

WSO Rings in New Year With Songs of Hope, Rebirth

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WESTFIELD — The howling, bitter winds outside the Westfield High School could not upstage the warmth of the music provided by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) on New Year's Eve.

The sophisticated title for the evening, "Puttin' on the Ritz," suggested black tie, tails and gowns. Although the dress of the orchestra members and vocal performers Kristin McLaughlin, James Sasser, Suzanne Vinnik and David Ward may have been formal, the relaxing evening was inviting with a wide array of Broadway tunes.

Maestro David Wroe set a gay mood as he invited the audience to sing along with the first selection of the beer-drinking chorus "Um-Pah-Pah" from *Oliver* that featured Ms. McLaughlin. "Every song in *Oliver* is a classic," Mr. Wroe told the capacity crowd, explaining why he selected two fun melodies from the 1960's show to open the night.

The second number, "Reviewing the Situation," the confession by *Oliver*'s chief pickpocket Fagin, was soloed by Mr. Ward, a basso buffo (vocal comic), who, throughout the night, brought guffaws and giggles with his facial expression, animation and rich vocals.

Between every few songs, the popular conductor provided exposition about

the Broadway shows or the composers/lyricists, giving insight as to his selections and their worth.

"Perhaps Gershwin and Bernstein are some of the giants in American Theater," he speculated, and two of their familiar songs, "They Can't Take That Away" and "I Can Cook Too" drew well-deserved applause.

Taking liberties with the Gershwin melody, the suave Mr. Sasser sparkled in "They Can't Take That Away" and made it his own without damaging the purity of the classic. Then, donning an apron over her burgundy gown, Ms. McLaughlin dished up a spicy "I Can Cook, Too" an up-tempo number from *On the Town*.

The charismatic Mr. Wroe confessed he had fun juxtaposing the mood, color and tone of the program that took the audience, at one point, from Austria to Chicago.

He explained that the "sugary" waltz tempo of "Favorite Things" from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* provided the yin to the yang of "We Both Reached for the Gun" from Kander and Ebb's long-running gangster show *Chicago*.

The impressive night presented a number of soulful melodies and plentiful story songs that showcased the vocalists' acting abilities.

"I Am the Very Model" (Of a Modern Major General) from Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance* brought

down the house when Mr. Ward delivered the tongue-twisting lyrics double time.

Ms. Vinnik delighted all with "The Trolley Song" from *Meet Me in St. Louis* with the able assistance of the rest of the vocal foursome.

"The musical *Carousel* was the first American musical with a tragic plot," Mr. Wroe noted. He recalled that the famous "Soliloquy," sung by the character Billy Bigelow, asks the question, "If I were to have a child, what would it be like?"

Accompanying the talented vocalist Mr. Sasser on that number, the expressive strings were heartbreakingly poignant. When Billy realizes that "my boy Bill" might be a girl, the melodious cello, viola and violins entwined with powerful tympani for a stirring conclusion to the Richard Rodgers' number.

Later, Mr. Wroe mentioned that he became part Sherlock Holmes to find the out-of-print original orchestration for "The Man That Got Away," Judy Garland's signature song.

In fact, it was so elusive he had to resort to finding it on YouTube. The Glen Miller-like rendition featured superior saxophone, muted trombone and trumpet. Mr. Wroe maintained a breath-taking balance between the lush orchestra's driving beat and the sultry voice of Ms. Vinnik.

At first glance of the printed program, one might think that the selection for the closing number was strange. But when Maestro Wroe explained that he

decided upon the title song from *Oklahoma* because of its wholesome message of hope, optimism and rebirth, its appropriateness was clear.

"Let us say goodbye to an extraordinary year," he concluded, "as the WSO wishes for us and our country that same hope and optimism."

NJSO Commissions Cranford Artist

CRANFORD — Theodosia Tamborlane of Cranford is one of 10 local artists commissioned to create a violin for the Art Strings 2009 fundraiser of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO).



Each of the artist's violins features a musical work the NJSO is presenting this season. Ms. Tamborlane chose to represent the *Best of Vienna: The Conductor and the Dancer* because of the use of dynamic colors and the expression of movement are hallmarks of her paintings. Art Strings hopes to raise \$10,000 with the raffle of the violins. Proceeds will help support various youth and educational outreach programs.

