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Dee Seaholts, Mark Seaholts, Gordon Seaholts, President of the Kent State University Orchestra Society Maryalice Seaholts, Chuck Seaholts, Ann Valasky and Ed Valasky



Patrick Wentz, Charlie Wentz, Interim Director of the KSU School of Music Denise Seachrist, Chris Wentz and Katie Wentz with Elloise Seachrist, in front



Garvin Carter, Theresa Carter, president of Omnova Solutions Foundation, and Allan Henderson

OUT AND ABOUT

34th 'Evening with the Orchestra' benefit concert

Pays tribute to longtime KSU Orchestra Society President Maryalice Seaholts, retiring after 23 years

The 34th annual Evening with the Orchestra benefit dinner concert featuring the Kent State University Orchestra, directed by Christopher James Lees, was held recently at the Kent Student Center Ballroom.

The event raised more than \$11,000 through its attendance, its Conduct-the-Orchestra auction, conducted by Christopher Lees, and the scholarship donations.

The orchestra opened the program for 380 people with the "Slavonic Dance in C Major, Op. 46 No 1" by Antonin Dvorak.

One of the highlights of the evening was Charlie Wentz, winner of the Conduct-the-Orchestra auction, as he conducted Georges Bizet's "Les Toreadors" from the Carmen Suite No. 1, which he dedicated to his wife, Dr. Denise Seachrist, interim director of the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music.

Directly following this, Lees conducted the auction for next year's conductor. Dr. Stanley Christensen was the winner. Interest in conducting the orchestra has grown over the past 10 years. Previous winners include Dr. Lawrence Oswick, Judge Jerry Hayes, Dr. Larry Andrews, Jane Lanctot, Alfred Cavaretta, Dr. Terry Kuhn, Dr. Robert Blacklow, David Nolin, Harold Hall and Maryalice Seaholts.

Orchestra Society Scholars were recognized. Recipients of the Benjamin and Marie A. McGinnis Chair and the G. Frank Elgin Chair also were recognized. They are Isaac



The Rev. Lloyd O'Keefe, one of the founders of the Orchestra Society; Roberta O'Keefe; Paul Wallace, co-treasurer of the KSU Orchestra Society; and Kathy Lilley, Orchestra Board member

Allen and Daniel Peters.

The closing selection was "Slavonic Dance in G Minor, Op. 46, No. 8" by Dvorak.

The event was dedicated to "the invaluable and committed service to the KSU Orchestra Society by its retiring president of 23 years, Maryalice Seaholts."

Seachrist invited Seaholts to join her at the podium, along with Dr. Larry Andrews, incoming president of the Society. Andrews congratulated Seaholts for her

longtime service and dedication and praised the development of the Society, which this year awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships and funded two graduate students.

Seachrist presented the Maryalice Seaholts Endowed Orchestra Award, which will be awarded annually to music students who demonstrate aptitude, excellence and/or service to the Orchestra of Kent State University.

Gifts were also presented

by Sallie Bear, vice president of the Society, and Shawn Gordon, advancement officer, College of the Arts. Seaholts remarked that her greatest joy was watching the growth and development of the talented students and expressed her appreciation to her fine board and her family for their work and support.

An evening of dancing followed the concert. Music was provided by the KSU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Chas Baker.



Dave Petrone; Debbie Petrone, co-treasurer of the Orchestra Society; Karen Andrews; and Larry Andrews, corresponding secretary and incoming president of the KSU Orchestra Society

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Orchestra Society Board members Lynn Lemon and Bobbie Ewbank with recording secretary and chair of the Evening with the Orchestra, Roseanne Henderson



Christopher James Lees, Chas Baker and Charlie Wentz



Senior Associate Provost Tim Chandler, Margi Chandler, Janet Frank and KSU Provost Robert Frank



Kirk Gordan, Shawn Gordan, Susan Smith and Randall Smith