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# Symphony Notes

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## Message from the President

Greetings!

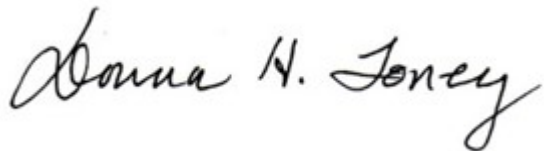
Time seems to be in a rush as we greet chilly mornings and maneuver through leaf-covered streets here in Hot Springs Village. Following a wonderful Barcelona Nights Fundraising event and looking forward to our ASO Christmas in the Village in just a few weeks, I hope to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of our surroundings.

Randy and I were fortunate to travel to France a week ago. As musicians, we are always looking for an opportunity to attend a musical concert or recital. After a guided tour of Saint-Émilion, we ventured into the Eglise Notre-Dame la Grande, where an organ recital was being held. We slipped in silently and secured seats. What a pleasure to sit among people of many nationalities - total strangers- and enjoy the marvelous performance together, while admiring the painted stonework and art within the cathedral. We did recognize a few composers and marveled at the musicianship and pipe organ. A few days later, while touring Bordeaux, we moved quietly into Église Sainte-Croix de Bordeaux where a service was being held. Although, we are Presbyterians and non-French speakers, we felt welcomed and at peace to join in worship. We did hum along with the hymns!

These two situations remind me that I am thankful to travel, appreciating cultures and customs other than my own, and to realize that all people speak the same universal language of music. I believe that learning and sponsoring the teaching of music is a priceless gift we can give that promotes working with others toward a greater goal and a better relationship with citizens of our world.

Our HS/HSV Symphony Guild continues to bring outstanding musical concerts to our community, support our ASO, and offer financial assistance to our local music education teachers and students. We thank you, our members and sponsors, for making our missions a reality.

I wish you all the best celebrations of our season and much happiness in the year to come!



Donna H. Toney

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## Barcelona Nights



event emcee Chuck Miller -- ole!

The HS/HSV Symphony Guild's October 12th "Barcelona Nights" special event was a fun and memorable evening on many fronts. The evening's theme was highlighted by the delicious and authentic Spanish cuisine provided by the Little Rock restaurant, Mi Paella. Wine was provided by Cork & Bottle. This lovely alfresco event also included music by the multi-talented Hot Springs musician, Steve Burchfield who performed rhythmic tunes throughout the evening.

Mountain Pine high school band and choir director, Chris Johns, talked about the value of music education in the lives of his students and shared his gratitude for the Guild's continuing support. The evening's donations will benefit various music education programs in HSV and surrounding communities.

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## "Symphony Safari" delights locale area students



On October 19, over 2,500 local area students assembled at BankOZK Arena for another delightful Children's Concert, presented by our Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. This year we welcomed three new schools -- Malvern, Gurdon and Bismark. We also welcomed new ASO associate Conductor Valery Saul (pictured here with event coordinator Martha Smither). Ms. Saul immediately drew the students into the quest for the golden harp. Would it be found in the jungle? Or on the mountain? Or at the river? The sounds of the selections the orchestra played mirrored the feel of each location. Composers as varied as John Williams and Aram Khachaturian were represented. Ms. Saul took time during the program to introduce the students to different sections of the orchestra so they could see and hear those instruments separately. Volunteers from the Symphony Guild Board, Altrusa International of HSV the Ladies of Sacred Heart Church and HSV's Amateur Radio Club helped to coordinate the bus unloading and loading and to direct each school

helped to coordinate the bus unloading and loading and to direct each school to its assigned section. This annual event is one of the most important missions of your Symphony Guild.

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## Donor Reception



The Guild Board of Directors hosted a reception at the home of Martha Smither to thank donors for their continued support and to bring attention to the then upcoming Children's Concert. Board members provided an array of heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Several talented Board members entertained the attendees.



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### Christmas in the Village Food Drive

The December 3rd HS/HSV Symphony Guild Woodland's concert, featuring the entire Arkansas Symphony Orchestra is a fabulous annual holiday tradition. Additionally, for the eighth consecutive year, the Guild is again inviting concert goers to donate non-perishable food to be shared between the Jessieville, Mountain Pine and Fountain Lake school pantries. After this event each year, the schools send notes of gratitude to express what an impact this annual food drive makes for their students.

A recent USDA study, "Household Food Insecurity in the United States in 2022" ranked Arkansas as the state with the most food insecure households in the nation.

All opportunities to help make a difference in relieving area hunger, matters. The Guild is very grateful to those of you who wish to participate and donate food (or write a check to the school or schools of your choice) on Dec. 3.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** As of the publication date of this newsletter, there were still tickets available for "Christmas in the Village." Clicking on this [link](#) will take you to the thundertix website where you can purchase reserved seats. Don't delay--these seats won't last long!

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## 2024 Classics Series schedules two events



Scott Carrell

We are excited to be bringing back popular pianist Scott Carroll for the first Classics Series Concert of 2024.

Mr Carrell enjoys a multi-faceted career as a pianist, collaborator and composer, having performed in the U.S.A., France, Germany, Italy and China. His virtuosic flair, expressive playing, informative comments, and innovative programming have garnered enthusiastic responses from audiences and presenters alike. His varied interests have resulted in several programs of French music, ragtime, and lesser-known works of the repertoire, resulting in residencies at Texarkana College, Northwest Missouri State University, and Guongdong University of Foreign Studies in Guangzhou, China.

Mr. Carrell received degrees from Southwestern University, the University of Illinois, and a D.M.A from the University of North Texas.

