



KANKAKEE VALLEY  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023 CONCERT SEASON



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*Welcome to the*

# 2023 ANNUAL DINNER

JUNE 27, 2023 • KANKAKEE COUNTRY CLUB



## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Kate Cloonen | President, KVS0 Board of Directors  
Angela Shea | Member, KVS0 Board of Directors

## ENTERTAINMENT

### 2022 DR. JANET V. LEONARD "CON SPIRITO" AWARD

Presented by Yvonne Chalfant  
Honoring Lynn O'Brien-Ahlden

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE KVS0 FAMILY

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

## PREVIEW OF THE COMING SEASON

'A SEASON OF HOPE'  
Dr. Allan Dennis



*Thank You for your generous support of the KVS0!!*



2022-2023 SEASON REPORT OF THE

# KANKAKEE VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

What an exciting year this was for KVS0. We started with a bang on July 2 for the Independence Day celebration. There was live music to enjoy played by the Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Kankakee Municipal Band who performed prior to KVS0. While the concert and fireworks were not on the 4th of July, the community still showed its patriotic support by attending in large numbers to listen and wave flags to the traditional marches and overtures of the symphony.

Our Music in the Park series, which is at no cost to the public continued to be strong again this year. All of the concerts were at beautiful Cobb Park along the Kankakee River. It was a pleasure to hear the strains of a woodwind quintet, a string quartet, or a brass quintet while enjoying a day at the park on a summer Sunday afternoon.

Additional mini-concerts were held at the Rhubarb Festival, the Strawberry Jazz Festival, the Farmers' Market, the Fall Arts Stroll and the St. Rose Chapel fundraiser. We really get around!

The Kiwanis Concert made a roaring comeback this year. It was held in October at Centennial Chapel, and through the generosity of the Kankakee Kiwanis, over 1,200 fourth, fifth and sixth graders were able to learn about the orchestra and hear the amazing sounds.

Where else can you get that many students excited enough about music to clap and wave their program booklets in rhythm to a live orchestra?

Our traditional series concerts were held at various venues in the area and included stirring music to coincide with this year's theme of "The Power of Music." One could feel the energy of the music in the performances. The concerts held titles of the power of mood, nature, women and music in addition to the holiday concert which is truly the beginning of the holiday season for many people in the area. It's the Symphony of Sweets dinner that tops off the event.

Our successful season is possible only with our donors, concert sponsors, advertisers, concert attendees, music director, orchestra members, the Women's Guild, the Foundation, the Board of Directors, and the KVYSO. Our deepest gratitude goes to all who help further the ideals of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra.

Please join us in the 2023-2024 "Season of Hope." We look forward to seeing you at the summer performances throughout the area. Check our website [kvso.org](http://kvso.org) and our Facebook page for updates.

Respectfully submitted,



**KATE CLOONEN**  
*President*  
*Board of Directors*



## KVSO GUILD

The KVSO Women's Guild began our fiscal year in August 2022 but did not meet in person until September 2022 at the Kankakee Public Library. The Kankakee Public Library has graciously offered one of their conference rooms for our monthly meetings for the upcoming year. The guild is greatly appreciative for their hospitality.

The Women's Guild 2022-2023 program books were distributed to all members. This year the Guild welcomed seven new members to our group: Barbara Edward, Rochelle Geekie, Rocje;a Glover, Christy Goselin, Sharon Jackson, Sharon McGuire and Peggy Strange. Lynn Ahlden, Jeanne Lindberg and Diane Siaroff also moved from associate status to active membership. What a wonderful way to start the new year.

We had an extremely busy year for events. We began our year with \$9,125.18 in our treasury and ended the year with over \$33,000. We coordinated and distributed all program materials for the Kiwanis concert; provided desserts for the KVSOA Annual Dinner; utilized our culinary skills for dinner for ten at the Warren Ouwenga home; provided ushers at all KVSOA concerts; made all the hors d'oeuvres for Carol Vallone's party; provided cookies monthly to two businesses and, of course, planned for our signature event – Symphony of Sweets.

The annual Symphony of Sweets was held on December 04, 2023 and was attended by 158 people.

