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John Wesley Strickler, Ph.D., Music Director and Conductor

October 2006

Encore!
2006-2007

Stories in Music

Jung-Pill Ryu, Tenor

September 30, 2006

Haunted Halloween

October 28, 2006

Epic Grandeur

Ivan Zenaty, Violinist

November 18, 2006

Cartoon Classics II

January 13, 2007

Russian Masters

Jon Nakamatsu, Pianist

February 17, 2007

The Wild, Wild West

March 31, 2007

Mediterranean Holiday

April 21, 2007

In 1946, a diverse group of people came together under the tutelage of Dr. Everett Fetter and it was called the Topeka Civic Symphony. Its make-up consisted of professional people...doctors, lawyers, educators...and everyday folks who all shared a love for making music! It was nurtured over the years by Dr. Fetter and in 1980 became the Topeka Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Fetter was the first of only three conductors to lead the TSO. Following Dr. Fetter's retirement in 1976, Jack Herriman took the reins for 12 successful seasons. In 1989, following a year-long search, Dr. John Strickler was named the TSO's first full-time Music Director, Conductor and Manager. In his seventeen seasons, the orchestra has experienced phenomenal growth and success.

*It has been said "...behind every successful man there is a..." Well, in this case, there has been a group of dedicated musicians behind each of these TSO leaders. And it is with this in mind that we continue our **Player Portraits** series of **Allegro!** We hope you continue to enjoy meeting your TSO members up close and personal.*

Dave Azwell, violin

Bill Waterman is a native of Leavenworth and graduate of Leavenworth High School where he was a member of the All-State Orchestra and Band.

He is currently a low brass **specialist** in Tuba, Trombone, Bass Trombone and Euphonium. Bill has been principal **Tuba** in the TSO for six years. Bill started with trombone 14 years ago and has since added Euphonium and Tuba to his low-brass family, ultimately graduating with a bachelor's degree in tuba performance from KU. He has several successful music studios in the

Carolyn Voth has been a member of the TSO cello section for 19 seasons and has played **cello** for 42 years. Carolyn has a degree from Bethel College in Music Education and Cello Performance and has completed some graduate work in performance at Kansas State University. Currently, Carolyn is orchestra director at Topeka West High School and teaches strings at several schools in Topeka. Carolyn is married, has **3 musical children**, and likes spending time with her family and friends, reading biographies, histories and novels. She also plays in string quartets with others from the TSO and with her children.

Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City area plus he has participated in many master classes. In addition to performing, Bill is Manager of Hume Music Store in Overland Park.

Tim Crawford is one of the TSO's newer members and begins his third season as a member of the **String Bass** section. Tim is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Music Education and he is an orchestra teacher in the Auburn-Washburn School District. Tim likes to cook, read and do **yoga**.

You know the ol' "...he says, she says..." thing. Looks like it was love at first sight. She blushed, he was distracted and it culminated two years later in marriage. So it went with **Carole and John** Boulton, one of our married couples in the TSO. They met at Michigan State where both were flute players; he was a Master's candidate and she was a freshman. John earned his PhD in Music Education at KU where he has also taught for 40 years and is currently Professor Emeritus of Flute. At age 46, Carole became enamored with the **cello**. Over a period of years, she studied privately and has been in the TSO cello section for 13 years. Holder of multiple degrees in music, John is **Principal Flute** in the TSO and is active in various ensembles and associations. The Boultons have **11 children** (No, that is not a typo!) ranging in age from 22-41. They enjoy frequent contact with their children and grandchildren since many of them live in and around the Lawrence area. As Carole says, they are their ongoing "hobby".

TSO musicians travel over 3,450 miles roundtrip for each rehearsal or concert!

Mark Rustman has been a member of the TSO since 1978 and **Principal Oboe** since 1981. Mark has enjoyed a relationship with the Topeka Symphony Society for over 40 years, having played in the Youth Symphony and also as **Youth Talent Winner in 1968**. Mark graduated from Topeka West High School and studied with Daniel Judd and Lynn Marquart, both former TSO principal oboists. He attended the Juilliard School of Music and completed his Bachelor of Music at Washburn University. Mark obtained his master's degree at Wichita State University while playing in the Wichita Symphony and served as that orchestra's librarian. While completing his PhD in Music History at KU, he continued working as an orchestral and music librarian. Mark has been employed at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library since 1981 where he is a music reference specialist.

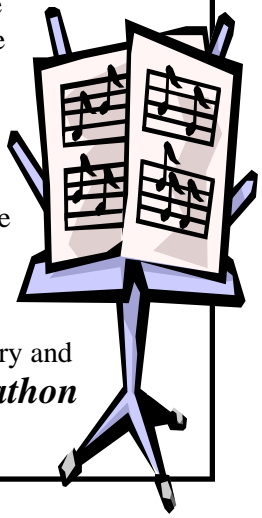
Michael Putnam began his **violin** studies in college and has been a member of the second violins since 1976. Michael attended Washburn University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in biology in 1976. In 1982 he received his DDS from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry. Michael holds a current pilot's license, owns a self-designed experimental **sport racing airplane**, and is active in the design, restoration and general maintenance of airplanes. He also enjoys gardening, mathematics, science, history and the arts.

second **violin** section in 1995. Carolyn received a PhD in Psychology from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. She has held academic research positions in developmental psychology in England, The Netherlands and Lawrence, Kansas. She currently directs the KU site of a national study on the effects of different family, child care and school environments. Carolyn has been married 23 years and has 2 step-children and 3 grandchildren. Her favorite pastimes are music (including Celtic), as well as visiting her family in Scotland and the grandchildren in The Netherlands.

