

Patrons' Dinner

Sunday, Apríl 7, 2019

The Conservatory at The Madison Hotel Morristown, NJ

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF The Discovery Orchestra Welcome you to



Program

5:15pm	Cocktail Hour
	50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction

- 6:15pm Dinner Welcome - Ginny Johnston Remarks - David Osenberg, WWFM Discover Our Media Station 50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction 6:40pm Fund-a-Need - Brad Barton
- 7:15pm Announcement of Silent Auction & Raffle Winners

Friends Along the Way

As anyone in the nonprofit world will tell you, it is crucial to have a dedicated group of supporters who donate and attend events and, most importantly, *believe* in your organizations' mission and work, offering their support, especially during times of change.

As The Discovery Orchestra adapts its operating model to focus on our digital programming and reach, we are indeed grateful that our board, committee members and *you*, our passionate supporters, are with us for this journey!

We invite you to visit our Media Station tonight and see how we are reaching audiences in New Jersey *and beyond*. Although we will not be producing live concerts on a regular basis going forward, we anticipate new opportunities to invite you to special live media recordings and broadcasts. We will keep you posted about those.

We are also pleased to share that community outreach will continue to be a part of our programming, featuring listening sessions for music student and senior groups, helping them to deepen their connection with classical music. You may have noticed many young musicians and their family members at today's concert. We very much hope their Discovery Orchestra experiences will encourage them to make active music listening part of their lives as teens and adults.

Saying 'thank you' is one way we can communicate the deep gratitude we have for your support. We also want you to enjoy a fun party! So relax and delight in tonight's Patrons' Dinner and the opportunity to be with friends, who together create The Discovery Orchestra family.



Virginia Johnston Executive Director



Stephen Reynolds Board President



George Marriner Maull Artistic Director



George Marriner Maull models and teaches the enjoyment of music.

It is an immersion devoutly to be wished! Thank you George & The Discovery Orchestra.

Fond regards, Judy & Josh Weston

Steve, thank you for your expert leadership as well as your dedicated commitment to The Discovery Orchestra and congratulations for being honored by this distinguished award.

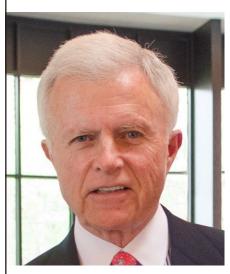
The Kosloski Family Foundation

Thank you George, Ginny, Elliot and Diane for all that you do to bring The Discovery Orchestra and its magical moments to so, so many.

And thank you also to all of our Trustees, Ambassadors, Donors and our many stakeholders for all of their continuous and loyal support. All the best,

Stephen Reynolds

Our 2019 Discovery Award Honoree Stephen Reynolds



Stephen has been a member of The Discovery Orchestra's Board of Trustees since 2012 and has served continuously as Board President since 2013. During that time, he has led the Board through strategic planning and fund raising initiatives, including the Orchestra's newly adopted strategic transition from a live performance model to a digital media delivery platform.

In addition to The Discovery Orchestra, Stephen's other not-for-profit organization service includes past board membership roles with the Somerset County Business

Partnership (Bridgewater, NJ), as Vice Chairman, and the Cancer Support Community of Central New Jersey (Bedminster, NJ). He continues to serve on the Finance Committee of the Cancer Support Community of CNJ.

In his professional career as a corporate banker, Stephen worked for several major New York banking firms, including Bankers Trust Company and CIBC World Markets where he managed the specialty finance unit and created the bank's mortgage warehouse lending practice. He retired from executive roles at PNC Wealth Management (Bridgewater, NJ) in 2013.

Stephen is a 1968 graduate of Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) and holds an MBA from New York University's Graduate School of Business. He served as a first lieutenant in the US Army from 1968 through1970, including a combat tour in Vietnam as a platoon leader with the First Infantry Division and as a troop executive officer with the 5th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Stephen lives in Flanders, New Jersey and is a life-long New York Giants fan.

Congratulations to this year's Discovery Award honoree Steve Reynolds!

With great appreciation for your passion and support of The Discovery Orchestra.

The Trustees and Staff of The Discovery Orchestra

Contributions in Honor of Stephen Reynolds

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Patrons' Dinner Attendees

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We regret names received after the printing of the program.

Sherman Wells Sylvester & Stamelman LLP is proud to support The Discovery Orchestra and would like to congratulate the 2019 Discovery Award Honoree - Stephen Reynolds.



Music is the language of all people. If only we would listen.

Thank you, George and The Discovery Orchestra for helping us learn to hear.

Debbie and Jerry Shaw

To the Orchestra and George Marriner Maull - Bravo! Dr. & Mrs. William Tansey George,

Congratulations to you and The Discovery Orchestra on completing another exciting year of beautiful music! You continue to bring joy to those who love music. We're Listening!