Liz Madsen and Carol Vallone were co-chairs of this event and the evening was spectacular, with a net profit of \$17,589.12. All members of the Guild contribute to the success of this evening but special kudos were give to the co-chairs.

The Symphony of Fashion was held on May 18th at the Kankakee Country Club and co-chaired by Dee Pinski and Karen Duchene. The event was a smashing success and was very well attended. The net profit was added to the treasury.

Our annual luncheon was held on May 23, 2023 and the 2023-2024 Guild leadership team assumed their positions. Chairman - Karen Korup Duchene, Vice-chairman - Dee Pinski, Meeting Notetaker - Vicky McBurnie and Financial Secretary - Jane Veers. Additional chairs are Symphony of Sweets - Liz Madsen and Carol Vallone and Publicity - Sharon Ouwenga.

Finally, as we all look forward to the upcoming year, it was my honor to present to the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra on behalf of the Women's Guild a check for \$33,000, which represent the proceeds from this past year's fund-raising events and contributions. What a Wonderful Group of Women!

Respectfully submitted,

**KAREN KORUP-DUCHENE**

*Guild Chairman*

Kankakee Valley Youth  
Symphony Orchestra

- July 2 – performance at Kankakee Community College with KVYSO and Friends (including orchestra alumni, and community members).
- September 10 – Auditions for 2022-2023's season, "Beginnings and Endings," were held at Olivet Nazarene University. KVYSO was able to offer full orchestral experience. Sunday rehearsals and sectionals for the regular season were held at Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University, beginning September 11.
- November 20 – Fall concert at Kresge Auditorium, Larsen Fine Arts Center, ONU. This concert featured works by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Verdi, and Bernstein, and was dedicated to the memory of Elaine Holtzman, longtime ardent supporter and administrative assistant for the KVYSO.
- December 4 – KVYSO members were invited to play on the KVSO Holiday Concert.
- December 10 – KVYSO Chamber Musicians performed a short Holiday program at the Kankakee Winter Market, 4th floor of the Kankakee Public Library.
- January 15 – "Bring a Friend" Rehearsal January 22 — second semester rehearsals begin, with auditions for second semester scheduled January 22 & 29.
- April 22 – Saturday—Spring concert at Kresge Auditorium, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University. KVYSO welcomed its biggest crowd of the year as it presented a program including works by Vaughan-Williams, Stravinsky, Mussorgsky, Dvorak and Woolstenhulme. Senior Orchestra members were honored, and the Lorne Schnell Scholarships Awarded. Special Guest of Honor, Dr. Don Reddick, retiring Dean of the ONU School of Music was also honored for his unfailing support of the KVYSO since its inception in 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



**BARBARA  
SCHWARK**



**JUNELL  
HOEKSTRA**

*KVYSO Co-Chairs*



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## MUSIC DIRECTOR

KVSOC's 55th season was an example of the resiliency of the love and appreciation for classical orchestral music. I was very proud of this year's 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 KVSOC.

I've sensed a rededication to the importance of the Symphony in our community and the resilience of all parts of the organization to coming out of this difficult time healthy and ready to resume our mission. I appreciate Kate's leadership and am so honored to work with the Board of Directors, Women's Guild, Foundation Board, KVSOC Orchestra members, Marketing, Development in bringing classical orchestral music to the Kankakee County.

I will especially remember with great pride and fondness the following:

- October's Brahms "Symphony 1".
- November's soloist Laura Neisler's "Oboe Concerto" and Roustom's "Dabuke".
- December's three different versions of "Sleigh Ride".
- Powerful Women's March focus, especially the audience's response to Dr. Jean Milew's "A New America".
- The audience's response to April's Shostakovich "Symphony 5" and the standing ovation.
- The successful and continued call for Music in the Parks series where chamber groups performed in our beautiful Kankakee parks and at the Farmer's Market.
- Being financially solvent!!!

I look forward next year to the following:

- Concerts in the Park this summer.
- A star-studded July 4 program featuring holiday favorites and season 55 works.
- September program featuring Lyric Opera's Principal Bass, Ian Hallas, playing Koussevitsky's "Bass Concerto", and Tchaikovsky's great "Symphony 5".
- The November program featuring Kavin Sampson and the organ at Asbury United Methodist Church, as well as opera favorites.
- The annual Holiday Program and festive dinner in December.
- Another chance to hear Dr. Jean Milew's moving "A New America" and featuring the KVSOC Chorus in February.
- Ending the year with two young winners of the Walgreens Concerto Competition and Elgar's "Enigma Variations in April.

