

The Chair Reports...

Hope Stringer, Board Chair



June, 2011



The Conservancy is growing by leaps and bounds - what an important time for this organization! On the heels of our fantastic fundraiser, the Master Plan for Centennial Park was presented to Mayor Dean and approved by the Parks Board. Along with Metro Parks and the City, our goal is to look into the future and develop careful change that maintains the essential character that Nashvillians love while making it an even more vibrant Park and destination for visitors. It will continue to be a place for fun, music, art, and community. Fortunately, we have an excellent partner in this endeavor, the firm of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, which was just awarded a National Design Award in Landscape Architecture by the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum at the Smithsonian.

Tucked into the summer is our newest program, Musicians Corner – free, live music and local food vendors at the greatest weekly lawn party in Centennial Park. Building on last year's success, it offers fun and fabulous music every Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 to 6:00. The season continues through July 9th and starts up again September 3rd until November 5th. The Musicians

Corner Team has introduced *Kidsville* this summer, a special space for the young with bubbles, crafts and more. Don't miss Saturdays at Musicians Corner, because *We are the City that Listens!* MusiciansCornerNashville.com

The Conservancy continues to add goals and activities to our ever-growing plate, and the work is bountiful. We genuinely appreciate your support and hope you will continue your connection with The Conservancy.

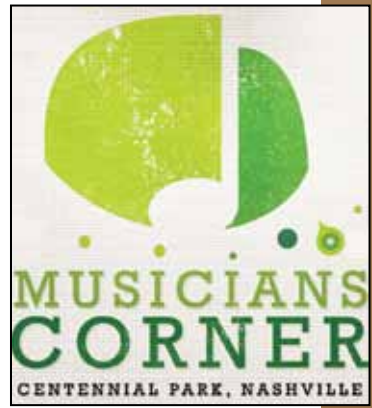


2011 Gala in the Works

*The inaugural Conservancy Gala will be hard to top. But there's no doubt that this year's chairwomen are up to the task. Phyllis Fridrich and Ellen Martin (pictured left) have things well in hand. This year's Gala, Designs in Water, will take place Saturday, **November 5**. Like last year, seating will be limited, so make your plans now!*

Musicians Corner

We are excited Musicians Corner is enjoying such a successful second season. The May 7 kick off had a record attendance of over 700 people, and we continue to produce great events each week. We have an upgraded stage in the same area of the park but framed perfectly under the trees. Musicians Corner attendees have enjoyed a diverse line up of pop, rock, R&B, country, blues, jazz, bluegrass and folk music. We've even had a few dance performances. We spotlight a charity each week and have several local food vendors and mobile trucks on site. The *Kidsville* area has been entertaining the little ones, and we introduced a Dog of the Day award for our dog lovers. Musicians Corner has been getting lots of great press, and we're excited to have it as a program of The Conservancy. We hope you'll join us as Musicians Corner hosts events from 3-6 PM every Saturday through July 2. Then after a break during the hot summer months, Musicians Corner will be back again from September 3-November 5. You may get additional details and purchase merchandise to support our free music in the park at MusiciansCornerNashville.com.



The crowd for this season's first Musicians Corner was great!

John Tumminello, New Executive Director of Musicians Corner

John brings 20 years of industry experience to his position as Executive Director of Musicians Corner. He worked in financial services in New York where he obtained an MBA from Columbia University. John then moved to Nashville and spent the past five years as Digital Marketing Director for two radio stations. As co-founder of Music City Unsigned, a grassroots music initiative, he



has worked to support, develop and promote emerging artists by providing opportunities to gain exposure and build their careers. He is deeply involved with organizations including NSAI, through which he is a member of the Tin Pan South Songwriters Festival planning committee and a judge for Bluebird Cafe auditions.

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Connector Street Breaks Ground

On May 28, the Mayor and many community leaders broke ground on the 28th Avenue Connector project. The connector street will be one-third mile, physically extending 31st Avenue, spanning the CSX railway, and connecting to Charlotte Avenue at the 28th Avenue intersection. City leaders have been working toward this project for years.



The connector will increase traffic through Centennial Park. The Centennial Park Master Plan considered this street extension in its final document. The connector



street will be landscaped to create a Park Zone, increasing awareness of the Park and making it accessible to more neighborhoods. Conservancy President Sylvia Rapoport says, "We share the feelings of progress to connect these neighborhoods. It was long overdue. Our Master Plan envisions a land bridge to be built over 31st Avenue with walkways and water features."

Meet Our New Board Members...



Chris Kyriopoulos (above, left) founded Compound Capital Management in 2008 after having served for nearly ten years with Clayton Associates, where he actively participated in over 70 Clayton Associates investments during his tenure with the firm. In connection with those investments, he served on the boards of bytes of knowledge, HCCA International, Linux HPC, Medical Properties of America, PayMaxx, ProfitPoint and ProMedTek. He also served on the Advisory Board of Morgan Keegan's Nashville-based mezzanine fund and the Martha O'Bryan Center.

