



# ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022 CONCERT SEASON



KANKAKEE VALLEY  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA







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# *Welcome to the* 2022 ANNUAL DINNER

June 22, 2022 • Kankakee Country Club



## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Lynn Ahlden | President, KVSO Board of Directors

Gwen Benson | Member, KVSO Board of Directors

## ENTERTAINMENT

Music by Alex Francois, Cellist

Dr. Josh Ring, Pianist

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

Presented by Yvonne Chalfant

Honoring David M. Jaffe

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE KVSO FAMILY

Financial Update - Jake Lee, Treasurer

Introduction of New Officers

Introduction of Board

## PREVIEW OF THE COMING SEASON

'Stronger Together'

Dr. Allan Dennis



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



2021-2022 SEASON REPORT OF THE

# KANKAKEE VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Our concert theme this year was "MUSIC BRINGS US TOGETHER". And, together, we are on the cusp of a new season building on previous successes.

Our area's traditional Fourth of July celebration was held on the banks of the Kankakee River in partnership with Kankakee Community College, the City of Kankakee and the Kankakee Valley Park District. It was a glorious evening, featuring spectacular and patriotic music by the KVYSO, the Kankakee Municipal Band and the KVSO. Tchaikovsky's Overture from 1812 introduced the fireworks! How wonderful it was to celebrate our Nation's finest holiday with our neighbors and friends.

The summer of 2021 featured KVSO quintets and quartets performing in Kankakee's Cobb Park, the Farmers' Market, St. George Church and the Railroad Depot, with no cost to our guests. These events were well received by the public and very significant to our musicians.

The regular concert season found KVSO at several venues. We are grateful to Asbury United Methodist Church for hosting our September 26th concert; to Olivet Nazarene University for hosting a memorable evening on November 10th; to Kankakee High School for our traditional holiday concert on December 5th; to Morning Star

Baptist Church in Kankakee for hosting a very special concert on February 26th celebrating the music of Florence B. Price, and to Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais for a spectacular concert celebrating our French Heritage on April 23rd. We extend our sincere thanks to all those individuals who made the venues available and assisted KVSO in so many ways.

Thank you to the Women's Guild, the KVYSO, the Foundation for their support and for always being there.

Thank you to our creative and talented Conductor, Dr. Allan Dennis and to our excellent KVSO musicians for their adaptability!

Thank you to the Board of Directors, patrons, sponsors and advertisers for their consistent support and encouragement during yet another challenging year.

It has been a distinct honor to have served as president of KVSO these past three years and I thank the Board for that opportunity.

We have kept the music playing!

Respectfully submitted,



**Lynn Ahlden**

President  
Board of Directors



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

# KVSO GUILD

Cautiously, KVSO Guild members began our fiscal year in August, 2021, with an in-person meeting to wrap up details for a September luncheon and style show, coordinated by Donna Karlock and Dee Pinski. We were delighted with 155 reservations at the Step Up to the Symphony afternoon from which we gained close to \$6000 profit! Immediately, however, we enthusiastically planned for a return to everybody's favorite holiday event, Symphony of Sweets. With chairs Karen Korup-Duchene and Dee Pinski at the helm, the December gala at the Kankakee Country Club was joyous, as usual, and profitable.

In November, we were saddened by the death of Peter Crego, long-time KVSO board member and husband of Guild member Chris. A memorial was established in his honor to which both orchestra supporters and community members have generously contributed.

We have been fortunate to find a new "home" for our meetings which are at 10:00 on the 4th Monday of the month: the 3rd floor of the Kankakee Public Library. The room is accommodating; we are grateful for the hospitality of the staff there.

This spring, Guild members prepared and served dinners for 10 guests of Sharon and Warren Ouwenga to fulfill their Symphony of Sweets auction purchase.

The Ouwengas' generosity to the Guild is abundantly appreciated!

At our April meeting, the following names were approved as the 2022-2023 KVSO Women's Guild leadership team:

- Chairman–Karen Korup-Duchene
- Vice-chairman–Dee Pinski
- Meeting Notetaker–Vicky McBurnie
- Financial Secretary–Jane Veers

Additional chairs are:

- Symphony of Sweets–Liz Madsen and Carol Vallone
- Publicity–Sharon Ouwenga

These ladies assumed their new positions at the Guild's annual luncheon on May 24.

Finally, as I conclude my 2-year term as Guild chairman, my greatest honor this year was to present to the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra our proceeds from this year's fund-raising and contributions. On behalf of the Guild, at our May luncheon, I presented a check for \$17,000 to Allan.

Respectfully submitted,



**Vicky McBurnie**  
*Guild Chairman*



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

# Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra

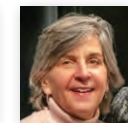
Listed below are some of the highlights of the 2021-2022 season:



- July 4, 2021 – Performance at Kankakee Community College with KVYSO members, alumni, and community members.
- September 11, 2021 – Auditions for 2021-2022's 'Season of Rediscovery' were held at Olivet Nazarene University. KVYSO offered a full orchestra experience this year! Sunday rehearsals at Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University, began outside under the tent with Covid-19 mitigations in place.
- November 21, 2021 – Fall concert at Kresge Auditorium, Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University. This concert marked the return of the full orchestra, featuring works by Leroy Anderson and Saint-Saens.
- December 5, 2021 – KVYSO members were invited to play on the KVSO Holiday Concert.

- December 11, 2021 – KVYSO Chamber Musicians performed a short Holiday program at the Kankakee Winter Market, 4th floor of the Kankakee Public Library.
- January 9 and 16, 2022 – 'Bring a Friend' rehearsals and auditions for second semester. KVYSO began indoor rehearsals with Covid-19 mitigations in place.
- April 24, 2022 – 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 Lecuona, Sibelius, Handel, Vaughan Williams and Lin-Manuel Miranda. Senior Orchestra members were honored and the Lorne Schnell Scholarships awarded.

