THE UNIVERSITY LEAGUE CANDLELIGHT CONCERT PRESENTS

THE HUNT QUARTET

Friday, December 14, 2007 at 5:30 pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 325 Segoe Road, Madison (Corner of Segoe and Mineral Point Roads)

As we enter the holiday season, let us celebrate together by welcoming the Hunt String Quartet, which will perform at our annual Candlelight Concert. The group is an ensemble of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music graduate students. They perform with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, in the community, and for Up Close and Musical, a nationally recognized program that brings music to elementary school classrooms throughout Dane County. Up Close and Musical is a collaborative effort of the MSO, the UW-Madison School of Music and the Overture Center for the Arts.

We will continue our celebration after the concert in the church’s Bradford Hall as we feast together at a buffet prepared by Manna Café (previously known as Collins House Catering). Manna Café is planning an interesting menu featuring hot beef brisket, baked strudels with winter vegetable and cheddar cheese filling, baby new potato bites filled with a spinach, leek and cheese mixture, salads, and Holiday dessert pastries—all for $20.00.

Check(s) for $20.00 should be made to University League, Inc. Reservations are due December 7, 2007; no late reservations please. Send to Kathy Hill, UL Candlelight Concert, 7303 Cedar Creek Trail, Madison WI 53717.

(See page 3 for Artists’ bios.)
FROM OUR PRESIDENT—
Janice Golay

It seems we galloped through October and November, and now the holiday season is suddenly here. It’s time for our popular “Candlelight Concert,” for reaching out to friends and family, and for sharing holiday meals. In this issue we’ve included some festive recipes, which might be fun to read or to try. We hope you enjoy them.

For your general information, Kathy Sandefur, Chair of the combined Scholarship Benefit/Endowed Scholarship Committee, has written an explanation and rationale for the evolution of this committee. It is another small step in streamlining the organization of University League. We hope this reorganization will clarify our important scholarship activities.

I hope to see you at the Candlelight Concert. My very best wishes for the holidays and for a happy and healthy New Year.

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RIDES TO MEETINGS

As announced in our last issue of the League Letter, we have begun a pilot “rides to meetings” program. Helen Read, (238-6137, bread@charter.net) of the Long-Range Planning Committee, is coordinating this effort. If you need a ride or can provide one, please contact her or Kathy Knox at 231-2197.

Other contacts are:
If you live at: Contact:  
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We realize that many members might not like to drive or go out at night to attend League functions. This is one way we hope to be able to alleviate your anxieties.

(The next deadline for submissions to the League Letter is December 21, 2007. Please email to bszeps@wisc.edu or send to Betty Zeps, 1922 Adams St. Madison, WI 53711.)
ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Hyunsil Roh, Violin I – Hyunsil Roh is a DMA student in violin performance at UW-Madison under the direction of David Perry. Ms. Roh is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra, where she also performs with the Hunt String Quartet of the Up Close & Musical® Program. A native of Korea, she has a bachelor’s degree in violin performance from Eastman School of Music and a master’s degree from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and studied with Oleh Krysa and Kathleen Winkler. Ms. Roh has also completed the Suzuki teacher training with Michele George in San Diego. She has participated in numerous music festivals including: The Music Academy of the West, The Quartet Program, Garth Newel, National Institute Orchestra, Chautauqua Institution, and THY music festival in Denmark. She has given performances throughout North America and Europe.

Rachel Hauser, Violin II – Rachel Hauser is pursuing a master’s degree in violin performance at UW-Madison with David Perry and Felicia Moye. Ms. Hauser is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra, where she is also a member of the Hunt String Quartet of the Up Close & Musical® Program. She has performed throughout the United States and Europe with ensembles such as: the ERASmus Metrople Orchestra (Helsinki, Finland), CREA Orchestra of Amsterdam, Utrecht Conservatory Symphony Orchestra and the New England Conservatory Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Hauser has won the Young Musician’s Competition of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center three times and has been featured on National Public Radio’s ‘From the Top.’ She has participated in the Musicorda, L’Ecole D’artes Americane Festival (Fontainebleau, France) and the Adriatic Chamber Music Festival (Bonefro, Italy). Ms. Hauser is an alumnus of the Utrecht Conservatory of Music in the Netherlands and the New England Conservatory of Music, where she studied with Masuko Ushio.

Nicholas Jeffery, Viola – Nicholas Jeffery is a DMA student in viola performance at UW-Madison, under the direction of Sally Chisholm. Mr. Jeffery is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra, where he is also a member of the Hunt String Quartet of the Up Close & Musical® Program. He received both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in viola performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music under the direction of Catharine Carroll and Masao Kawasasaki. Mr. Jeffery received a fellowship to play with the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen Orchestra (2005), and performed with the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble (2007). He is an active chamber musician, having performed with the FAZA string quartet, an ensemble dedicated to new music, and the Ippolito String quartet, whose focus is community outreach. Mr. Jeffery has also participated in several festivals, including, Encore School for Strings, Lucca Opera Theater and Music Festival in Lucca, Italy, and the Aspen Music Festival and School.