For more information, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.



Photography by David Samsky

SOUND OF MUSIC...David Ward and Suzanne Vinnik, above, and Kristin McLaughlin and James Sasser, below, delighted the audience as the WSO ushered in the New Year.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ORDINANCE NO.: 678-2009 FIRST READING: 1/4/2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 4th day of January, 2009, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at its meeting room in the County Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on Wednesday 28th day of January, 2009, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

GUARANTY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$20,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Chosen Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been requested by the purchaser, Community Investment Services to provide financing for the acquisition and renovation of an affordable residential development located at 380 Irvington Avenue, City of Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey, Block 11, Lots 45 and 1199A, known as Oakwood Plaza (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is expected to provide dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the financing of the Project, to the extent permitted by law, if such assistance will assure the continued availability of dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (TAXABLE) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCING OF A LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A TRUST INDENTURE AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority, the County, and the City of Elizabeth (the "City") to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the County Guaranty Agreement, the County Guaranty, the City Deficiency Agreement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreements (the "Financing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by this guarantee ordinance adopted by the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing a portion of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County and the City; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and the City and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority, the City or the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended (the "Local Bond Law"), codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1, et seq.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000, which Bonds are to be issued to finance the Project as described in the preamble hereof, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority. Upon the endorsement of the Bonds referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, when due, in the same manner as to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Manager, the Finance Director of the County, or the County Treasurer (each an "Authorized Officer") shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on

each of the Bond evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon. The endorsement on each Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such Bond, such Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance:

GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION.

The payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the within Bond is hereby fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), and the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on this Bond, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and, accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Officer.

Section 4. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver in the name of the County and on its behalf, a guaranty agreement or similar instrument (the "Guaranty Agreement") setting forth such matters with respect to the guaranty authorized by this guaranty ordinance as the County or the Authorized Officer (after consultation with counsel to the County) deems appropriate, and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized, if necessary, to attest to the signature of the Authorized Officer and to affix the seal of the County to the Guaranty Agreement.

Section 5. It is hereby found, determined and declared that:

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds which shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance, being an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of the Bonds entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law. (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the Project, and (ii) in an annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on all such guaranteed Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79) and all bonds of the Authority issued under the Act.

Section 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The maximum principal amount of Bonds which are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon is the maximum estimated cost of the Project to be financed in accordance with the transaction contemplated hereby is \$20,000,000.

(b) The purpose described in this guaranty ordinance is not a current expense of the County and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by \$20,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance will, be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Bonds hereby.

Section 7. The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized to execute such other certificates or agreements relating to this guaranty ordinance that may be required by the Authority to comply with the terms of the financing documents relating to the Bonds, including, without limitation, (i) any agreements or certificates detailing the time and method that payment under this guaranty ordinance shall be made by the County, (ii) any letters of representation or similar undertakings to be executed in connection with the sale of the Bonds, setting forth certain representations, warranties and covenants of the County as an inducement to the purchaser of the Bonds, (iii) any certificates deeming "final" (for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission) any preliminary or final Official Statements of the Authority relating to the Bonds, (iv) any continuing disclosure agreement or other instrument undertaking the secondary market disclosure obligations of the County required by said Rule 15c2-12. Such further agreements, instruments or certificates shall not abrogate the County's responsibilities hereunder.

Section 8. The Authorized Officers are hereby further authorized to (i) manually execute and deliver and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby further authorized to attest by manual signature to such execution and to affix, imprint, engrave or reproduce the corporate seal of the County to any agreement (including any agreement providing for the replenishment by the County of the bond reserve fund relating to the Bonds or any deficiency agreement, support agreement or other agreement providing for the payment by the County of any shortfall of revenues necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds), document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel to the County, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of this guaranty ordinance and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such agreement, document, instrument or closing certificate by the party authorized under this guaranty ordinance to execute such agreement, document, instrument or closing certificate and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 9. The provisions of this guaranty ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this guaranty ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 10. All capitalized words and terms used but not defined in this guaranty ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms, respectively, in the preambles hereto.

Section 11. This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 12. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, County Bond Counsel, the Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

1 T - 1/8/09, The Leader Fee: \$361.08

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