

Gala event held at Lake Geneva's Riviera

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LAKE GENEVA — The iconic Riviera Ballroom will be the setting for the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra's annual Gala on Feb. 16. "Masks" will be the theme for the evening, which will feature a concert by the orchestra, followed by beverages, light hors d'oeuvres, dancing to the Lake Geneva Symphony Swing Band and a silent auction.

"This year's Gala promises to be extraordinary," said LGSO Music Director David Anderson. "We are excited about playing at the Riviera."

In keeping with the theme, the orchestra will perform music relating to masks, a masked ball and the Carnival season. Featured works will include selections from "Phantom of the Opera," Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals," Dvorak's "Carnival Overture," a selection from Verdi's opera "Un ballo in maschera" and a concert suite from "Batman: The Dark Knight."

Attire for the gala is flexible, but guests are invited to dress in masked-ball attire or

to bring their own ball-type masks to the event. Prizes will be given for originality, authenticity and other categories. Souvenir masks will be available for other guests who want to participate in the festivity.

"It is quite fitting for this event to be at the Riviera, as our swing band will be performing in a building rich in history," said Anderson. "The Riviera hosted the best jazz musicians of the '30s, '40s and '50s. Artists like Louie Armstrong, Wayne King and Artie Shaw performed here." Local entertainer John Ludy Puleo will be the featured singer with the LGSO Swing Band.

Doors at the Riviera will open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and early bidding in the LGSO silent auction. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event help support the orchestra's performances, educational outreach and guest artists. The LGSO presents five to six programs of orchestral music per year and introduces young people to symphonic music with School Day concerts.

If you go

■ **What:** Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra Gala

■ **When:** 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16

■ **Activities:** Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine bar, silent auction bidding begins at 6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m.

■ **Where:** The Riviera, on the lakefront, downtown Lake Geneva

■ **Tickets:** (262) 359-9072, www.LakeGenevaOrchestra.org

Tickets may be purchased by calling (262) 359-9072 or online at www.LakeGenevaOrchestra.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 6:

Glenn Davis, Feb. 6 and every Wednesday, 8:45 p.m. to midnight, blues jam, Harry's Place, 808 W. Main St., Lake Geneva. (262) 248-3494

Kathy Fry, solo piano, Feb. 6, and every Wednesday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lobby Lounge, Grand Geneva Resort, Wisconsin Highway 50 and U.S. Highway 12, Lake Geneva. (262) 248-8811, www.grandgeneva.com

Rita Coolidge, Feb. 6, Northern Lights Theater, Potawatomi Bingo Casino, 1721 W. Canal St., Milwaukee, (800) 729-7244, www.paysbig.com

Thursday, Feb. 7

Los Lobos with Mother Hips, Feb. 7, Northern Lights Theater,

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7, and every Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lobby Lounge, Grand Geneva Resort, Wisconsin Highway 50 and U.S. Highway 12, Lake Geneva. (262) 248-8811, www.grandgeneva.com

Live mariachi music, Feb. 7 and every Thursday, Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant, 56 W. Market St.,

7, and every Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., B.J. Wentkers, 230 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington.

Glenn Davis and Matt Goodwin, Feb. 7, and every Thursday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Domenicos Italian Restaurant, 547 E. Grand Ave., Beloit. (608) 365-9489
The Security Project, Feb. 7,

Friday, Feb. 8

Mark Croft, Feb. 8, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Burlington Coffee House, 492 N. Pine St., Burlington. (262) 661-4394

Joe LaVie, Feb. 8, at the Lakeview Lounge, Geneva National Resort, W4240 Wisconsin Highway 50, Lake Geneva. (262) 249-3800

Rat Pack renditions by David Radford, Feb. 8, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Baker House, 327 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva. (262) 248-4700

Tift Merritt and Chris Koza, Feb. 8, Shank Hall, 1434 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee, (414) 276-7288, (866) 468-3401, www.shankhall.com

Paul Silbergleit, solo guitar, Feb. 8, and every Friday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lobby Lounge, Grand Geneva Resort, Wisconsin Highway