Sean Taubner, Cello – Sean Taubner is a master’s student in cello performance at UW-Madison and studies with Uri Vardi. Mr. Taubner is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra, where he is also a member of the Hunt String Quartet of the Up Close & Musical® Program. He received a Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance from the University of Manitoba, under the direction of Yuri Hooker and Paul Marley. Mr. Taubner won the opportunity to perform solo with several orchestras including the University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra, Mennonite Community Orchestra and Winnipeg Youth Symphony. He has participated in the National Youth Orchestra of Canada (Principal Cellist), l’orchestre de la francophonie canadienne, and the Canadian National Festival. Mr. Taubner has had the opportunity to work with Steven Isserlis, Zara Nelsova, Lawrence Lesser, Paul Kadz, Anthony Elliot, and Desmond Hoebi.
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT COMMITTEES MERGED

One and One equals more than Two!! Yes, that’s what happens when two groups of talented, creative, committed League members combine and focus their efforts! Effective this year, the Endowed Scholarship Committee and the Scholarship Benefit Committee have joined forces. Members are: Susan Becker, Mary Jean Buelow, Marian Randall, Marilyn Gunderman, Jill Muehrke, LaVonne Senn, UL President Janice Golay, UL Treasurer Edith First and Kathy Sandefur, committee chair.

This committee’s assignments include: (1) administration of named Endowed Scholarships, including promotion and new funds development; and (2) design and delivery of an annual Scholarship Benefit event—a Stay-at-Home benefit.

Currently, the committee is gathering information about our newest named Endowed Scholarship: a bequest from the Ethel Allen Estate of more than $400,000 to support undergraduate scholarships. The committee, with the UW Foundation, will look at how many scholarships can be granted from the earnings each year. When their study and analysis are complete, the Committee will make recommendations to the UL Board of Directors, our governing board. The University League is privileged to offer annual scholarships from 16 named endowments: Mildred and Lorentz Adolfson; Norma A. Brooks; Pat Cornwell; Louise B. DeFolliart; Bob and Lois Dick; Rosa P. Fred; Nancy Howes Harrington; Margaret McKee Hickman; Angelena Frenssley Leenhan; Carol V. Palmer; Dorothy Riley Searles; Virginia Hill Thayer; Grace Loeffler Thiede; Cynthia H. Youmans; Phyllis Young; and Helen W. Zillman. Donors of Named Endowed Scholarships designate which college shall benefit from their endowed scholarship fund. If you are interested in creating a named endowed scholarship, please contact any of the members of the committee, listed above, or the UW Foundation.

Planning is already underway for the Spring Stay-at-Home Benefit. This event is scheduled for late March, 2008. The proceeds from this important fund-raiser are divided among the colleges on campus, and are distributed in the summer, after the close of the League’s fiscal year. The gifts to each college vary from year to year, with amounts ranging from $1100 to $1500 per college. This stay-at-home format has been well received from our League membership, as demonstrated by your generosity each year. The Committee thanks you and is very grateful for that support.

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In Memoriam

We would like to send our deepest sympathy to Joan Calkins at the passing of her husband, Dean, and to the family of long time League member Hermine Davidson, who was a faithful participant in League activities for many years before her death at ninety-seven years.
Gift Memberships

A University League membership makes a great Christmas gift. We all have people on our list who have everything. For a gift of $30, a friend or relative can participate in all the activities of University League and feel good about supporting the University of Wisconsin through League. To give a gift, send a $30 (single) or $40 (couple) check made out to “The University League, Inc.,” along with your name and the name and address of the person receiving the gift to Roma Lenehan/ 3317 Lake Mendota Drive/ Madison, WI 53705.

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*In a large enameled pot, slowly heat 3/4 of the cider, until warm but not boiling. In another enameled pot, pour remaining cider and add the apples, sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, and ginger and bring to a boil. Vigorously simmer the apples until they lose their shape and become frothy. Combine the two liquids and pour into a heat-proof bowl. Whip the cream with the salt and brown sugar until it peaks. Spoon the cream onto the wassail, or add the cream to each tankard as it is served. Apple cider listed can be substituted by hard apple cider, dry white wine, light ale or stout beer.

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Addendum to the League Yearbook
Please add these names and addresses to your yearbook.

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ODYSSEY PROJECT

Odyssey Project is a popular University League Volunteer opportunity. It combines interest and enthusiasm for the University of Wisconsin and the local Madison community. Odyssey Project is a six-credit UW Humanities course for highly qualified, low-income local residents. The class meets every Wednesday at the Harambee Center on South Park St. They start at 5:30 PM with dinner together since most students are arriving from a full day at work.