Bill, Vina & Cyrene Powers

Bravo to The Discovery Orchestra for 32 years of helping people emotionally connect with classical music.

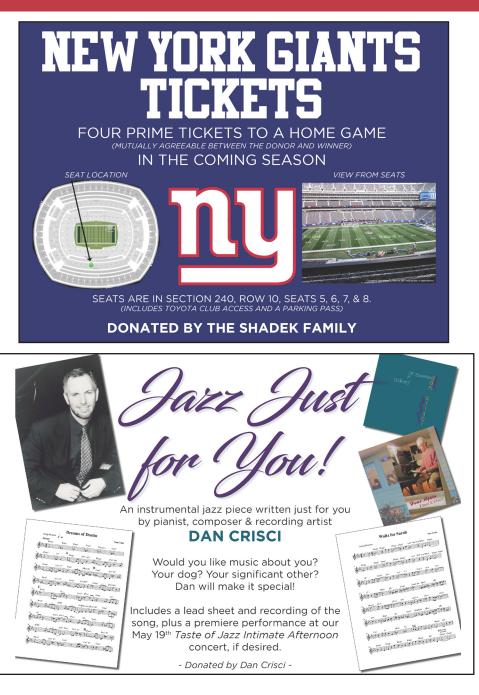
A standing ovation for George, Ginny, Elliot and Diane for filling life with aha moments!

Rachel Weinberger & Ed McGann

Let us continue to Discover.

Betse & Frank Gump

Silent Auction



Silent Auction



Four tickets to the Paper Mill Playhouse production of **Beauty and the Beast**

on June 1, 2019 at 7pm

INCLUDES: An invitation for 4 to attend a pre-show Cocktail Party in the Carriage House at 6pm and 2 parking passes.

A lovely outing for you and your children or grandchildren!

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Community Outreach ~ Fund-a-Need

At The Discovery Orchestra, our mission of teaching music listening skills to connect people with classical music *is for everyone*. So we often ask ourselves, 'How can we make it easier for people to attend our programs?'

Over the past few years we have expanded our outreach efforts to invite more community groups to our Discovery Concerts. We have been able



to not only provide concert tickets to several of these outreach groups, but also provide bus transportation - removing the transportation barrier makes a huge difference!

This season, thanks to the generosity of our 2018 Patrons' Dinner Fund-A-Need donors, we were able to provide complimentary tickets and busing to **7 student groups** this season!

80 music students and family members attended our November Discovery



Concert from Trenton Music Makers, Sonic Explorations, Newark School for the Arts Conservatory Program and Keys2Success.

Attending today are 76 students and family members from Newark School for the Arts Conservatory Program, Sister Cities Girlchoir and the Paterson Music Project.

We know we are on the right track when we receive feedback like this:

We are so grateful for the invitation for our wonderful kids to hear The Discovery Orchestra last November.



As you know, transport is a hurdle that we cross over and over again, and your providing this for us is deeply appreciated.. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Carol Burden, Executive Director, Trenton Music Makers

We invite you to expand our Outreach & help bring more community groups to our *Discover the Firebird* TV Taping in September.

You'll have the opportunity to do so during our Fund-a-Need this evening.



Jean Burgdorff's Legacy



Memorial gatherings are always special occasions. When someone dear to us dies we often find ourselves unable to express everything we need to at the time of his or her passing. And so memorial gatherings occurring at some interval after our loss, allow us the time we need to reflect and plan the tributes we wish to present.

Recently I was honored to be invited to speak briefly at the *Celebration of the Life of Jean T. Burgdorff*. Think for a moment about living a life devoted to acts of kindness to others. Now think how many individuals one might

positively affect in a 95-year lifespan.

There were hundreds of people at this gathering, and we all knew that we were only the proverbial 'tip of the iceberg.' It was heart warming to see the members of Jean's large family from the youngest toddler great grandchildren on up. And the comments made by Dr. Barbara Keller, Jean's spouse of fifty years, were incredibly moving.

Jean had built a real estate empire by, in her words, simply observing The Golden Rule each day. A devoutly religious individual, Jean did not just 'talk the talk' but rather 'walked the walk' spreading kindness in all directions. Former employees relayed things to me I'd never heard before. What CEO of a real estate corporation would take her agents, *all of them*, on a trip to Italy at her own personal expense...just to show them how much she appreciated them?

Jean, a highly accomplished classical pianist, was a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and Columbia University. Having taught music at Rutgers, she married Douglas Burgdorff, started a family, and when he died tragically at a young age, Jean took over his real estate business, and the rest... As I mentioned in my comments confined to only the musical portion of her philanthropic life, Jean, as an artist herself, constantly created opportunities and environments in which other artists could thrive. She had grown to love the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which I led from 1979 until 1997. When, in 1996, the Youth Symphony had gotten too large for its rented rehearsal space in Summit, NJ, Nancy Picchi, the Board President approached Jean and explained our need for a new home. Jean offered to build the wonderful rehearsal facility in Murray Hill that the NJYS, now in its 40th season, has called home from 1997 until the present day...an incredibly generous gift! All that we had to do was to raise the funds needed to match her substantial challenge donation...and we did!

