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THE NEWSLETTER
OF THE
GATEWAY FESTIVAL
ORCHESTRA



Winter 2009

2010 Season Dates

Gateway Festival Orchestra concerts will be held on the Washington University Quadrangle on the following Sundays:

**July 11, 18, 25
and August 1**

We are working on programming and would love to hear from you. Go to the website and click on "Contact Us" and let us know your ideas. This is your orchestra and your ideas are important to us.
www.gatewayfestivalorchestra.org

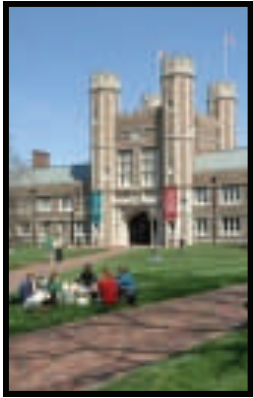
\$9000 Matching Grant from the Roland Quest Fund

Our friend Phyllis Tirmenstein has set up the \$9000 Matching Grant through the Roland Quest Memorial Fund to benefit the Gateway Festival Orchestra (GFO). We have until July 2010 to raise the money. At this time we are more than 50% of the way there but much work is left to be done so that these funds will be available for the 2010 season.

As you consider your end-of-the-year gifts, please remember the GFO. Although performances are in the summer, we work all year long raising money and planning to give you some of the finest performances St. Louis can offer in the summer.

You can donate through our website, www.gatewayfestivalorchestra.org, with PayPal or you can mail donations to:

Gateway Festival Orchestra
P.O. Box 50211
St. Louis, MO 63105



Washington University
Quadrangle

**Plan to join us
this summer
at the
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GFO Board Works on New Ways to Raise Funds

Since the 1960s, a major source of funding for free public concerts in the United States and Canada has been the Music Performance Fund (MPF). This fund was set up through the recording industry during the boom years but as we all know, things have changed for the recording industry. The MPF will close its doors in 2010. In anticipation of this inevitable event, the GFO Board has investigated new possible sources of funding to bridge the deficit left when we no longer can access these funds.

Two new fundraising projects are:

1. eScrip cards. Pick up a card at Schnucks and activate it by calling the toll-free number on the card. Designate Gateway Festival Orchestra (Group ID #500021986) as your charity of choice. A percentage of the money you spend at Schnucks will be donated to GFO. For detailed information about eScrip, go to http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/community_stl.jsp
 2. Sale of advertising in our concert program. These ads will run for the entire season, and will be seen by thousands of audience members. Options and prices should be available soon on our website. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to reach the public while helping to maintain free public concerts.
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Lily Kaufman Children's Outreach Concerts

Many members of the orchestra are professional music educators. Each year, some of these teachers perform and discuss music at local youth centers. Presentations such as these are a proven way of encouraging active listenership. Gateway continues to seek funding for these vital links to the musical future of St. Louis.