The University League Presents

THE MAD CITY BRASS

In the Annual Candlelight Concert
Friday, December 11, 2009
Blackhawk Country Club

Since the December holiday season is traditionally a time for listening to fine music played on brass instruments, The University League proudly presents the Mad City Brass, a graduate student brass quintet, as the featured performers for this year’s Candlelight Concert. Join us on Friday, December 11, at Blackhawk Country Club for an evening of music and friendship. (Please note the change in location for this event!)

The evening will begin with a social hour at 4:45 p.m. with the performance scheduled to begin promptly at 5:30. Following the concert, we will enjoy a buffet dinner which will include carved beef and turkey, a selection of salads and an assortment of holiday cookies. The cost is $26 per person. All reservations are due by Tuesday, December 8. Please return the reservation form (found on the last page of this newsletter) with a check payable to The University League, Inc. to:

Helen Read
813 Ottawa Trail
Madison, WI 53711

The Mad City Brass is a new ensemble at UW-Madison and was formed as a way to help fund graduate brass students. The Quintet features the talents of founding members: Logan Brown on trumpet, Daniel Cross on trumpet, Rose Valby on horn, Christy Swartz on trombone and Matthew Moore on tuba.

Logan Brown is currently finishing his undergraduate degree in trumpet performance at UW Madison. He has been very active in teaching privately and performing locally in the Madison area. Brown has performed with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, the Capitol City Band, the Madison Savoyards Orchestra and is a regular performer at St. Paul’s Church in Middleton, Wisconsin. Brown will be continuing his musical education in graduate school within the next few years.

Daniel Cross is pursuing the Master’s degree in trumpet performance at UW-Madison under the tutelage of John Aley. He received his Bachelor’s degree in trumpet performance from Boise State University in 2008. Dan has studied with members of the San Francisco Symphony, the American Brass Quintet, the Spokane Symphony and the Boise Philharmonic. He looks forward to a career teaching and playing trumpet.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:
JEANNE BURULL

Dear Fellow League Members:

ONCE UPON A TIME charities sent their donation requests to possible givers once a year. Several decades later, they multiplied their requests to twice a year. Today, the requests follow hard upon the heels of a previous request, as often as monthly. Not only that, but the number of charities asking for funds has proliferated to include any manner of local, state, national, and international charities. We are plagued with heart tugs and a myriad of choices, which, if responded to, would not match the stretch of our pocketbooks and our available time to handle them.

My cousin solved the problem by tossing all donation requests in a large bowl as they arrived, handling the sorting and choosing once a year. I've never had that amount of self-control, but over the years I have developed a sense of what works for my inner needs, as well as for our budget.

Three questions are key to my decisions: (1) What do I value? (2) Is the charity local, state, or national? (I prefer those closer to home.) (3) What is the organization's overhead cost; i.e., how much goes to supporting the organization's administration, rather than its charity? (In other words, I am looking for my dollar's most full and effective result.)

This is leading up to telling you why giving to The University League scholarship fund merits your highest consideration. We members value education. We value helping students achieve their educational goals. We are local. The League's administrative costs are contained within our membership dues. Every dollar that you donate goes directly to our scholarship fund, and every dollar in that fund goes directly to the students. This charity is a perfect 10.

_bis dat qui cito dat:_ He gives twice who quickly gives!

Thank you for giving.

--Jeanne Burull

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In Memoriam
The University League would like to extend its condolences to the families of Bacia Stepner Edelman and Inaam Najem for their loss. They were long-time and valued members of our organization and community and we will miss them greatly.
UNIVERSITY LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Bob Burull, Endowed Scholarship Chair

Attending a University Scholarship Awards Ceremony is an extraordinary, uplifting experience. There you are, surrounded by refreshing, alive, bright eyed, vitally endowed mentalities churning around you with courtesy, grace, and pleasing manners, all propelled by expectant and classy, energetic personalities ready to head out and change the world. Many were also accompanied by their loving and supportive parents who were equally classy and grateful for their children's success.