When I decided to leave the New Jersey Youth Symphony in 1997 to pursue what was fast becoming my all-consuming passion – namely teaching people how to *listen* to classical music, Jean was one of the people I trusted to speak with about my plans. Her ever-present smile and eyes said: "If you can imagine this, you can do this. Go for it."

With the help of Jean's financial support of The Discovery Orchestra over the years, we've been able to reach *millions* of viewers nationwide through our American Public Television broadcasts, and many thousands of students for whom our televised *Discovery Concerts* are streamed into their classrooms, teaching young and mature alike "the listening skills that enable them to really emotionally connect with classical music."

Jean received our *Discovery Award*, an honor we bestow on individuals who have made a significant impact on The Discovery Orchestra, at our performance at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in 2009. As we prepare our 5th production for American Public Television, we are grateful, honored *and proud* that the Burgdorff Foundation will be among the benefactors appearing in the on-screen credits. And if I sometimes find our work to be daunting, I can always look at the photo I have of Jean and see her reassuring eyes and smile...something she gave freely to everyone she encountered as a truly intentional act of kindness.

George Marriner Maull

Discover the Firebird - Public Television Show

"We have found the content and presentation of your classical music 'how-to' programs to be particularly engaging and accessible to public television viewers... We expect *Discover the Firebird* will meet with similar success."

> Thomas Davison Director, Business Development, Grants & Foundation Relations American Public Television

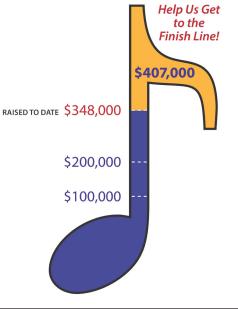
We are thrilled to share that we will be recording, before a live audience, our **5th show** for public television - **Discover the Firebird** - on Sunday, September 22 in the Fine Arts Center at Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ.

Artistic Director George Marriner Maull and 85 members of The Discovery Orchestra will explore *Kastchei's Infernal Dance* from Igor Stravinsky's popular masterpiece, the *Firebird Suite*.

The final three movements: *Infernal Dance, Lullaby* and the uplifting *Finale* of the *Firebird Suite* will bring the show to an enthralling, inspiring conclusion.

Our Production Partners will be *Midnight Media Group*, based in Millburn, NJ, and audio engineer David Walters.

The show will be distributed to public broadcasting stations nation-wide by *American Public Television. Films Media Group* is our distribution partner for the educational market, and the program will also be available on *Amazon Prime*.



Discover the Firebird Funders (received/pledged)

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We are getting close to our fundraising goal! Won't you help us get to the finish line?

A variety of benefits are available to sponsors and supporters of *Discover the Firebird*. Feel free to contact Ginny Johnston (*Executive Director*) at Ginny@ DiscoveryOrchestra.org or Elliot Dee (*Director of External Relations*) at ElliotDeeLLC@gmail.com.



HAVE A LOOK AND A LISTEN!

Clips from Maestro Maull's *Inside Music* radio program, our Chat videos and Discovery moments and performances from recent concerts!





A Segment from 3-2-1 Blast-Off!



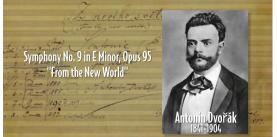
A teaching segment from Discover the Joy of Corelli



Performances from Discover the Joy of Corelli: Concerto Grosso – Allegro and Touch Her Soft Lips



A Teaching Segment from *Re-Discover Your Childhood*



A Segment from our series of Chat Videos on Dvorak's New World Symphony

Thank you to our Bartok á la Mode volunteers

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Brad Barton ~ Fund-a-Need Host



Brad Barton is a New York City based actor, writer, entertainment journalist, host, corporate trainer, and improv teacher. Brad has served as a host/emcee for events around the world, ranging from broadcast sessions, to corporate gatherings, to game show host for AT&T, Bank of America, ESPN, AMC, and many more.

Brad has performed on NBC's *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, ABC's *One Life to Live*, and *Upright Citizens Brigade* on Comedy Central. He's also appeared on MTV,

Food Network, and has shot pilots for Comedy Central and Metropolis Entertainment.

Brad served as Fandango's primary east coast correspondent for four years and interviewed over 150 different actors, directors, and film professionals ranging from Oprah Winfrey to Steven Spielberg to Brad Pitt.

> Special thanks to Laura Ward for providing social media support for today's event.

> > facebook

Many thanks to Dan Crisci (dcrisci88@gmail.com), our pianist this evening, and Debbie Weisman (nikon90s@aol.com), our photographer.

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Drawing to be held tonight!