

# TERRE HAUTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

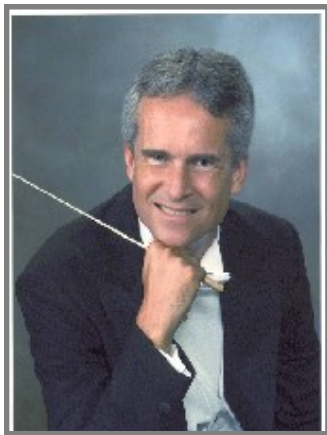
# Symphony Notes

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## THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING

by David Bowden,  
Music Director



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Following the extraordinary response to the first half of the THSO season (see article inside), there is a palpable sense of excitement as the orchestra prepares to feature our own members in "Terre Haute Favorites" on **March 1, 2008** at Tilson Music Hall.

**Kate Prouty**, our gifted piccolo player, is thrilled to be presenting a beautiful new work by THSO Composer in Residence, Daniel Powers: "It is so nice to play a new piece that is filled with melody and pure fun. Dan makes the piccolo sound wonderful. I can't wait for the audience to hear the *Concerto Piccolo*!"

Beethoven's *Symphony #2* is one of the composer's most pleasing and enjoyable symphonies. Written during the time when Beethoven first realized that he was going completely deaf, it is clearly a powerful breakthrough as he moved beyond the classical world of Haydn and Mozart and into a depth of musical emotion that would continue to grow through the rest of his compositional life.

**Harriet Thompson Moore** has been playing harp most of her life and has been Principal Harpist for the THSO since 1991. She is pleased to be featured on the soothing and expressive music of Claude Debussy. The

Dances that she will be playing fall easily on the ear and beautifully demonstrate the technical possibilities of the modern harp.

Stravinsky's *Firebird* is one of the great romantic pieces for large orchestra. The sweep, richness, and grandeur of the music is simply stunning. From the first tremulous flutter of the Firebird's Wings to the glorious finale with full orchestra blazing away in spectacular fashion, the work is awash in amazing colors and beautiful themes.

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## April Gala to Complete Symphony Season

We have plans for an exciting evening to finish out the season April 5th. A return of Five by Design with their fun and fanciful depiction of the early days of television will be a treat for all!

A sumptuous dinner will be served along with an open bar and time to visit with your Symphony friends.

Original works of art and

other fine collectibles will be for sale at auction - both the silent type and the old-fashioned Hoosier tradition of competitive bidding with a special "Guest Auctioneer".

Please make your reservations soon as tickets will be at a premium. Just call the THSO office at 812.242.8476 or send your check to us at:

**Terre Haute Symphony  
25 N. Sixth Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807.**

Don't miss out on this fun evening sponsored by First Financial Bank. It's sure to be a memorable time!

Watch for further details to come in your mail.



## Symphony League Spring Luncheons

The THSO League will host a series of spring luncheons in May and June to benefit the Symphony. Chairperson JoAnne Rowe says that several members have already volunteered to host luncheons, each with their own unique theme. The luncheons will be open for 8 to 12 guests at each, at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

Flyers will soon be available listing the location and the menu for each event. Gather your friends and attend one (or more!) This will be a great opportunity to introduce others to the THSO League and the great things it has been doing.

If you wish to host or attend a luncheon please call the Symphony office at 812.242.8476 or e-mail [THSymphony@aol.com](mailto:THSymphony@aol.com).



**Season Ticket  
Discounts  
available at  
April 5 concert**

## Discounts for Early Ticket Purchase

The early bird really does get the worm! Make your season ticket purchase at the April concert and save.

Those who buy their season tickets for the 2008–2009 THSO Season will receive their tickets at a reduced rate. It's a chance to enjoy *Great Music! Close to Home* for the price of a night out at the show.

This offer will be available for a limited time only. Purchase can be made only the night of the April 5 concert and for one week following. (April 5 through April 11)

Take advantage of this chance to plan ahead and get the seat you want, along with the benefits of being a season subscriber of the THSO.

Tickets will be priced as follows:

<u>Platinum</u>	\$160, reduced to \$150
<u>Gold Level</u>	\$120, reduced to \$100
<u>Silver Level</u>	\$80, reduced to \$60

College student tickets will be \$15.00 and all others will remain the same.

## The Excitement is Building - continued from Page 1



On **April 5, 2008**, we are pleased to present again by popular demand the great vocal group **Five By Design**. This will be a night to remember!

From top hits to cool riffs, from classic skits to comedy bits, Five By Design will take us back to the days of the small screen legends with **"Stay Tuned"**. This musical journey through the early

days of television is chocked full of memorable songs, commercials, and sketches, all presented live, and in living color.

