

CHORUS MEMBERS
NEWS AND NOTES
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December, 2004

Cate Green and Gisela White

Tenor Cate Green and alto Gisela White both sing in the choir at St. Ignatius Loyola. A Christmas Concert, *Sing Choirs of Angels*, will be presented on Sunday Dec. 12, 2004 and Sunday Dec. 19, 2004 at 4:00 pm. St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Call 212-288-2520, or visit www.saintignatiusloyola.org.

AXA Art Cocktail Reception, December 15, 2004

A message to the Oratorio Society from Dr. Dietrich Von Frank, President, AXA Art Insurance Corporation. (Thanks to soprano **Mary-Jo Iacovino** for making this possible.)
Greetings!

Please join me for a cocktail reception and guided tour of the exhibition **Masterpieces of American Jewelry**, currently on display at the **American Folk Art Museum**, located at 45 West 53rd Street, New York, NY (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues) on **Wednesday, December 15, 2004, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The show features magnificently designed and crafted examples of jewelry spanning almost 150 years. This exhibition is also the inaugural event of the newly formed National Jewelry Institute whose mission is the preservation of and education about fine jewelry.

As prices for other precious object like art work and collectibles have again set records in recent weeks, Mary-Jo Iacovino and Zev Grossman of AXA Advisors have asked us to give a brief overview on how to protect and preserve the value of your collection while on display in your home or office.

I very much hope that you can come and would ask you to please RSVP by telephone (212) 415.8403 or by email to vonfrank@axa-art-usa.com, by December 7, 2004.

Happy Holidays!

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Mary-Jo Iacovino

If you are interested in a career in financial services, please speak to Soprano Mary-Jo Iacovino, Financial Consultant at AXA Advisors LLC. 212-541-1907 She will be pleased to discuss this and/or make an introduction. You can check out her website for more information also: www.mary-jo.biz.

November, 2004

Brian Percival

The Architecture of the Church Through History, a series of five illustrated lectures.

You are cordially invited to attend a series of slide-illustrated lectures presented by OS member Brian Percival (tenor) at the Center for Christian Studies at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church at 7 West 55th Street. The classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on November 9th, 16, and 30th and December 7th and 14th.

Brian is an architect and has taught art and architectural history at Queens College for many years. He has also taught at Bard College, the University of Maryland, New York Institute of Technology and Hunan University in China. He has had experience on archeological 'digs' in Sardis, Turkey and St. Maixent, France. Earlier he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malaysia. He holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell and the London School of Economics and Political Science. He serves point eh Architectural Guidelines Committee of Forest Hills Gardens, is a board member of the Poppenhusen Institute in College Point and serves on the vestry of St. Luke's Church in Forest Hills.

Recently, some Oratorio Society members had the privilege of attending a similar series of lectures that Brian presented at St. Luke's Church in Forest Hills. It was a wonderfully informative and fascinating series and is highly recommended to all.

You may register by e-mailing Mary Bostic at mbostic@fapc.org, or by calling her at 212-247-0490. If you plan to attend and wish to register at the first call meeting, please notify Miriam Coleman, alto. The cost is \$25.00. (\$15.00 for church members.)

October, 2004

Mary-Jo Iacovino

Please tune in the morning of Friday, October 29, 2004, to CNBCs *Morning Call*, (TV 15 in NYC) at about 10:45 a.m.

Soprano Mary-Jo Iacovino will be discussing general financial strategies.

George Serventi

It is with deep sadness that the society announces the death of bass George Serventi. George passed away the morning of October 26, 2004.

A Memorial service will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. James Chapel, 110th Street and Amsterdam Avenue at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow.

If you would like to donate to one of George's causes, by mail: Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah 84741.

<https://www.bestfriends.org/donate>

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Brenda Repland, at 114 Clinton Street, #3A, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Mary Ellen Rooney - Help Wanted!

Tenor Mary Ellen Rooney wishes to make the following request:

I need a Macintosh virtuoso to assist with the completion of a Digital Story Project. Must be at home with Photoshop, I-Movie, I-Tunes, Scanning, Digital Photography and general knowledge of Mac Systems. Please contact Mary Ellen Rooney in the tenor section, or at 212-740-9313.

Mary Ellen Rooney

Tenor Mary Ellen Rooney, a member of the United Nations Society of Writers, would like to share the following invitation:

The United Nations SRC Society of Writers Cordially invites you to a discussion on The Vision of Thomas Jefferson. Two admirers of Thomas Jefferson discuss the enduring power of his vision in today's world:

Mr. Eric S Petersen, Editor of the recently published book of Jefferson's writings: *Light and Liberty: Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness*

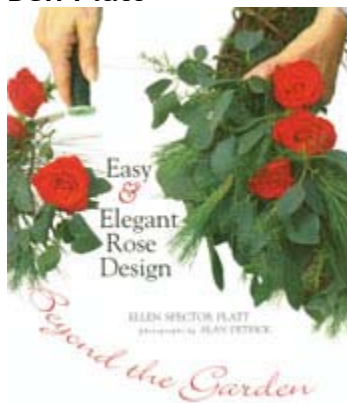
Mr. Willard Sterne Randall, Pulitzer Prize Nominee, renowned historian and author of *Thomas Jefferson, A Life*

