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Dance to music of the 20s and 30s at Symphonia gala

The annual gala in support in of the Riverside Symphonia will be held at HollyHedge in Solebury Saturday, March 10.

This year's event will have an Art Deco New York theme. The event will honor Benita Ryan, who has devoted herself to running and supporting the Symphonia for many years as executive director and board member.

The chair of the gala is Kathy Hausman, who has been president of the Art Deco Society of New York for nine years.

Hausman brings her passion for Art Deco and her expertise on the period to celebrate and party in the style of the 1920s. She orchestrated a weeklong World Congress on Art Deco in May 2005, when delegates from around the world and other international Art Deco societies



Michael Arenella will bring his Dreamland Orchestra to Bucks County from New York to play music of the 1920s and 30s.



Kathy Hausman, chair of the Riverside Symphonia's annual gala, will dress in the spirit of Art Deco for the March 10 event.

experienced lectures, tours, and parties centering on Manhattan and its Art Deco iconic architectural heritage.

The Art Deco Society of New York has more than 600 members for which she plans monthly events. Hausman, a resident of Manhattan Monday through Friday, has become a strong supporter of Bucks County and its cultural events. Following the tragedy of September 11, 2001, she purchased a house in Lumberville and has been enjoying the environment as a weekend retreat.

A highlight of the gala will be the performance of an 11-piece New York orchestra. Michael Arenella and His Dreamland Orchestra will be playing period dance music throughout the evening.

Included in the festivities will

be silent and live auctions, prohibition-free drinks, hors d'oeuvre, and a sit-down "Deco-dent" dinner. Auction items will be offered, including two priceless experiences – cocktail parties on the top floors of both the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building donated by board members of the Art Deco Society of New York.

Tables will be named after New York skyscrapers or nightclubs. Prizes will be awarded for period dress.

Hausman's goal is to blend the Art Deco New York spirit with the Bucks County state of mind.

The famous song might be "I'll Take Manhattan," but in Kathy's eyes her balance is "Bucks."

For information and invitations, call the Riverside Symphonia at 609-397-7300.