

KANKAKEE VALLEY  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



*WE ARE BACK*



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WELCOME TO THE

# 2021 ANNUAL DINNER

June 29, 2021 • Kankakee Country Club



## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Lynn Ahlden | President KVS0 Board of Directors  
Junell Hoekstra | KVYSO Committee Co-Chair

## ENTERTAINMENT

Music by Stephanie and Rich Lupo, KVS0 Flautists

## 2021 DR. JANET V. LEONARD "CON SPIRITO" AWARD

Presented by Yvonne Chalfant  
Honoring Drs. John and Jill Bowling

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM KVS0 FAMILY

Financial Update - Jake Lee, Treasurer  
Introduction of New Officers  
Introduction of Board

## PREVIEW OF THE COMING SEASON

"Music Brings Us Together"  
Dr. Allan Dennis

*Thank You For Your Generous Support of the KVS0!!*



2020-2021 SEASON REPORT OF THE

# KANKAKEE VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"WE WILL BE BACK!" was a sentence in the closing paragraph of the 2019-2020 KVS0 Season Report. And here we are...

welcome  
back

Our last in-person full concert was February 29, 2020. While the months since then have been a challenge for everyone, the Pandemic provided KVS0 with many opportunities to keep our name in the public arena and to keep some of our excellent musicians playing.

With the support of a creative Board of Directors, we sponsored a series of "Music in the Parks" in Kankakee and Manteno, featuring quartet and quintet performances and a Halloween performance at the Kankakee Farmers' Market. When the weather turned cold, KVS0 quartets and quintets performed at two local churches - Asbury United Methodist and Maternity BVM. Our Board voted to offer each of these events at no charge to the community.

The KVS0's traditional Fourth of July event for 2020 was cancelled. However, the Kankakee County Board and the Kankakee Valley Park District co-sponsored a magnificent Fourth of July celebration with fireworks and much more. KVS0 is grateful that the County Board and the Park District contributed the excess fundraising dollars to KVS0.

On another positive note, KVS0, Kankakee Valley Park District and Kankakee Community College have partnered to bring back the traditional Fourth of July celebration on Sunday, July 4, 2021 on the KCC grounds!

## WE ARE BACK!

Thank you to our members, patrons and sponsors for your consistent support and encouragement during a year that was truly a challenge for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,



**Lynn Ahlden**  
President  
Board of Directors



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# KVSO GUILD

At the May, 2020, Zoom meeting, Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Women's Guild ladies approved a new leadership team who enthusiastically set forth to carry on the successes of the Guild, following the leadership of our esteemed prior chairman Jane Veers. Unfortunately, Covid challenges caused us to continue to have to meet by Zoom until spring 2021 and to cancel planned in-person fund-raisers (the fashion show, Octoberfest, Symphony of Sweets). But, with the creative efforts of Val Schuller, Dee Pinski, and Jane Veers, a December No-Show Dinner netted proceeds of \$4600.

Due to the death of long-time member Rose Mary Ciaccio and the untimely passing of various members' loved ones, we established a memorial fund to donate \$100 to the Orchestra in memory of each of these relatives. We voted to make this an ongoing fund. Additional donations are voluntary and participation has been encouraging.

Our in-person meeting in March 2021 was a joyous reunion as we reconvened for the first time in many months, to conduct event-planning and to reunite as friends who have missed the comradery among our members that enables us to plan and host the lovely events which have been the hallmark of the Guild's efforts over the years. As an auxiliary to the KVSO, our ladies anticipate assisting, as needed, with the proposed July 4th concert.

In addition, we are looking forward to a September 23rd fashion show, chaired by Dee Pinski and Donna Karlock (after several cancelled attempts to host this event) and a renewal of the Symphony of Sweets on December 5th at the Kankakee Country Club.

At our April meeting, the nominating committee presented names to be voted on as the Guild leadership team for the coming year. All those who served this past year were asked to continue in the same capacity. Additionally, a co-chair position was added. The leadership team to be approved consists of the following: Chairman, Vicky McBurnie; Co-chairman, Karen Korup-Duchene; Notetaker, Carol Vallone; Bookkeeper, Jane Veers. These positions were accepted by acclamation at the May spring banquet and duly installed to lead for 2021-2022.

Finally, we eagerly voted to gratefully donate \$7000 to the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, our proceeds from this year's fund-raising and contributions. It was an honor and a privilege to humbly present this check to our conductor at the spring banquet.

