

# The New Hope

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Michael Arenella and his Dreamland Orchestra will perform at the annual Riverside Symphonia gala.

## Symphonia to host annual gala March 10

The Lambertville, N.J.-based Riverside Symphonia will stage its annual gala, entitled this year, "The Art Deco Gala and Deco Dance," March 10, 7 p.m., at the Holly Hedge Estate, 6987 Upper York Rd., Solebury.

Live and silent auctions will run throughout the evening and prizes will be awarded for vintage attire.

Chaired by Kathy Hausman, president of the Art Deco Society of New York, the gala is sure to please art deco aficionados and dance enthusiasts alike. The highlight of the gala is the celebrated 11-piece New York-based orchestra, Michael Arenella and his Dreamland Orchestra, which will transport partygoers back to the days of speakeasies and all-night jazz parties.

The gala each year raises funds to support the Symphonia's concerts and various community outreach programs. This year, a portion of the proceeds will be dedicated specifically to the Student Outreach Program, which provides supplemental music instruction and activities for school-based music programs in the Delaware Valley.

Benita Ryan, the longtime executive director of the Symphonia, will be honored at the gala.

The idea for the theme came about when Hausman was asked to chair the event.

The Art Deco Society of New York has over 600 members for which she plans monthly events. Hausman spends her week in Manhattan and her week-

ends in Lambertville, where she purchased a home in 2001 and has since become a strong supporter of cultural events throughout the region.

The silent and live auctions will further the theme with an array of related items, as well as gift certificates for area restaurants and bed and breakfasts and unique packages, such as cocktail parties at the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building and a clambake for 12 at Hamilton's Grill Room in Lambertville.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will lead up to the sit-down "deco-dent" dinner, which will be served at tables named after New York skyscrapers or night-clubs.

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