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

Respectfully submitted,



**DR. ALLAN DENNIS**  
*KVSOC Music Director*



## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION

With the generosity of benefactors over the years, the Foundation funds started the fiscal year with \$728,582, as of May 31, 2022. Each year, an amount is transferred to the operating fund of the Symphony, based on a formula designed to support the annual operating budget while maintaining the long term viability of the invested funds. Based on that formula, a total of \$26,378 was transferred from the investments to the operating funds of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra during the 2022-2023 season. After months of ups and downs due to the volatility in the market, the invested funds had an April 2023 balance of \$722,597 with a future outlook of a rising market.

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 year. We hope to see you at our next season's performances. Thank you to all of our donors.



**DALE L. GERRETSE**  
*Foundation Committee*

*Congratulations to the 2023*

**Dr. Janet V. Leonard**  
**Con Spirito Award Recipient**

**LYNN O'BRIEN-AHLDEN**



*Previous Recipients: David Jaffe, Dr. and Mrs. John Bowling, George Kwain, Peter and Chris Crego, Bruce Payne, Dr. Kay Green, Paul Germano, Waltraud Schuller, Mary Maddox, Ovid Young, Harlow Hopkins, Ken Bade, Shannon Moore and Janet V. Leonard*



## 2022-2023 LEADERSHIP

### KVSO BOARD

**KATE CLOONEN**  
*- President*

**LYNN O'BRIEN-AHLDEN**  
*- Past President*

**DAVID JAFFE**  
*- Vice President*

**CHRIS BOHLEN**  
*- Secretary*

**JAKE LEE**  
*- Treasurer*

**KAREN KORUP-DUCHENE**  
*- Women's Guild*

**JUNELL HOEKSTRA**  
*- KVYSO*

**BARBARA SCHWARK**  
*- KVYSO*

### DIRECTORS

Yvonne V. Chalfant  
Robert de Oliveira  
Nina Epstein  
Marcie Kolberg  
Liz Madsen  
Rebecca Schiltz  
Angela Shea  
Michael Snyder  
Maurice Sullivan

### WOMEN'S GUILD

**KAREN KORUP-DUCHENE**  
*- Chair*

**DEE PINSKI**  
*- Co-Chair*

**VICKY MCBURNIE**  
*- Meeting Notes*

**JANE VEERS**  
*- Financials*

**KAREN KORUP-DUCHENE**  
*- KVSO Board Representative*

**DONNA KARLOCK AND  
DEE PINSKI**  
*- Symphony of Fashion*

**KAREN  
KORUP-DUCHENE  
AND DEE PINSKI**  
*- Symphony of Sweets*

**KAREN  
KORUP-DUCHENE**  
*- Annual Meeting*

**SHARON OUWENGA**  
*- Historian*

**CAROL VALLONE**  
*- Membership*

**MARY JANE CAPRIOTTI  
AND CHRIS CREGO**  
*- Nominating*

**SHARON OUWENGA**  
*- Publicity*

### KVYSO

**BARBARA SCHWARK AND  
JUNELL HOEKSTRA**  
*- Co-Chairs*

**ALLISON BEASLEY**  
*- Secretary*

**RICH SCHILTZ**  
*- Treasurer*

**KATRINA CESSNA**  
*- Music Director/Conductor*

**GEORGE KWAIN**  
*- Music Librarian*

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Jensen  
Daniel Lesch  
Laura White  
Cassandra McCullough