Chris graduated from the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce with a B.S. in Commerce, concentrating in Finance and Management. He and his wife, Coco, have a son, Charlie, and daughter, Phoebe.

Karen Winkelmann (above, middle) moved to Nashville in 1995. She has played as a violinist on thousands of recordings, ranging from the Classical repertoire to country and pop and everything in between. A member of the Nashville Symphony for 6 years, she was also Principal Second Violinist of the Nashville Chamber Orchestra until 2008, an orchestra with which she performed over 40 world premieres. She founded *First String* in 2009, a creative music contracting company.

Karen currently serves on the board of the Global Watch Foundation and on the Mayor's Music Council. She has also served on the board of Tennesseans against Genocide. Karen and her husband Paul Worley have a son, Owen, and daughter, Lillian.

Paula Van Slyke (above, right) is an attorney in private practice in Nashville, specializing in real property transactions and commercial transactions. Paula is a member of the Nashville and Tennessee Bar Associations. Paula has served as a docent at the Parthenon since 2005 and has also served as a speaker for the Parthenon Speakers' Bureau. She has been a volunteer reading tutor at the Martha O'Bryan Center and has served on the boards of the Parents Council of Nashville, the Montgomery Bell Academy Mother's Club and the Parents' Association of the Harpeth Hall School.

Paula was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in History from Vanderbilt University and her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. She is the mother of two adult children and is married to C. LeRoy Norton, Jr.

In the Galleries....

Missing Nature

by Byron Jorjorian

March 26 – August 20, 2011



The Parthenon is currently hosting an exhibit of large-scale color photography by nationally prominent nature photographer Byron Jorjorian in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy. The exhibit is open through August 20. Titled *Missing Nature*, the exhibit in the Parthenon's East Gallery features locations in Tennessee that have been protected by The Nature Conservancy.

As Parthenon curator Susan Shockley puts it: "Jorjorian hikes to these habitats where he photographs both the wildlife and the land. But Jorjorian creates much more than a simple record of a rural hike. His eye notices the yellow leaf just fallen from the tree, the spider's web drenched in dew, or the swirl that water creates around a rock. He isolates, selects, and captures a vision of the world. His photographs generate a new habitat for his subjects, and he enables his viewers to see moments we might otherwise miss."

Now recognized as one of America's premier nature photographers, Jorjorian has been a longtime supporter and friend of The Nature Conservancy. Since 1990, Jorjorian has been donating his time and photography, particularly in Tennessee where he resides. Many of his most arresting photographs, whether close-ups of delicate coneflowers or panoramic vistas of foggy mountaintops, were taken on lands acquired and protected by The Nature Conservancy.

"In my photographs, I am always trying to reveal details in nature that others might overlook," says Jorjorian. "When people look at my work, what I hope they see first is a work of art (usually abstract) and then the actual subject matter of that art — the place or living thing I've photographed. Ideally, the viewer experiences a mental shift back and forth between the colorful patterns and textures of my art to the 'a-ha' revelation of the subject that I've captured...My time spent in nature instills a great sense of childlike wonder, harmony and oneness in me, and through my photographs I hope to share that special feeling."

Parthenon Recognizes Student

On May 31st, Education Director DeeGee Lester attended the awards day celebration at Bellevue Middle School to present the Parthenon's 2010-2011 Student of the Year Award to Karissa Wheeler. A talented and dynamic performer, Karissa served as the Parthenon's mythology storyteller last summer and fall, providing exciting and participatory stories that delighted hundreds of children and adult visitors.



The Conservancy is the private, not-for-profit organization, which serves the community through stewardship and promotion of The Parthenon and Centennial Park. We strive to educate the public through programs and exhibits, as well as offer a venue for people with a passion for history, culture and the arts. Our mission is to strengthen, enhance, restore and preserve The Parthenon and Centennial Park, in partnership with Metro Parks and the people of Nashville.

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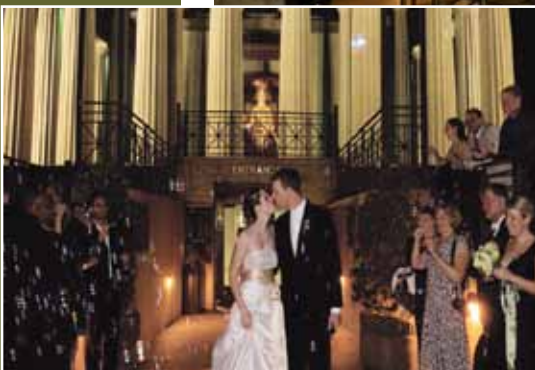
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