

Hi Neighbors !

Just a quick note to let you know what's going on with the orchestra this spring (and perhaps fall).

The orchestra will be bringing a 22-piece string ensemble to the Milford Arts Council on Sunday afternoon, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Repertoire will be drawn from works we have presented before at our Casino: Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, and Barber. Further details and tickets can be found at the MAC website ([info@milfordarts.org](mailto:info@milfordarts.org)).

Now for some questions about whether I should plan for our traditional appearance at the Casino this September. In the past, we have done very well in regard to audience support, but there has been a noticeable decline in attendance since the COVID scare. Not so much as to threaten cancellation, but enough to be concerned.

In past years I have personally accepted the financial risk of these very expensive projects with substantial support from LBA and neighbors. With reduced personal income following semi-retirement from my firm and last year's reduction of the annual LBA contribution, I think it will be required to return to the model used for our first orchestra event in 2013. That model required a minimum of 20 sponsorship commitments of \$100 each for four table seats (in other terms, a guaranteed minimum of 80 seats at \$25 each).

It takes quite a while to plan repertoire and get commitments from musicians so we will need to lock in this minimum attendance number by mid-May at the latest. If you want to be counted among the first 80 seats, please e-mail me at [cblair@akustiks.com](mailto:cblair@akustiks.com).

All best,