## CASH RECEIPTS\*

	2022-2023	2021-2022	Annual Budget
Subscriptions	\$12,360	\$12,010	\$11,660
Ticket Sales	6,730	6,010	5,000
Concert/Season Sponsorships	2,500	2,000	2,000
Kiwanis Children's Concert	3,000	-	3,950
Fourth of July Sponsor	5,500	5,500	5,500
Program Ads	7,828	8,029	8,029
Donations	15,885	18,634	17,228
Transfer from Women's Board	-	17,000	16,000
Transfer from Foundation funds	26,378	20,488	19,488
Charlton Family Fdn Support	6,000	6,000	6,000
Grant Revenues	8,100	58,200	9,800
Fourth of July Admission Fees	7,560	8,100	7,560
Other	3,230	13,840	3,800
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$105,071</b>	<b>\$175,811</b>	<b>\$116,015</b>

## Corporate & Community Partners

Lynn O'Brien-Ahlden	Iroquois Federal Foundation, Inc.
Arends Hogan Walker, LLC	David Jaffe
Chris Bohlen and Rosemary Pistorius	Carol Johnson
Charlton Family Charitable Foundation	Kankakee Community College
Gary and Kate Cloonen	Kiwanis Club of Kankakee
Community Foundation	Sharon McGuire
of Kankakee River Valley	Milner Media Partners
The Daily Journal	Nucor Steel
Emma Rose Dieter	Olivet Nazarene University
Eastgate Industrial Parkway	Warren and Sharon Ouwenga
Robert and Kathy Evans	Peddinghaus
First Trust Bank of Illinois	Riverside Medical Center
Bob and Sandy Hoekstra	Norman Strasma
Hoekstra Transportation, LLC	John and Jane Veers
Illinois Arts Council	



## CASH DISBURSEMENTS\*

	2022-2023	2021-2022	Annual Budget
Staff	\$12,600	\$12,100	\$14,700
Musician Costs for Concerts	58,565	51,150	75,350
Kiwanis Youth Concert	3,100	-	4,319
Musicians for Fourth of July	5,225	7,485	5,600
Other Fourth of July Expenses	4,756	4,218	4,218
Mini Concert Expenses	3,215	3,910	3,910
Music and Licensing	568	1,623	1,623
Insurance	2,701	2,631	2,631
Venue Expense	1,080	2,302	2,302
Professional Fees	1,950	1,850	2,100
Advertising	1,124	830	900
Printing and Postage	2,158	2,479	2,479
Graphic Design	5,477	7,598	6,000
Web Site Maintenance	-	-	-
Other Expenses	5,807	5,083	5,082
Transfer to Youth Symphony	2,609	2,676	2,676
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>110,935</b>	<b>105,935</b>	<b>133,890</b>
Receipts in excess of expenditures	(5,864)	69,876	(17,875)
Cash at beginning of year	129,555	59,679	
Payment on Foundation Payable	-	-	
<b>Cash at end of period</b>	<b>\$123,691</b>	<b>\$129,555</b>	

\* Due to printing deadlines, figures shown are through 5/15/23





## KVSO 2023 'MUSIC IN THE PARK' SERIES

Performed at Cobb Park | Kankakee, Illinois (unless otherwise noted)

All concerts will begin at 4 PM | No admission – donations welcome

July 2 – Woodwinds | July 16 – Brass | August 13 – Strings

- and -

Sept. 4, 1:30 PM - Performed on stage at the  
Herscher Homecoming and Labor Day Celebration

### *Riverview Historic District Summer Concerts:*

June 11 | June 25 | July 30

## KVSO 2023-2024 CONCERT SEASON

### *A Season of Hope!*

— TENTATIVE SCHEDULE —

**Tuesday, July 4, 2023 - 8 PM** | Independence Day Concert and Celebration  
at Kankakee Community College - Fireworks at approximately 9:15 PM

**September/Early October 2023 • Music of Hope!**

**November 2023 • Praying for Hope!**

**Kiwanis Youth Concert - Date and time TBD**

**December 3, 2023 • Being together in the Holiday season brings us Hope!**

**Late February or early March 2024 • Performing and Singing Together Provides Hope!**

**April 2024 • Youth provides Hope!**

*Please visit [KVSO.ORG](http://KVSO.ORG) or our Facebook page periodically for updated concert information.*



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## KVYSO 2023-2024 CONCERT SEASON

### *24 Years!*

**Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 3 PM** | Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 4 PM** (with the KVSO)

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 3 PM** | Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University

**Independence Day Concert and Celebration** at Kankakee Community College - Date and time TBD