

Kent Philharmonia Orchestra

Annual Meeting 6/5/2013

Linda Rumler started the meeting during break on rehearsal night, Wednesday June 5, 2013. She announced there may be the possibility of an open board position, but currently all positions are filled. If a position opens up, there will be a notification in the fall. Linda encouraged everyone to consider joining the board, even if only to attend meetings and have input.

Libor Ondras announced that for the upcoming year, all info and music will be on the website. It was suggested that the webpage be updated more frequently for public usage and accuracy; all agreed, and this will be something Libor follows up on. Additional Board meeting times and places and past minutes will be posted in a members' only area of our webpage. Also for the upcoming season, we will have one program printed for the whole season that will list all concerts and program orders.

It was suggested as a best practice from another orchestra that an email be sent to all members the day before rehearsals indicating the rehearsal order for that week. Libor agreed and will work with Marilyn Brannen to do the emailings.

The finances were reported, and we held our own for this year, and pretty much broke even. The fees for renting the music, auditorium, reception rooms, and ballroom were all reported, and we will be considering only using the library for receptions.

Libor announced our concert dates and programs as follows:

1st concert: October 25, 2013 – Handseel & Gretel - Opera. This is our usual Ghoulfest concert, but discussion is still ongoing if we will retain the Ghoulfest name for this concert. The music for this is available on IMSLP so no rental fees for this concert.

2nd concert: December 6 & 7, 2013 – The Nutcracker – Ballet. We will have two performances for this concert: at St. Cecelia on the 6th, and in Greenville on the 7th. Both are evening performances.

3rd concert: March 14, 2014 – Mahler #2 – The Spring concert will feature a Women's Chorus, Boys Choir, and two soloists. Alumni will be invited to perform with us at this concert.

4th concert: May 9, 2014 – Jazz standards featuring the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra and an arrangement of Rhapsody in Blue. Rich Ridenour will also be contacted to be the pianist for this concert. A live web streaming of this concert and possibly the others will be investigated. We will have to clear all the music performed for copyright permissions and see if we can get this done for promotion of the group.

Other plans for the next season were presented. A high school concerto competition will be held in the spring with the winner receiving a KPO scholarship to GRCC and one or possibly two performances with KPO.

It was brought up by the orchestra that they would like new KPO shirts to promote the orchestra. Members are willing to purchase their own shirts. Magnets with the KPO logo and information should also be considered. Endowment of chairs will also be done for fund raising. Chair prices will be \$200 for the season, and will include a list in the program and two season tickets to the concerts. Conductor auction will be better promoted for the upcoming season.

For the coming season, business sponsor forms are available for download. The membership was encouraged to get these out to businesses starting now, so we can promote ad sponsorship for our season. Also include a past program so they can see what we are about.

Price increase was also announced, with \$8 for adults and \$4 for students/seniors. Members will be able to get 2 adult tickets at half price for family, if needed. Presale of tickets will also be done this year. Members will be able to get tickets before the concert to sell. Craig Saurman will be heading this up.

For our Gala event this year, Libor is looking at an Opera Dinner Theater type of event at possibly the Harris building or San Chez Bistro.

Respectfully submitted,

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Substitute Secretary