Jeanne and I were privileged to share that experience this last month at the University of Wisconsin, Letters and Science Scholarship Awards Ceremony. We were there as representatives of The University League -- Jeanne as President, and I as the Endowed Scholarship Committee Chair. We were handled with grace and a welcoming spirit by the L & S Assistant Dean and the UW Foundation representative, who had a place set for us along with the four winners of a University League Endowed Scholarship and University League Memorial Scholarship.

Sitting with Jeanne in the accompanying photo from left to right, are Katrina Fingerson, and Caitlin Quinn. Katrina is an Angelena Frensley Lenehan Endowed Scholar from Middleton, Wisconsin. She plans to major in Social Work and expects her BA in 2013, with follow-through into graduate school. She has worked at various jobs including the Middleton Library. She loves to read, go to Milwaukee Brewers Baseball games, and hike along the Lakeshore Path. As an accepted student in The College of Letters and Science Honors program, Katrina “believes that the field of social work provides countless avenues for social change and personal improvement and I want to do my best to further its cause.” Caitlin, also an endowed scholar through the Angelena Frensley Lenehan Endowment, is from Green Bay and will major in premed (Medical Microbiology and Immunology). Caitlin plans to go on to medical school and “hopes to become a surgeon.” Her interests are community service, for which she received a medal for her service throughout her high school years, and gymnastics. She has competed in gymnastics for the past 11 years and coaches ages 9 - 11 in gymnastics. Her grandfather, who was a gymnastics coach, has been a major influence in her life.

Sitting together in the accompanying photo are Andrew Schoen and Hillary Vice. Andrew Schoen is from Appleton and was accompanied by his mother and grandmother at the ceremony. Andrew will major in Biology and plans to continue his formal education through his PhD and/or MD in either biology or psychology. Andrew has a deep and wide interest in many areas including biology, history and art. His hobbies include growing orchids and soapstone sculpture. He has also raised butterflies, planted trees, and performed experiments. Andrew gives credit to his parents for his
wide-reaching interest in diverse subjects, saying, "As far back as I can remember, I have always had a passion for science, something my parents gave me great freedom to explore." Andrew holds the Mrs. William F. Allen Endowed Scholarship with Paton Vang, who was not in attendance but who sent the Endowed Scholarship Committee a heart-warming thank you for his scholarship.

Hillary Vice is from Sun Prairie, and received the University League Memorial Scholarship. Hillary plans to major in Journalism, and is aiming to become a news anchor, working toward being a press corps secretary at the White House. Her parents are supporting her by paying her University board and room costs while she is responsible for her tuition. She has managed that by working full time at two jobs during the summer as a nanny. She also participates in drama (President of the Drama Club), mentoring 7th and 8th graders at Door Creek, goes on road trips, and loves to spend her spare time with her family. Hillary is looking forward to being involved with the "Badger Herald" and Christian groups on campus like "The Navigators." She feels that real world problems need everyone's thoughts and actions and that she can use her journalism degree and skills as tools to bring critical issues to the forefront for people's attention.

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NOTE FROM THE TREASURER
One of the many nice things about this group is the people who make it possible for us to continue to help those seeking an education. Recognizing the importance of keeping accurate records, we ask that each donor be responsible for their documentation. For this reason the League will no longer send members end-of-the-year financial statements.

We tend to be a gathering of busy and active people. We seldom have time to do all we would like to do. If, however, you find you are sometimes a little less busy, and would like to help on an occasional basis, please call or talk to one of the board members. From time to time we could use an extra hand. So if you have an interest in math, are good at documentation or have organizational skills, please let us know. We would be happy to have your help.

Marita Hettinger
Co-Treasurer, 877-4219

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Rose Valby is currently a first year Master of Music student at the University of Wisconsin- Madison. She is a member of the UW Chamber Orchestra, Horn Choir, Brass Choir and a founding member of Mad City Brass. Rose received her Bachelor of Music degree from Ithaca College in 2009 where she was a winner of the 2007 annual Concerto Competition. She has performed with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, the Utica Symphony and the Syracuse Symphony.

Christy Swartz completed undergraduate degrees in English and Music- Trombone Performance/Music Theory at the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse. She is now a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin- Madison under the instruction of Mark Hetzler.

