



Festa di Carnevale



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orchestra

Jeffrey Kahane
music director

A Gala Benefit for the

Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007 AT 5:30 PM

The Millennium Biltmore Hotel
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Dear Friends and Supporters of LACO,

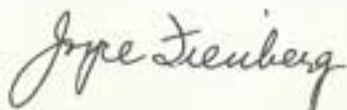
Music Director Jeffrey Kahane joins me in welcoming you to *Festa di Carnevale*, our fifth annual Concert Gala. The event committee has been hard at work for many months planning a delightful and memorable experience for all. We hope you will enjoy every moment of the evening.

Tonight, for the first time since the creation of this event, the stars of our concert were our own inimitable musicians—concertmaster Margaret Batjer, associate principal second violin Sarah Thornblade and principal trumpet David Washburn. I am sure you will agree that they brought the music from Italy's Golden Age to life with the flair and intensity of feeling that Corelli, Torelli and Vivaldi intended. Bravo, too, to the talented Dina Morrone and her colleagues for spicing up the program with their clever comedic vignettes. Indeed, the musicians and actors alike set the tone for the several other delightful Italian touches that will enhance the rest of the evening, including the sparkling Prosecco, fine wines and the whimsical table favors.

This evening's proceeds will benefit the several ongoing community outreach and education programs that make LACO so much more than a superb orchestra. All of these programs mean a great deal to people of every age and every part of the Los Angeles social spectrum and are a great source of pride to our musicians. Thanks to your participation this evening, to your silent and live auction bidding, your sponsorship of musicians, your in-kind donations and your outright contributions, we are assured that Meet the Music, Neighborhood Concerts and Family Concerts will flourish in the year ahead, and new ventures will be possible. LACO musicians will continue to bring the joy of classical music to young people and their families across Los Angeles and are, indeed, "...making great music personal!"

We are very pleased to offer a special "Grazie!" to two people who have assisted us in myriad ways as we've journeyed toward this evening. We joyfully acknowledge the gracious and generous collaboration of The Honorable Diego Brasioli, Consul General of Italy in Los Angeles, and his wife, Rana.

We also take this opportunity to pay tribute to all of you here this evening, old and new friends of the orchestra. Have a wonderful time, and know that your presence here tonight and your ongoing support mean a great deal to all of us in the LACO family!



Joyce Fienberg
Concert Gala Chair



ANNIE APPEL

Jeffrey Kahane conductor

A native of Los Angeles, Jeffrey Kahane was warmly welcomed in 1997 as the fifth Music Director of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Renowned as a pianist and conductor, he is recognized by audiences around the world for his mastery of diverse repertoire from Bach to Gershwin. He has established a reputation as a truly versatile artist equally sought after as soloist, conductor and chamber musician. Kahane began his first season this year as Music Director of the Colorado Symphony and continues as Artistic Director of the Green Music Festival in Sonoma County.

Margaret Batjer violin

Margaret Batjer has served as concertmaster of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra since 1998. She made her first solo appearance at the age of fifteen with the Chicago Symphony in Gian Carlo Menotti's Violin Concerto. Since then, she has been re-engaged by the Chicago Symphony, as well as a succession of other major orchestras. Batjer has also appeared as a soloist throughout Europe with orchestras including the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, the Prague Chamber Orchestra, the Halle Symphony Orchestra at the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, and the Berlin Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Claus Peter Flor.



MICHAEL MILLER



MICHAEL BURKE

Sarah Thornblade violin

Sarah Thornblade is currently the associate principal second violin of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. She is an avid chamber musician and a member of both the Eclipse Quartet and the Denali String Quartet. Her playing has been described by the *Los Angeles Times* as "rapturously winning," and she has been called a "marvelously versatile violinist" by the *Santa Barbara News*. As a founding member of the Arianna String Quartet, quartet-in-residence at Eastern Michigan University, she won first prize at the Fischhoff, Coleman and Carmel chamber music competitions. Thornblade studied with Miriam Fried and Shmuel Ashkenasi.



David Washburn trumpet

David Washburn is the principal trumpet of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Pasadena Pops Orchestra, and California Philharmonic, and is associate principal trumpet of the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra. He is active in the recording studios, with numerous motion picture soundtracks as principal trumpet to his credit, including *Troy*, *The Missing*, *Radio*, *Jungle Book II*, and *Holes*. When David is not performing, his favorite pastimes are biking, hiking and boating with his wife Joyce and children Timothy, Samantha, Nicholas, and Julia.

Dina Morrone special guest performer

Dina Morrone was born into an Italian immigrant family in a small, Northern Ontario, Canada city. Dina's first time on stage was at the age of four when, alongside her older sister, she sang at the local *Italian Banquet Hall Annual Christmas Party*. Dina has come a long way since that memorable Sunday. She has gone on to work in Canada, Italy, and the United States, as an actress, TV host, voice-over talent and writer. While working in Rome, Dina had many magical moments. However, the highlight of her time in the Eternal City was a meeting with Federico Fellini, which subsequently became the inspiration for a portion of her very funny and successful one-woman show, *The Italian in Me*, for which she was just selected by *ReviewPlays* as one of the top 10 actresses of 2006. Dina currently works in Los Angeles and Italy as a voice-over talent, actress and writer.

