

New Jersey Reading Orchestra

Report of our December 13 reading session Cellist Ella Toovy joined us in a reading rehearsal of the Schumann Cello Concerto. We had a great time accompanying such a remarkable, accomplished and fun-to-work-with musician. Here is Ella's email to you all:

Thank you for a fun reading on Sunday, and for making me feel so welcome.

Have a wonderful holiday season full of music and joy,
Ella Toovy

We warmed up with Mozart's Symphony #33, and then Ella joined us for the Schumann Cello Concerto. It was a lively reading which kept Steve literally on his toes. We welcomed Michele Mestman on piano, and William Medeiros on cello. Rounding out the strings were Innes (cello) and Isa Borstel, Ellen Hill, Peggy Lavake (violas). Noriko Kubo, Dave Crowell, Barbara Bivin and Bert Hartman provided some powerful 2nd violins; Dan Daniels, Herb Steiner and yours truly covered first violins, Bob Whitely, bass, and woodwinds were Laura Papratto, Kent Weisert and Alice Marcus.



Pictured are Laura, Steve, Ella Toovy and friend Michele