

**SPRING VIOLA FAIR
TO FEATURE MICHAEL KIMBER**

The Minnesota Viola Society is proud to present violist and composer, Michael Kimber at ViolaFair '06. It will be held on Sunday, February 11th, from 1:00-4:30 at Sundin Hall on the campus of Hamline University in St. Paul.

Refreshments will be served. MVS members will be admitted to this event for free. Non-members will be charged \$10 for this event, which includes \$8 for an annual membership to the Minnesota Viola Society (how's that for a deal?).

So put this on your calendar!!!

**VIOLA FAIR '07
Sunday afternoon
February 11th
1:00-4:30
Hamline University
Sundin Hall**



REMEMBERING ALICE

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Alice Preves, who died of liver cancer on November 15. Alice was a member of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for almost 40 years playing under conductors from Leopold Sipe to Joshua Bell. She was a guest of the Minnesota Viola Society during the 2004 Viola Days event. Her memory will live on in perpetuity as an endowed chair in the SPCO which will bear her name. "Tamas Strasser, who sat next to Preves in the orchestra for more than two decades, said Preves' interests ventured far beyond classical music. She was a student of Judaism and alternative healing; her background as a music teacher and her listening skills naturally led her, in later years, to become certified as a life coach." (Pioneer Press)



A LAST MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by since taking over as President of the Minnesota Viola Society. While I look forward to my two years of "Past-President" status, I will surely miss my time as President. It has been a busy time and I believe that I leave office with the MVS in pretty good shape. We have hosted several successful events over the last two years including a masterclass by Roberto Diaz. We have had pot luck play-ins,

and we are about to have a visit from Violist and composer, Michael Kimber (who's music we have performed on several occasions in the past). We have hosted several viola events for both GTCYS and MYS to promote the viola and we have been mentioned in the AVS Journal several times.

I hope you will continue to promote all things viola (and renew your memberships in the MVS) and I look forward to seeing all of you at Viola Fair 2007!