

ClefWorks preps for new season at summer gathering



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ClefWorks board president Glenda Allred, center, welcomed, from left, Roger Spain, Leah Stephens, and Jim and Camille Leonard during a recent evening of enchanting music at the Allreds' home.

The night air was filled with more than just the sounds of chirping crickets and singing frogs on a recent Tuesday evening.

Members of ClefWorks' board of directors and its advisory committee gathered at the lovely home of Glenda and David Allred, where some enticing Latin music took center stage. Glenda, the board's president, planned the evening as a taste of a favorite event from the chamber music organization's premiere season — the house concert.

The food, fun and tango-inspired selections were just a part of the celebration of ClefWorks' hard work as they make final preparations for the organization's 2011 festival season in February.

ClefWorks promotes the appreciation of classical music with performances in unique venues and relaxed settings. Making chamber music more accessible and "unstuffy" is one of ClefWorks' main goals, so the house concert was in perfect harmony with that mission.

As guests arrived at the soiree, they were immediately offered cocktails and favorite summertime beverages, as well as cheeses and decadent des-



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After mixing and mingling for a bit, all gathered to discuss the progress of ClefWorks' artistic committee, whose members are busy listening to music, reviewing program ideas, talking to performers and setting the stage for a fantastic new season, which is shaping up to be a stellar event for the arts organization celebrating its fourth year.

In addition to the exciting news, the group was just as inspired by the artistry of local classical guitarist **Kevin Manderville**, who teaches guitar at Carver Elementary and Arts Magnet School and serves as an adjunct professor at Troy

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University and Huntingdon College.

Kevin, a member of the Tantalus Quartet, was a big hit last year when he performed during a ClefWorks' outreach

event for children, as well as for adults during a special evening at the David Braly Gallery.

He entertained guests with musical selections ranging from the soft and simple to the festive and "flamenco-esque." One piece had his fingers flying over the strings, while entranced listeners lounged on couches and chairs in the liv-

ing room. The ending of each piece was greeted with loud applause and even a few shout-outs.

"We'll be making a big announcement in the next few weeks," ClefWorks' executive director **Leah Stephens** said, as she encouraged everyone to be on the lookout for updates on the upcoming season.

Among those joining Leah

and the Allreds were Leah's husband, **Ken Stephens**; 2010 board vice president **Kimberly Baker**; **Carrie and Craig Banks**; **Betty Bobbitt Byrne**; **Lisa and John Capell**; **Anne Collett**; **Susan and Jay Cooper**; **Royal Dumas**; **Lisa and John Free**; **Ashley Hamlett**; **Jennifer Kornegay**; **Darren Kreitz**; **Camille and Jim Leonard**; **Lynne Payne**; **Don Rickard**; **Tara and Russell Sinco**; **Debby and Roger Spain** and **Bob Vardaman**.

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Guitarist Keith Manderville, center, entertained during a recent cocktail and dessert gathering at the home of David and Glenda Allred as final plans were being made for ClefWorks 2011 Festival in February. Thanking Manderville were, from left, Ken Stephens, Kimberly Baker and Russell and Tara Sinco.