



QSO

Queens Symphony Orchestra
Constantine Kitsopoulos, Music Director

Dear QSO Friend:

We have fantastic news to share with you! QSO has made a **bold, ground-breaking** change, and replaced our traditional subscription concert series with a unique **NEW FESTIVAL** in April 2012.

QSO has also created synergistic partnerships with **Queens College** and **Queens Library** to serve your community even more.

Queens Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce our first annual **2012 QSO Arts & Music Festival**. We are partnering with museums, performing arts centers, dance companies and more throughout the borough to promote events taking place *Saturday, April 14th through Sunday, April 29th*. QSO will make this festival not only a great time for the Queens community to experience art and music, but will further enhance Queens as a tourist destination point as the festival grows each year.

WHY THE CHANGE?

- In order to serve the community better, especially during these tough economic times, QSO has decided that **free concerts** in more than one Queens neighborhood will reach more orchestral lovers than ticketed concerts in only one location. By combining our concerts with other arts groups in Queens as a cohesive festival, we can bring more focus to all the arts and cultural groups in our diverse borough; increasing QSO's visibility in turn!

WHAT IS THE FESTIVAL ABOUT?

- The **2012 QSO Arts & Music Festival** this year is themed **1001 Voices** – *Discover the Immigrant Experience in Queens*. You will receive a festival brochure with a calendar of all the borough events and venues and can also visit the festival calendar on our website.
- QSO will present three major festival concerts **free** to the community in separate venues:
 - *Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 7 PM* at the **Jamaica Performing Arts Center** – Walk the red carpet and celebrate our opening night extravaganza!
 - *Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 3 PM* at a TBD venue in another fabulous Queens neighborhood.
 - *Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 3 PM* at the **Kupferberg Center** at Queens College. Our final concert will feature the world premiere of **1001 Voices** with music by Frank London, text by Judith Sloan, projections by Warren Lehrer and commissioned by the QSO.

BUT WE DON'T STOP THERE! OTHER PROGRAMS QSO OFFERS TO THE COMMUNITY ARE:

- In-School Residencies & Ensemble Performances
- Young People's Concerts
- Symphony 101 Library Presentations
- The QSO Young Soloist Competition
- Free Outdoor Summer Concerts
- Free Chamber Concert Series

HOW CAN I SUPPORT QSO'S PROGRAMS?

- You are invited to become a pioneer **QSO Member**. This **brand-new membership program** will offer reserved seating for our 3 free festival concerts, invitations to members-only receptions and more! **These free events will fill up fast. Only QSO Members will have guaranteed, preferred seating to them.**
- Simply visit queenssymphony.org and click **BECOME A MEMBER** for all the membership levels and benefits, or fill out the form attached to this letter.
- **Your support as a donor is crucial.** If you would rather make an individual donation without membership, please fill out the donation section on the form below. All the donor levels and benefits are listed at queenssymphony.org. Your generous donation or membership will allow QSO to continue **to bring high-quality orchestral concerts and music education programs to the borough of Queens that reflect our international community.**

We invite you to join us as one of our first-ever **QSO Members** during this exciting period in QSO history! If you'd like additional information, please call the new QSO office located in Queens College at **718-570-0909**. We thank you for supporting our 59 year-old 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization - it does make a difference!

Sincerely,

Lynda Herndon, Executive Director

Constantine Kitsopoulos, Music Director

Herbert M. Chain, Board President

I want to become a QSO Member and support bringing orchestral concerts and music education to Queens

Set my tempo for: **Andante** \$75 **Allegro** (for 2) \$150 **Vivace** \$100 **Presto** (for 2) \$200

In lieu of a QSO Membership, I would like to make a donation in the amount of: \$ _____ (see reverse for giving levels)

Enclosed is a check, payable to: **Queens Symphony Orchestra**

I'd like to use my credit card (please mark your card type) Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Amount: \$ _____ CVC code: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Yes,

Set Your Tempo!

Support QSO at your own pace...

Increase your speed for only \$25 extra per person to receive even more exclusive benefits!

Andante Membership - \$75
-or upgrade to-
Vivace Membership - \$100

Allegro Membership (for 2) - \$150
-or upgrade to-
Presto Membership (for 2) - \$200

The 2012 annual membership includes:

- Reserved, priority seating for the **3 Free QSO Concerts** presented at the **2012 QSO Arts & Music Festival**
 - Andante & Vivace: 1 seat per concert = 3 seats total
 - Allegro & Presto (Memberships for 2): 2 seats per concert = 6 seats total
- Personalized **Membership Card** with exciting benefits and discounts
- Amazing offers through our **Queens College** and **Queens Library** partnerships, including:
 - Reduced priced movie tickets to any **AMC Theatre**
 - 15% discount for any **Kupferberg Center** performance, including **LeFrak Concert Hall** events at the **Aaron Copland School of Music**
 - 2 for 1 entry to tour the unforgettable **Louis Armstrong House Museum**
 - Special offers and rates for seasonal concerts and events
- Discount on QSO Merchandise
 - Andante & Allegro: 10%
 - Vivace & Presto: 25%
- A free QSO gift
 - Andante & Allegro: QSO luxury pen (1 per person)
 - Vivace & Presto: QSO T-Shirt and QSO luxury pen (1 per person)
- Invitation to Members Only concert receptions
- Recognition on our concert programs and website

Andante
at a walking pace (76–108 bpm)
(listening suggestion, *Andante in C Major* by Schubert)

Upgrade to the next tempo for just \$25 more per person to also receive....

Benefits for *Vivace* and *Presto* Members Only:

- Invitation to *Members Only* Meet the Maestro Event (1 invitation per person)
- Invitation to attend QSO's *Open Rehearsals* (1 invitation per person)
- Discounted tickets to attend QSO's annual gala dinner-dance (25% off)
- A deeper discount on QSO Merchandise: QSO T-Shirt in the color and size of your choice



Allegro

fast, quickly and bright (120–139 bpm)
(listen to the *Klavierstück* in C Major by Mozart)

Membership benefits will continue to grow, so keep an eye out for additional offers and discounts as they arrive!

Prefer to give an individual donation without membership?

Vivace

lively and fast (over 140 bpm)
(try the *Vivace* by Haydn)

Giving Levels:

Presto

very fast (168–200 bpm)
(play the *Presto* from *Violin Sonata* in G minor by Bach)

\$25 – SUPPORTER \$50 – FRIEND \$100 – PATRON

\$250 – CONTRIBUTOR \$500 – SECTION CHAIR

\$1,000 – PRINCIPAL CHAIR \$2,500 – CONCERTMASTER'S CHAIR

\$5,000 – CONDUCTOR'S PODIUM

(visit queenssymphony.org for individual donation level benefits)