, you can help us continue making spectacular music and a chance to go up, up and away! The drawing will be held after intermission at our 10th Anniversary Gala on October 17 (winner need not be present to win). Tickets are now available at all OK performances through October 17th, from Encore board members and at the OK office.



The Encore is a group of volunteers which supports and promotes Orchestra Kentucky, its mission and core values. And they have a lot of fun doing it! If you would like to join us or want additional information, contact Jeanne Marie Patterson at 781-4850 or by email at jmapatterson@yahoo.com, or the OK office at 846-2426.

GARDEN PARTY KICKS OFF ORCHESTRA KENTUCKY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



pictured at far left: former board president Chuck Smith and Pam Thurman, arranger [Photo courtesy of Dimitri Badanov]

pictured on right: the party setting in the beautiful garden of Carol & Denny Wedge

[photo courtesy of Jeff Smith | www.jas4bg.smugmug.com]

To kick-off Orchestra Kentucky's 10th anniversary in style, the Encore hosted a lovely Garden Party at the home of Carol and Denny Wedge on June 26th. Under a canopy of white lights the guests dined by candlelight at tables draped with floor-length lime green tablecloths. Aramark provided the catering for this elegant soiree. All proceeds from the evening went to benefit Orchestra Kentucky to ensure that the orchestra's music lives. Because the event was all about music, the night was to include the talented musicians, vocalists, Lisa VanWye and Tyrone Dunn, members of The Rewinders band, Orchestra Kentucky's co-concertmaster Randall Olson and special guest Brant Karrick. Unfortunately, a pop-up thunderstorm prevented the band from performing. A special thanks goes to Jeanne Marie Patterson, Joy Beth Dunn, and Carol Wedge for their tireless work to see this event come to life. Additional support was provided by Lisa Leachman of a la Occasions. The Encore members would like to thank the following sponsors for making this event possible:

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Sherry & Jeff Reed

KUDOS

Thanks to the many volunteers who share their time with us.

Your support of Orchestra Kentucky is sincerely appreciated!

Ellie Adams

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Photo from Alan Davis Photography
left to right:
Jon Crosby, Joe Roberts, Kevin Snyder
middle row:
Bhrett Puckett, Ernie Raymer, John McCracken
back row:
Dave Allen, Kevin Lovelace;
not pictured: Webb Hendrix

BEATLEMADNESS— THE REUNION

8pm | AUGUST 7th + 8th
Capitol Arts Center

Come enjoy an evening with Martha My Dear, Eleanor Rigby, Penny Lane, Lady Madonna, and everyone’s favorite, Jude, August 7th & 8th. Tickets go on sale July 6th. Hurry, limited seats available.

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