Volunteers, including University League members, supply the dinner for the students. Often, UL Interest groups get together to provide the entire meal for $36--this sounds like a lot, but the Interest Groups have sometimes divided up the cooking and at other times have contributed money toward a meal or even combined cooking and buying.

All the meals for the first semester are covered. There are plenty of opportunities to sign up to provide a meal during second semester, which begins on Wednesday January 16, 2008. We encourage all of you to contribute. You may want to have an Odyssey cooking party. You may want to contribute money individually or with your interest group. You may want to find a favorite store or restaurant to either contribute or give a discount for all or some of a meal for this exemplary University/Community project.

There are other ways for University League members to contribute to the Odyssey Project. Volunteers are needed for tutoring, mentoring, donating books or finding bookstores that would like to donate reference books or other books to be used in class. Childcare is needed for the kids of some of the students and fundraising ability is helpful, especially if you know of businesses or individuals who would like to support the Odyssey Project. In addition, the Project could use help locating lawyers, social workers, dentists, financial consultants, and other professionals who can offer low cost or pro bono help, as well as job opportunities for students seeking work while in school.

Emily Auerbach gives this update about Year 5 of the project: "We have a tremendously exciting group of students this year and have had lively discussions so far of William Blake, Socrates, the Declaration of Independence, Greek and Roman architecture, and the Narrative of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. We have several of our graduates from earlier years now at UW-Madison fulltime, one graduate with a degree from Edgewood College and many at MATC working their way along toward transfers. Comments one graduate, "The Odyssey Project changed my life and is changing the community!""

Once you decide how you would like to help, contact Emily Auerbach by email at eauerbach@dcs.wisc.edu or phone her at 608-262-3733.

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It is certainly a sign of the festive holiday season when we bring out ancient recipe books in search of recipes we would never use at any other time. This could be an entire meal with baked squash!

**Pheasant Breasts with Hickory Nut Crust---from Janice Golay**
(This recipe was served at the October Foreign Foods dinner, with the theme of “Bountiful Wisconsin.” The original idea came from local chef Greg Upward.)

**Ingredients**
Pheasant Breasts – boneless, skinless, unfrozen.
Hickory Nuts – very coarsely ground, about 1/2 cup per three breasts
Seasoned flour, egg wash, clarified butter (to keep from burning)
*Pat thawed pheasant breasts with paper towel to dry. Lightly dredge in seasoned flour, shaking off all excess.*
*Using a pastry brush, paint one side of the breast with egg wash. Place painted side down in the ground hickory nuts. Then paint second side with egg wash and turn, covering second side with nuts.*
*Add about 1/4 inch clarified butter to pan and heat to sizzling.*
*Add pheasant breasts in a single layer. Do not crowd. Fry uncovered until nicely browned (approx. 5-6 mins), then turn and cook second side (about 5 mins). Check for doneness, but be very careful not to overcook.*

You may degrease pan with reduced apple cider and cooked apples, which can be served as a garnish. Wild rice always goes well as an accompaniment.

**Pineapple Upside Down Cake ---from Betty Zeps**
(Recipe originally came from my grandmother’s WWII Durham, NC, Trinity Methodist Church cookbook.)

**Ingredients**
1 large can pineapple, maraschino cherries, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup butter, 1 box yellow cake mix (my change-Grandmama used a cake recipe), almond extract (optional), green food coloring

*Soak pineapple and syrup in green food coloring. In round Teflon layer cake pan, melt butter and 1/2 tsp almond extract; sprinkle with brown sugar, stir until dissolved. Mix cake batter according to directions, using 2 tablespoons of the pineapple syrup for part of the liquid. Arrange green pineapple slices in pan, decorating gaps with maraschino cherries. Pour cake mixture on top and bake according to directions on box for one layer (you will have some of the mix left over). When turned rightside up, it looks like a Holiday wreath.*

**Wassail---from Betty Zeps**
(This recipe is from a late 19th century cookbook left me by my grandmother. In older times, the recipe would include eggs as well.)

**Ingredients**

1 gallon apple cider
1/2 cup sugar, if cider is tart.
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon powdered cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger

12 small apples, peeled with cores removed
2 cups heavy (whipping) cream
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons brown sugar

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UNIVERSITY LEAGUE CANDLELIGHT CONCERT
RESERVATION FORM

Due by December 7, 2007

Program: The Hunt String Quartet

Your Name: ___________________________ Phone: ______________

Guest ___________________________ Guest ___________________________

Do you need a ride? ______________ Can you provide a ride? __________

(for information, see the article on page 2)

Concert/Buffet at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Friday, December 14, 2007, 5:30 pm

# ________reservations @ $20.00 each = __________

scholarship donation = __________

total = __________

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