



INVENTION & ALCHEMY

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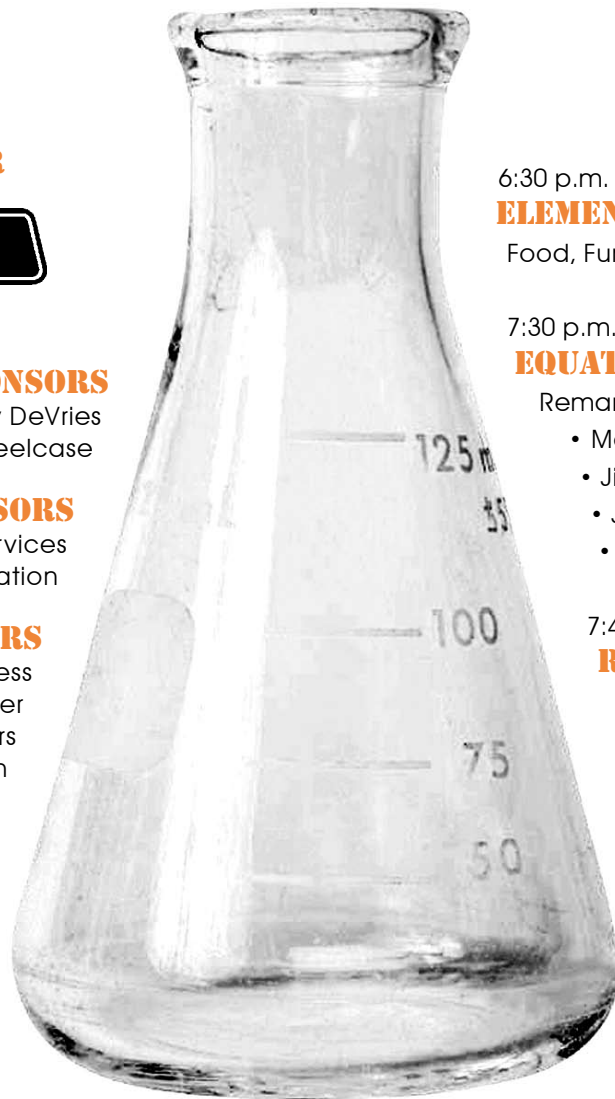
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PROGRAM

6:30 p.m.

ELEMENTS

Food, Fun and Refreshments

7:30 p.m.

EQUATION

Remarks

- Melia Tourangeau, Grand Rapids Symphony President
- Jim Preston and Lou Ann Gaydou, Event Co-chairs
- Joe Davio, Chair of the Grand Rapids Symphony Board
- Peter M. Wege, DVD/CD Underwriter

7:45 p.m.

REACTION: FUSION

Performance

Deborah Henson-Conant
David Lockington
John Varineau

8:30 p.m.

RESULTS

Desserts and Coffee

Deborah will be available to autograph DVD/CDs.

DEBORAH HENSON-CONANT AND YOUR GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY



YOUR SUPPORT TONIGHT

strengthens the Grand Rapids Symphony's music education programs that touch 77,000 students with music each year. But did you know...

- The Symphony's Access to Music concert serves more than 2,000 physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged individuals each year.
- 22,000 students come to the Fifth Grade Concerts at DeVos Performance Hall each year.
- Each year, the Symphony partners with the Grand Rapids Ballet Company to present 12 Lollipop Concerts for 14,000 kindergarten through second-grade students.
- Associate Conductor John Varineau conducts nearly 100 educational and Youth Symphony concerts per year. He celebrated his 20th Anniversary with the Symphony in 2005.
- Symphony musicians spend 25 percent of their time performing educational outreach services throughout West Michigan.
- The Symphony's Student Passport Program offers students \$5 tickets to many concerts.



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*Recorded live on November 11, 12, and 13, 2005 at DeVos Performance Hall
Featuring Deborah Henson-Conant and the Grand Rapids Symphony*

Impossible to categorize! It's part of what makes Deborah Henson Conant and her performances so enchanting. The only category that she truly fits is her own. So, who is Deborah? She is an inventor of ideas, reinventor of an instrument, author, composer and orchestrator. She is a passionate champion.

Throughout "Invention and Alchemy," Deborah's voice is the voice of nearly 80 musicians. But why THESE musicians — The Grand Rapids Symphony? Aside from the unquestionable talent of the musicians, there's more to this collaboration than just music. There's a communion of spirit. The members of the Grand Rapids Symphony are truly hometown heroes — dedicated musicians that invest as much in a school concert as they do in a Beethoven Symphony. They embody and reflect their community at the same time that they bring a broader culture into it. And so it is perfect that they would join Deborah in this work, because the Grand Rapids Symphony and Deborah ultimately believe in the same things: artistic collaboration, community, and the power of performance to elevate, enlighten, connect and ... yes, to simply have fun.

Collaboration, community spirit and enlightenment describe the man who sponsored this project. Peter M. Wege is a champion of the Grand Rapids Symphony, of Deborah and of the magical chemistry between them. It is this collaboration that creates the alchemy — the chemistry of magic — that brings this work to life. And so it is both the invention of the artist and the alchemy of the collaboration that we present to you ... and invite you into the middle of that magic.

"Invention and Alchemy" can be purchased this evening or locally at:

Grand Rapids Symphony Office
300 Ottawa NW Suite 100
616.454.9451

Schulers Books and Music
2660 28th St. SE -or- 3165 Alpine Ave. NW

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