



Dear Friend of the UW-L Orchestra:

The purpose of this letter is to ask you for your financial support. The chamber music programs of the UW-La Crosse Symphony Orchestra need your help; I would like to share my love and passion for music by inviting you to an evening of delightful entertainment. There will be music, poetry and acting.

In the late 1990's, the UW-La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, with the support of then Chancellor Judith Kuipers instituted a unique scholarship program based on chamber ensembles. Students were invited to audition for places in three string quartets - The Annett Quartet, The Hoeschler Quartet and The Chancellor's Quartet. In 2004, a brass quintet and a woodwind quintet were added to the program. The scholarships for the quintets were made possible by a very generous gift from Bob and Janet Roth.

The scholarships required that students play in the chamber group, the Symphony Orchestra and perform in a recital with the quartet or quintet each semester. To help the groups with their rehearsals and performances, coaches were provided by the Music Department one hour per week. The coaches for the quartets and quintets were adjunct faculty with a special expertise in chamber performance.

As you know, all of the Wisconsin System Campuses have experienced large cuts from the state in the last several years. UW-La Crosse is no exception. As a result, the Department of Music no longer has the resources to pay for coaches for these ensembles. The support from the department will cease at the end of this semester, December 2007.

To help raise funds to continue this program, a very special recital will take place at 7:00 on Thursday, December 6, 2007, in Annett Recital Hall in the Center for the Arts on the UW-L Campus. The recital, entitled *Collage*, will feature UW-L faculty and guests. The program will include Enaldo A. Oliveira & David Phipps – violin, Derek Clark – cello, Mary Tollefson & Alethia Kenworthy – piano, Greg Balfany – clarinet, Tom Brown – trumpet, plus the poetry of Patrick Randolph acted by Dana McConnell and Walter Elder.

All of the proceeds from the recital will go to pay the salaries of the coaches for the chamber ensembles. The goal is to raise enough money to secure the future of this program for the next two and one-half years.

Please come and share a wonderful evening of music and help the UW-L Orchestra continue this critical part of its educational program. Suggested donations are \$15.00 per person. (Larger donations will not be rejected!) Seating is limited. To reserve a place, please call 608-785-8415.

Sincerely,

Dr. Enaldo Antonio James de Oliveira
Conductor, UW-La Crosse Orchestras