Friday, 29 October 2004, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Conference Room 4, United Nations, New York

RSVP:

To register, log onto www.unsrcsocietyofwriters.org (tickets are free of charge and are required for anyone without a United Nations Grounds Pass) For further information contact: B. Weisbrot, (212) 457-1705, C.V. Claxton, (212) 963-3954

Ben Platt



Ellen Spector Platt, wife of Ben Platt in the bass section, has just received advance copies of her tenth book, "Easy and Elegant Rose Designs; Beyond the Garden." The book is published by Fulcrum Press and will be in bookstores later this month. Ellen writes extensively for books and magazines as well as

lecturing at the New York Botanical Garden and the New York Horticultural Society. Her new book presents over 30 projects ranging from simple arrangements to wreaths, topiaries, and framed rose pictures. Beautiful full color photographs, some taken by Ellen, others taken by the well known photographer Alan Detrick, illustrate the easy-to-follow instructions to construct these works of beauty. The book also has tips for selecting and growing roses, as well as preserving them. The book sells for \$20 and will make a wonderful Christmas present for your gardening friends.

Other books by Ellen can be viewed on her web site, EllenSpectorPlatt.com. You can e-mail her at ESP@Ellenspectorplatt.com.

If you are interested in this book, please contact Ben Platt - he will have a few copies for inspection and sale with him at rehearsals.

September, 2004

George Serventi

Here is an update from a friend on George Serventi this morning (9/27/04):

He is home since Saturday.

He can keep down liquids and is gaining some weight again. (Joked that he's "getting fat again!")

He will start chemotherapy on Tuesday or Thursday.

Brenda is exhausted and they are all trying to keep very positive about the results of treatment.

Their home address is 114 Clinton Street, #3A, Brooklyn, NY 11201

August, 2004

Job Posting from Mary-Jo Iacovino

We are looking for a director of operations ("Practice Operations Manager").

Following is a brief job description:

Manages partner's time so that we focus primarily on RPAs.

Oversees the Practice Plan to ensure timely activation of all initiatives.

Oversees the day to day running of the practice including financial, administrative and operational.

Ensures that business flows smoothly and efficiently and is paid quickly.

Prepares major planning and meeting sessions throughout the year.

Brainstorms with partners on Revenue Producing Ideas (RPIs) and Revenue Producing Opportunities (RPOs)

Communicates with staff on a continual basis to understand and respond to their issues, concerns and ideas.

Coordinates with Office Manager to develop training and develop programs for staff.

Hires practice staff and acts as liaison to AXA Headquarters and service centers.

Activates and monitors client audits and client segmentation.

Alleviates stress, absorbs non-RPAs and protects Mjo and Zev from non-RPAs and directs them to RPAs.

SEND RESUME BY RETURN EMAIL Mary-Jo.lacovino@axa-advisors.com

Mary-Jo lacovino

Please visit my website www.maryjo.biz

June, 2004

OS Members perform with the National Dance Institute

Seven members of OS are singing in 4 performances with the National Dance Institute. Jacques d'Amboise, former principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, founded NDI in 1976 and continues working with over 2000 New York-area public school children every year. The performances feature 200 incredible children, NDI alumni, professional dance troupes, various celebrity guests, and of course some wonderful singers! Kay Gayner, who is also a Teacher/Choreographer for NDI, is singing in the shows as the solo soprano. In addition, Gail Corvette, Emily Crawford, Maria Oesterreich, Yvette Vasquez, Brian Fisher, and Torrie Allen are performing as members of a 12-voice choir.

Performances are June 19th at 3:00 and 6:00, June 20th at 3:00 and NDI's Gala Performance on Monday, June 21st at 7:00 at LaGuardia High School's theater (65th and Amsterdam). The show is about an hour long.

May, 2004

Mary-Jo lacovino



Recent Paintings by Soprano Mary-Jo lacovino will be displayed at **Bistro Olivia**, 107-23 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375. The opening reception, with champagne and Hors D'oeuvres, will take place on Sunday, May 23, 2004, 5:30-9:30 pm. For more information, call 718-263-3336.

March, 2004

Randy Johnson

A friend of tenor Randy Johnson is selling a Co-op: 341 West 47th Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues. \$550,000 +/- . 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, patio, private entrance, 3 yr air conditioner, lots of closet space, storage space, low maintenance, building fully renovated 1986. Call Carl Whitley, 212-397-4837, or contact Randy at RLONEZ2@aol.com.

January, 2004

Lou Iacovino

The City Bar Chorus, an outreach project of the Association of the Bar, of which Oratorio tenor Lou Iacovino is a member and Kathy Schneider, a former Oratorio member, is the conductor, will be featured on NY1 News as the "*New Yorker of the Week*" for its community service work. The spot will start airing, Friday, January 30, and will run through the coming week-end and week.

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Members,

If you have anything that you'd like to announce here, like performances outside of OSNY in which you're involved, life events (weddings, babies), business announcements, etc., please send a note to Liz Simpson at webmaster@oratoriosocietyofny.org, or see her at rehearsal.