Respectfully submitted,



**Vicky McBurnie**  
*Guild Chairman*



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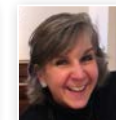
# Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra

Listed below are some of the highlights of the 2020-2021 season:



- December 13 – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kankakee: Videographed performance by KVYSO String Ensemble and KVYSO Wind Ensemble. Concert link posted on YouTube.
- Auditions January 17 – Auditions for second semester. KVYSO offered String Ensemble and Wind Ensemble. Sunday rehearsals at Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University with Covid-19 mitigations in place.
- March 27 – Program of various solo works with and without piano, presented by KVYSO students and alumni. Videographed by George Kwain.
- May 23 – Spring concert at Kresge Auditorium, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University. Performance by KVYSO String Ensemble and KVYSO Wind Ensemble.
- July 4 – performance at Kankakee Community College cancelled because of Covid-19.
- August 9 – Bird Park Band Shell, Kankakee: Program of various solo works with and without piano, presented by KVYSO students. Accompaniment provided by Kavin Sampson and Katrina Cessna.
- August 23 – Civic Center Auditorium Porch, Kankakee: Program of various solo works with and without piano, presented by KVYSO students. Accompaniment provided by Kavin Sampson and Katrina Cessna.
- September 13 – Auditions for 2020-2021 season. KVYSO offered String Ensemble and Wind Ensemble this season. Sunday rehearsals at Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University with Covid-19 mitigations in place.

Respectfully submitted,



**Barbara Schwark Junell Hoekstra**  
*KVYSO Co-Chairs*



## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

KVSO's 53rd season was one marked with challenges, creatively addressing those challenges and plans to forge ahead to the 2021-2022 season, even more determined and prepared to be a part of the cultural community of the greater River Valley area.

I was very proud of this year's musical and administrative achievements! I am particularly moved by the response of the community, led by the Board of Directors and our wonderful donors, to assure the health of the KVSO. I've sensed a rededication to the importance of the Symphony in our community and the resilience of all parts of the organization in coming out of this difficult time, healthy and ready to resume our mission, once Covid-19 safety guidelines allow us to do so. I have grown close to Lynn and am so honored to work with her in trying to solve issues while planning for resuming as soon and as safely as possible. I will especially remember with great pride and fondness the following:

- The successful Music in the Parks series where chamber groups performed in our beautiful Kankakee parks.
- The woodwind quintet playing at the Farmers' Market.
- The organization of the KVSO YouTube Channel.
- The reinvigorated KVSO Newsletter.



I am proud to have been a part of this season! So thank you to all who are involved in keeping the KVSO organization going - Lynn and the KVSOA BOD, the Women's Guild, the Foundation Board and the KVSO Youth Orchestra as well as all their staff members.

Thank you to Kavin and Paul for all they do for the KVSOA!

Thank you to the wonderful musicians who will bring their talents back to the KVSO to make such beautiful music.

And thank you to everyone who attended, listened to or helped arrange for a KVSO concert for this or next year. May you multiply and bring many with you next year!

Respectfully submitted,



**Dr. Allan Dennis**  
*KVSO Music Director*



## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION

Due to the generosity of benefactors over the years, the Foundation funds started the year with \$581,675, as of May 2020. Each year, an amount is transferred to the operating fund of the Symphony, based on a formula designed to support annual operating budget while maintaining the long term viability of the invested funds. Based on that formula, a total of \$19,047 was transferred from the investments to the operating funds of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra during the 2020-2021 season. After ten months of growth and the transfer to operations, the invested funds have grown to \$733,100 at the end of March 2021.

Annual gifts of any size help to support the programs that we have enjoyed in our local community. We ask that you consider larger gifts, either during your life time or in your estate plan, that can assure that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy the quality of performances that we have been able to provide.

Because of the foresight of those who have gone before us, we have been able to help sustain the Symphony during this difficult year. We hope to gather again soon to enjoy quality entertainment. Thank you to all of our donors.



**Dale L. Gerretse**  
*Committee Chair*



*Congratulations to the 2021*

## DR. JANET V. LEONARD CON SPIRITO AWARD

RECIPIENTS



*Drs. John and Jill Bowling*



## 2021-2022 LEADERSHIP

### KVSO BOARD

Lynn Ahlden <i>President</i>	Katherine Cloonen <i>Vice President</i>	Liz Madsen
Gwen Benson	Nina Epstein <i>Secretary</i>	Vicky McBurnie <i>Guild</i>
Chris Bohlen	Junell Hoekstra KVYSO	Rebecca Schiltz
Yvonne Chalfant <i>Immediate Past President</i>	David Jaffe	Barbara Schwark KVYSO
	Jake Lee <i>Treasurer</i>	Angela Shea