Don't Touch that dial! Five By Design tunes in to such programming as The Dinah Shore Show, Perry Como's Kraft Music Hall, and Milton Berle's "Texaco Star Theatre," drawing upon those television pioneers that

came from vaudeville, radio, motion pictures, classical music, and Broadway. Remember *Sh-Boom, More, Hey There*, and *Papa Loves Mambo*?

Five By Design's *"Stay Tuned"* is an affectionate glimpse into American culture from 1950 to 1966.

Don't miss it!

## The Reviews Are In by David Bowden, Music Director

Standing cheering ovations at all of our first three concerts! Smiling faces and generous compliments as people lingered after the music. Consistent increases in Supper at the Symphony participation. Feedback from multiple sources weeks after each concert raving about the pleasure, the quality, and the joy of the performances!

These are good signs that make everyone happy – especially THSO musicians and THSO Board members!

It's interesting to receive feedback from many differ-

ent sources as we go through a season. Obviously we are pleased with positive audience feedback. But we also hear from our orchestra members, from respected music professionals who attend, from board and staff, and from our guest artists. This year, the feedback has been unequivocally strong from all sources for all of our concerts.

Perhaps the most telling feedback is from guest artists who are in great demand, who play with many wonderful orchestras, and who know a good orchestra

when they play with one. We have received outstanding reviews from all 3 of our guests to date.

You remember Rick Vale, of course. He sang with our orchestra in a Frank Sinatra Tribute at the Symphony in the Park concert in September -- then returned as our featured soloist for the Holiday Celebration. He loved working with us and was very complimentary regarding the orchestra's professionalism.

Anne Martindale Williams loved playing the *Elgar Cello*

*Concerto* with us and was very expressive regarding the quality and flexibility of the accompaniment and the beauty of our performance of the *Brahms Haydn Variations*. She later wrote and thanked us for the wonderful hospitality she experienced while she was in Terre Haute. She said it was better than she had ever experienced anywhere in the world!

Di Wu absolutely loved playing the *Grieg Piano Concerto* with us and said that she hoped I would invite her to appear with us again

### The Reviews Are In (Continued from above)

soon. (I said, "How about next September on Brahms' 1<sup>st</sup> Piano Concerto?" She said, "yes!") She was also appreciative of the excellence and flexibility of the orchestra's accompaniment of the concerto and remarked about the precision of ensemble, not only with her, but also on the other works on the program, especially the Prokofief. I hope you didn't miss her amazing encore – those who wit-

nessed her rendition of the 'one-handed' virtually unplayable adaptation of Chopin's *Black Key Etude* by Leopold Godowsky were absolutely mesmerized.

It has been a good year, so far.

Join us for the rest of the season – the music is varied and sure to be memorable!



Symphony friends and guests enjoy an evening of entertainment together. Don't miss your chance to buy season tickets at a discount in April!

## Giving to the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra

The Terre Haute Symphony is one of Wabash Valley's greatest assets, and one that is important to a vibrant and growing community. Please use this form to show your commitment to the continuation of **Great Music! Close to Home** performed by Terre Haute's own Symphony Orchestra.

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Donations can be mailed to THSO, 25 N. Sixth, Terre Haute IN 47807 or call 812.242.8476 and use your credit card.

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## Great Music! Close to Home

\*There will be Supper at the Symphony with Concert Conversations with David Bowden at the March 1 concert. Due to the Gala event on April 5, Concert Conversations will **not** occur.



**Music Director David Bowden explains the instruments of the orchestra at the annual Children's Concert.**



## Children's Concert Hosts Nearly 4000 Students

It's worth taking the day off to see the faces of hundreds of Wabash Valley fourth and fifth graders ..... THSO board members, League members and volunteers of all kinds take time out to help escort children at the annual Children's Concert. This year two performances will be offered on Friday, April 18th.

There is no charge for the concert as it is totally sponsored by the Clara Fairbanks Foundation, Terre Haute Savings Bank and the McCarthy Foundation. These sponsors,

like the THSO, are committed to the ideal that all children should learn about music.

Registration begins in January when letters go to all Vigo County schools and throughout the Wabash Valley including, Paris, Illinois to Clay County and Turkey Run to Sullivan. Teachers respond with the number expected to attend and seating is arranged by Judy Price at Hulman Center. Each school receives a teaching guide filled with lessons and puzzles relating to the instruments of the sym-

phony orchestra and the classical composers.

Volunteers are needed to escort children to their seats and back to the buses, help with providing and serving morning refreshments for the symphony musicians and to be stationed at strategic locations in case accident or illness occurs. If you can help please call the THSO office at 812-242-8476. You'll find it well worth your time.

**Childrens' Concert**  
**Friday, April 18, 2008**