Matthew Moore is a second-year graduate student at UW- Madison. Moore is from Terra Alta, West Virginia. He received his undergraduate degree from Alderson-Broaddus College in Phillippi, West Virginia where he studied with Timothy Dewitt and Joseph Allen. While at Alderson-Broaddus, he was a winner of both the Honors recital and Concerto competitions. He is currently a student of John Stevens, and has been a student of Gene Pokorny of the Chicago Symphony and Randall Montgomery of the Milwaukee Symphony. After completion of his Master’s degree in the spring, he hopes to pursue a doctoral degree in Tuba performance in the Los Angeles, California area.
INTRODUCING THE 2009-10 BOARD: Jeanne and Robert Burull

In 1945, Robert and Jeanne first met each other when Jeanne played her violin at Robert's one-room grade school. Robert, a farm boy, was in 8th grade, and Jeanne, a small city girl, was in 4th grade, already a budding musician in violin and piano. She was there, at the behest of her music teacher to inspire her not so gifted country students. Later, Jeanne, a proper high school freshman, walking home from school, would be interested but also slightly provoked when Robert, now a high school senior, would race by her on his way out of town, gunning his open, unmufflered Model A Ford.

Fast forward to the spring of 1954, when Robert is now a senior and Jeanne a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Their 35 cent Sunday night dinner at the Campus Lutheran Center was finished. Both had been eyeing each other during the meal, which led to Robert asking Jeanne "for a game of ping-pong." Fifty-five years later, they're still playing ping-pong—Jeanne is still doing her music, only now as a composer and member of the American Composers Bureau; and Robert is still gunning their car, tractor, and airplane motors, but this time they're piloting together.

In between, the University of Wisconsin has always been in their lives. Jeanne played flute in the University Symphony Orchestra under Richard Church and in the University Concert Band under Raymond Dvorak. She, like Robert, entered the University with a scholarship and worked summers and vacations as well as during the school year, and ultimately finished higher education with Bachelor, Master, and Ph. D. degrees and no debt.

Together, they've raised two daughters, Ruth and Erica, both with professional degrees, taught at the University level, started and owned their own businesses, including cable television, where they pioneered "local origination," and are recognized in the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) Hall of Fame Museum. Jeanne discovered the University League when a Philanthropic Educational Organization friend asked her to come to lunch to support the incoming presidency of Lois Buelow in 1999. Robert discovered the League through Jeanne, who immediately appointed him "Chair," Endowed Scholarship Committee, to keep him out of trouble.

Jeanne and Robert reside in Western Wisconsin on their farm at Chaseburg amongst the coulees, where they enjoy country living, as well as entertaining their children and grandchildren.
SCENES FROM LEAGUE EVENTS THUS FAR THIS FALL

Fall Coffee

UW-Madison Chancellor Biddy Martin

University League President-Elect Roma Lenehan

New Member Coffee at Roma’s

Mary Ellen Gerloff announcing the Barbara Gerloff Endowed Scholarship

Kathy Knox, Jeanne Burull, Frances Potter, Connie Wiegeshaus, Susan Slapnick, Roma Lenehan

Lynda Cantrell and Judy Olson getting acquainted at the Coffee.
NEWS YOU CAN USE

► What’s new with the Interest Groups?

We are in the process of obtaining the history of each of the Interest Groups. We hope to have this information available early next year. If you are no longer a member of a particular Interest Group and have some facts to share, please contact Pat Feltskog at 238-9836 or pafelsk@wisc.edu

► Attention Nature Lovers:

The UW-Madison Arboretum is now recruiting volunteers to
* serve as receptionists
* tackle restoration projects in prairies and savannas
* assist in the bookstore
* work in the gardens

All training and equipment provided. Indoor and outdoor, short and long-term opportunities are available for groups and individuals. Volunteer at one of the prettiest places in town. Contact Judy Kingsbury, Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 262-5604 or jakingsb@wisc.edu
University League Candlelight Concert
Reservation Form

Due by Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Program: Mad City Brass Quintet
Member: ________________________________
Guest: ________________________________

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Social 4:45 pm, Concert 5:30 pm, Buffet following

_____ Reservations @ $26.00 each = ________
Scholarship donation = ________
Total = ________

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