### GUILD

Jane Veers <i>Chair</i>	Val Schuller and Jane Veers <i>Oktoberfest</i>	Donna Karlock <i>Cookie of the Month</i>
Vicky McBurnie <i>Co-Chair</i>	Karen Korup Duchene and Carol Vallone <i>Symphony of Sweets</i>	Sharon Ouwenga <i>Historian</i>
Maryanne Thacker <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Karen Korup Duchene <i>Prom Committee Chairman</i>	Jane Veers and Colleen Ford <i>Membership</i>
Betty Peters-Lambert and Julie Penrod <i>Bookkeepers</i>	Dee Pinski and Donna Karlock <i>Symphony of Fashion</i>	Betty Peters-Lambert <i>Nominating</i>
Betty Peters-Lambert <i>Kiwanis Youth Concert</i>	Jane Veers <i>Annual Meeting</i>	Vicky McBurnie and Connie Angelo <i>Publicity</i>
Vicky McBurnie and Colleen Ford <i>Stars for music</i>		

### KVYSO

Barbara Schwark and Junell Hoekstra <i>Co-Chairs</i>	Rich Schiltz <i>Treasurer</i>	Katrina Cessna <i>Music Director/ Conductor</i>
Allison Beasley <i>Secretary</i>	Dana Jacobucci <i>Administrative Coordinator</i>	



## CASH RECEIPTS

	2020-2021	2019-2020	Annual Budget
Subscriptions	-	12,110	6,055
Ticket Sales	-	7,565	3,783
Concert/Season Sponsorships	4,980	6,300	3,150
Kiwanis Children's Concert	-	3,950	-
Fourth of July Sponsor	-	8,500	500
Program Ads	-	9,950	4,975
Donations	40,263	37,198	4,123
Transfer from Women's Board	28,000	15,000	21,000
Transfer from Foundation funds	17,189	15,671	17,189
Charlton Family Fdn Support	3,500	7,000	6,500
Grant Revenues	9,800	3,500	8,000
Fourth of July Admission Fees	-	1,649	-
Other	2,212	3,540	-
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>105,944</b>	<b>131,933</b>	<b>75,275</b>



## Corporate & Community Partners

Adcraft Printers, Inc.	David Jaffe
Arends Hogan Walker LLC	Kankakee Community College
Bear Construction	Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
Bradley-Bourbonnais Rotary Club	Meijer Store 301
Dr. Thomas and Ann L. Brezinski	Milner Media Partners
Charlton Family Charitable Foundation	Nucor Steel-Kankakee
Country Financial	Olivet Nazarene University
The Daily Journal	Warren and Sharon Ouwenga
First Trust Bank of Illinois	Piggush Simoneau, Inc.
Hoekstra Transportation LLC	Riverside Medical Center
Iroquois Federal Foundation, Inc.	Tholens' Landscape and Garden Center



## CASH DISBURSEMENTS

	2020-2021	2019-2020	Annual Budget
Staff	33,768	35,308	36,400
Musician Costs for Concerts	-	34,343	24,135
Kiwanis Youth Concert	-	4,319	-
Musicians for Fourth of July	-	5,723	-
Other Fourth of July Expenses	10,000	4,303	-
Mini Concert Expenses	3,212	-	-
Music and Licensing	-	1,431	950
Insurance	2,641	2,609	3,500
Venue Expense	-	6,442	3,000
Professional Fees	1,750	7,250	5,000
Advertising	1,183	1,822	1,000
Printing and Postage	415	2,616	3,500
Graphic Design	2,142	3,166	2,000
Web Site Maintenance	-	-	500
Other Expenses	1,619	5,841	4,000
Transfer to Youth Symphony	-	2,100	-
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>56,730</b>	<b>117,273</b>	<b>83,985</b>
Receipts in excess of expenditures	49,214	14,660	(8,710)
Cash at the beginning of the year	21,512	35,805	
Payment on Foundation Payable	(11,047)	(28,953)	
<b>Cash at End of Period</b>	<b>59,679</b>	<b>21,512</b>	





# KVSO 2021-2022 CONCERT SEASON

*"Music Brings Us Together"*

September 26, 2021 - 3 and 4:30 PM • Asbury United Methodist Church

November 20, 2021 - 6 and 7:30 PM • Olivet Nazarene University

December 5, 2021 - 2 and 3:30 PM • Kankakee High School

February 26, 2022 - 6 and 7:30 PM • Morning Star Baptist Church

May 7, 2022 - 6 and 7:30 PM • Maternity of the BVM Catholic Church

# KVYSO 2021-2022 CONCERT SEASON

**22 Years!**

November 21, 2021 - 3 PM • Location to be determined

April 24, 2022 - 3 PM • Location to be determined

December 5, 2021 (with the KVSO) - 2 and 3:30 PM • Kankakee High School

*Please visit [KVYSO.COM](http://KVYSO.COM) periodically for updated concert information.*

*It will be posted as soon as it becomes available.*



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