Fine Arts Camp in Michigan from 1986-2004. Kristin grew up in San Antonio and has played the **violin** since age 7. She attended the University of Texas as a student of Leonard Posner and received her Bachelor and Master of Music from Louisiana State University. Kristin has been first violinist in the Austin, Baton Rouge, Wichita and Des Moines symphonies. Kristin has performed with a number of celebrities including Dionne Warwick, Ray Charles, Bob Hope, Marvin Hamlisch, Red Skelton and Doc Severinson and performed with the TSO String Quartet for First Lady Laura Bush in 2002. Kristin is a Life Member of Sigma Alpha Iota and is listed in Who's Who of America. Married to musician Gary and with 2 daughters and 2 dogs, Kristin enjoys running in her "free time" and ran in the **Chicago Marathon** in 2003.

Kristin Mortenson is Associate Concertmaster of the TSO and has been a member of the violin section since 2001. She teaches Music Theory at Kansas State University and served on the violin faculty of Blue Lake

Carolyn Roy was born and raised in Edinburgh, Scotland. She moved to the US in 1982. Carolyn has been playing the violin since age 7 when a new orchestra program was initiated by the **Scottish** Education Department. She took lessons daily until she was 12 and received free weekly lessons after that. While in college in Scotland, her violin broke and she did not get it fixed until she came to the states. After 16 years, Carolyn resumed playing, ultimately joining the TSO



A native of Atchison, Kansas, **Don** McDaniel has been playing trumpet since he was 10 years old and has been a member of the TSO **trumpet** section for 17 years. Don holds multiple degrees — Bachelor of Music Education from Emporia State University; Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from Washburn University; and Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Oklahoma University. Each degree has played a part in his work history. Starting in Amherst, **Nova Scotia**, Don was an assistant band director. He then got into computer programming, sales, and fundraising for approximately 13 years and finally landed in Holton, Kansas where he has been band director for 20 years. Married with 2 children and a grandson, Don enjoys golf, woodworking, and officiating at high school athletic events.

This Allegro! represents 263 years of TSO participation!

Having been a TSO member for at least 30 seasons since joining in

1968, **Jerry** Reiman currently plays principal **Timpani**. However, he originally played in the viola section while completing his Bachelor of Music Education at Washburn University. As a percussionist, Jerry studied at the University of Missouri-Kansas City with Dr. Chairmane Asher Wiley and composer Dennis Rogers. After graduation, Jerry became instructor of orchestra, band, and percussion in the Seaman School District where he taught for 32 years. Recently, retired, Jerry teaches private lessons at Hume Music and at Washburn University as an adjunct professor. He and his wife, Jeanie, enjoy **traveling** the world.

40 Musicians have played in the TSO for 10 or more years!

In the 60's and 70's, bands, the U.S. Army First Infantry National Guard band. He also and 80's. After a 10 year break, he rejoined the **trombone** section. Dave was a founding member of Topeka Jazz Workshop Band. In recent years, he has performed locally with the Spinners, Bobby Vinton, The Temptations and has appeared in the Topeka Jazz Festival. Dave received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from KU in 1969, an MBA from the KU School of Business in 1971, a JD from the KU School of Law in 1973, and a CPA from KU in 1975. He has practiced law since 1980 and has served as a CPA, Adjunct Professor of Law at Washburn, Assistant Professor of **Tax and Accounting** at Washburn and Director of Taxation for the State of Kansas Department of Revenue.

JoEllen McGranahan has been playing **string bass** since the 5th grade and has been a TSO member since 1979. JoEllen played in the Kansas City Youth Symphony while in high school and has a Bachelor of Science from KU. She is employed by the Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church and volunteers for Helping Hands Humane Society. JoEllen has one daughter who lives in San Francisco. She has two dogs, **Thunderbird and Queenie** and enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, and cheering on the Jayhawks.

Thelma Taylor blames Hitler for squelching her dreams of being a concert pianist when he forced her school to evacuate to the Lake District of England during the Blitz. She had to give up her piano lessons. Towards the end of the war she again pursued music and began playing the violin. Thelma trained as a **physical therapist** at St. Thomas Hospital in London. After her training, she spent a year in Newcastle and in 1955 moved to Churchill, Manitoba. She worked at the VA Hospital in St. John, New Brunswick and later at Vancouver General Hospital. Thelma moved to Seattle in 1959 where she met and married her husband in 1963. They moved to Topeka that same year where he began work at The Menninger Clinic and Thelma joined the TSO's second violin section. She noticed, however, that the violas seemed to have a more serene existence than did the violins, became hooked on viola and has been in the **viola** section ever since. Thelma currently lives with her husband in Lawrence where she also played in the Lawrence Chamber Players until 2004. Thelma loves to engage in conversation and her peppy English accent is always a delight.

Dave Newbery played with several rock and blues try Division Band and with the Kansas 42nd played bass trombone in the TSO in the early 70's TSO in 1999 and currently is a member of the the Topeka Brass Quintet and has played with the