Respectfully submitted,



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





## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

KVSQ's fifty-fourth season was, again, marked with challenges, creatively addressing those challenges and working our way back to performing for our audiences in person and inside! It was a year where we learned who really missed having quality classical and popular music in the River Valley area and I was very proud of this year's achievements – musical and administrative! Like last year 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 KVSQ. 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 since, hopefully, Covid-19 will allow us to do so.

I truly appreciate Lynn and am so honored to work with her in trying to solve issues while planning for resuming as soon as safely possible.

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

- The successful and continued call for Music in the Parks series where chamber groups performed in our beautiful Kankakee parks and at the Farmers' Market.
- Starting to record our concerts.
- Being financially solvent.



I am proud to have been a part of this season!

I look forward next year to working with a full orchestra for 3 concerts plus July 4 and chamber orchestra for 2 concerts plus Kiwanis.

So thank you to all who are involved in keeping the KVSQ organization going - Lynn and the KVSQ BOD, the Women's Guild, the Foundation Board and the KVSQ Youth Orchestra, as well as all their staffs.

Thank you to the wonderful musicians who brought their talents back to the KVSQ to make such beautiful music.

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

Respectfully submitted,



**Dr. Allan Dennis**  
*KVSQ Music Director*



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation funds started the year with \$770,948, as of May 2021. 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 \$20,488 was transferred from the investments to the operating funds of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra during the 2021–2022 season. After eleven months of activity and the transfer to operations, the invested funds were \$726,523 at the end of April 2022.

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 lifetime 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 several difficult years.

Thanks to all of our donors.



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

*Congratulations to the 2022*  
**DR. JANET V. LEONARD**  
**CON SPIRITO AWARD RECIPIENT**  
**David M. Jaffe**



## 2021-2022 LEADERSHIP

### KVSO BOARD

**LYNN AHLDEN**  
*President*

**GWEN BENSON**

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*KVYSO*

**DAVID JAFFE**

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*Treasurer*

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**VICKY MCBURNIE**  
*Guild*

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*KVYSO*

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**DR. P. J. THOMPSON**

### GUILD

**VICKY MCBURNIE**  
*Chair*

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

**CAROL VALLONE**  
*Meeting Notes*

**JANE VEERS**  
*Financials*

**VICKY MCBURNIE**  
*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*

**DANA JACOBUCCI**  
*Administrative Coordinator*

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





## CASH RECEIPTS\*

	2021-2022	2020-2021	Annual Budget
Subscriptions	12,010	-	12,000
Ticket Sales	6,010	-	3,165
Concert/Season Sponsorships	2,000	4,980	2,490
Kiwanis Children's Concert	-	-	-
Fourth of July Sponsor	5,500	-	5,500
Program Ads	8,029	-	6,384
Donations	18,159	40,263	3,100
Transfer from Women's Board	-	28,000	7,000
Transfer from Foundation funds	20,488	17,189	21,567
Charlton Family Fdn Support	6,000	3,500	6,000
Grant Revenues	58,200	9,800	47,500
Fourth of July Admission Fees	8,100	-	8,100
Other	13,720	2,212	12,200
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$158,216</b>	<b>\$105,944</b>	<b>\$135,006</b>

## Corporate & Community Partners

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## CASH DISBURSEMENTS\*

	2021-2022	2020-2021	Annual Budget
Staff	10,100	33,768	13,950
Musician Costs for Concerts	48,900	-	57,370
Kiwanis Youth Concert	-	-	-
Musicians for Fourth of July	7,485	-	7,485
Other Fourth of July Expenses	4,218	10,000	4,218
Mini Concert Expenses	3,910	3,212	3,810
Music and Licensing	1,623	-	950
Insurance	2,631	2,641	3,500
Venue Expense	2,302	-	3,000
Professional Fees	1,850	1,750	1,900
Advertising	830	1,183	1,200
Printing and Postage	2,479	415	3,500
Graphic Design	6,493	2,142	4,200
Web Site Maintenance	-	-	500
Other Expenses	5,017	1,619	7,160
Transfer to Youth Symphony	-	-	4,000
Total Disbursements	97,838	56,730	116,743
Receipts in excess of expenditures	60,378	49,214	18,263
Cash at beginning of year	59,679	21,512	
Payment on Foundation Payable	-	(11,047)	
<b>Cash at end of period</b>	<b>\$120,057</b>	<b>\$59,679</b>	

\* Due to printing deadlines, figures shown are through 4/25/22



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**2022 'MUSIC IN THE PARK' SERIES**

**Cobb Park, Kankakee, Illinois • All concerts will begin at 4 PM**

July 3 • July 17 • August 14 • August 28

No admission • Donations accepted



**KVSO 2022-2023 CONCERT SEASON**

**Stronger Together**

Saturday, October 1, 2022 - 7 PM | Olivet Nazarene University

Saturday, November 5, 2022 - 7 PM | Asbury UMC

Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 3 PM | Lincoln Cultural Center (LCC)

Saturday, March 11, 2023 | Location and time to be determined

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - 7 PM | Olivet Nazarene University

4th of July Celebration at Kankakee Community College | Date and time to be determined

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



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**KVYSO 2022-2023 CONCERT SEASON**

**23 Years!**

Sunday, November 20, 2022 - 3 PM | Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University

Sunday, December 4, 2022 (with the KVSO) - 3 PM | Lincoln Cultural Center (LCC)

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 3 PM | Larsen Fine Arts Center, Olivet Nazarene University

4th of July Celebration at Kankakee Community College | Date and time to be determined

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