Mr. Carrell is an active member of the Arkansas State Music Teachers, he has presented sessions at both regional and state conferences, serves as President of the Music Teachers Association of Central Arkansas, and was recently named the ASMTA 2022 Teacher of the Year. He currently teaches piano, piano related courses, and music theory at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

The concert will be on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3 pm at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and will be followed by a meet and greet reception. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance on the Guild website ([click here to visit](#)) by registering for the event. Tickets will also be available at the door.

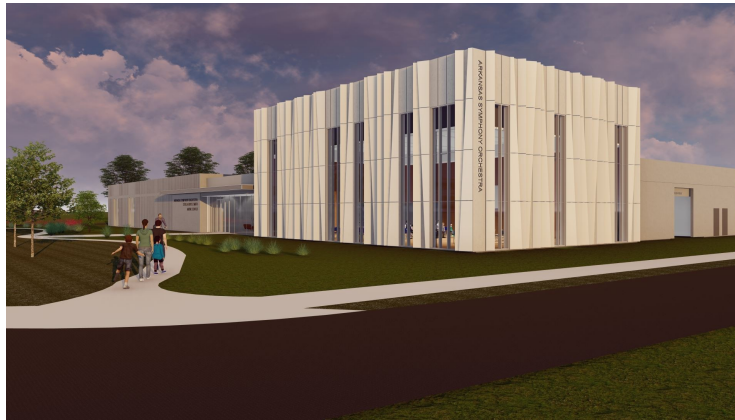
Another concert is scheduled for March 17 of next year. Titled "Cello and Piano Magic," it will feature cellist Jacob Wunsch and pianist Haeshin Shin. Registration is open on our website for this concert as well.

Look for news on more Classics Series events in upcoming newsletters.



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## ASO Announces new Music Center



As music education is such an important part of the mission of your Symphony Guild, we were all excited to read that ground had been broken for the new Stella Boyle Smith Music Center in Little Rock. Below are brief excerpts from the ASO website.

*"The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra broke ground on August 10, 2023 on its new \$11.75 million Stella Boyle Smith Music Center in Little Rock's East Village (Close to the Clinton Center). The 20,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility is slated to open in September of 2024, and will be the Symphony's first permanent home in its 58-year history.*

*The new music center will be a welcoming hub of musical activity for all Arkansans, serving youth and adults of all ages with an array of musical offerings. The building will provide access to music education, music performances and music making to residents of all corners of the state through new spaces and a broadcast and recording studio."*

Every April for our Annual Meeting the Guild welcomes the ASO Academy and Youth Orchestras to the Woodlands Auditorium. We are very excited for current and future student musicians to have such a wonderful venue for practices and performances.

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## Help Us Grow Our HS/V Symphony Guild Endowment



# ARKANSAS community foundation

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The Symphony Guild has an endowment with HSV Community Foundation, for our music educational programs. Endowments retain their principal value and provide a perpetual source of funding year after year. Our endowment provides only a small portion of our annual needs at this time. If we can grow our endowment, however, it has the potential to support a significant portion of our educational programs *every year*.

The best way to grow an endowment is through planned giving. Many of us on fixed retirement income have limited budget amounts to fulfil our philanthropic objectives. By leaving a gift from your estate, you use money you would not otherwise spend. Because estate gifts are not restricted by monthly budget concerns, they also have the potential to be much larger gifts, which makes them the best option for growing an endowment.

There are many ways to make estate gifts. You can use a simple bequest in your will or trust document. You can name a beneficiary in an account, such as an IRA. You can also explore more complicated gifts, *which can actually provide you additional income*. Any of these methods help us grow our endowment and ensure a future source of funding for music education in our area.

If you are interested in helping us grow the Symphony Guild endowment, you can contact the HSV Community Foundation (Executive Director Jane Browning) at 501-372-1146, or email the Foundation office at [hotspringsvillage@arcf.org](mailto:hotspringsvillage@arcf.org). Bequests should be made to the HSV Community Foundation, but clearly designating them for HS/HSV Symphony Guild Endowment. The Community Foundation recognizes all those who make estate gifts as members of their "Diamond Society", reflecting the high value of such gifts. Consider joining the Diamond Society and helping us grow the Symphony Guild endowment.

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## Our 2023-2024 Schedule of Events

Watch for additional information on more programs and events on our website, in the Hot Springs Village *Voice*, and in future newsletters.

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:00 p.m.**—ASO "Christmas in the Village," Woodlands Auditorium, HSV

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 3:00 p.m.**—Scott Carroll in Concert, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Asturias Dr, HSV

**Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:00 p.m.**—Cello and Piano Magic, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Asturias Dr, HSV

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 3:00 p.m.**—ASO Youth Orchestras in Concert and Annual Meeting, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Asturias Dr, HSV

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## In Every Issue

### Bus service available for Masterworks Concerts

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If we do not have your email address and you would like a printed copy of the directory, please contact Jim Dixon at (214) 632-2351. If for privacy reasons, you do not want to be included in the directory or do not want a particular piece of information included in the directory (address or phone number for example), please contact Jim Dixon. If you elected not to be included in past directories, we have not included you in the current directory.

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### Stay up-to-date on the Guild Facebook page

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sponsoring transportation to the ASO **Masterworks** Sunday afternoon concerts in partnership with Arkansas Destinations. For the 2023-2024 season, the bus will be available for the six Masterworks concerts at the Robinson Center. Because the first concert was October 1, Masterworks season bus tickets are no longer available. Individual concert trips for the remaining concerts are \$45 round trip. The bus will depart the Good Samaritan Campus at 12:45 pm and will return all the passengers to the Village following the concert, arriving at Good Samaritan Campus about 6 pm.

To purchase bus tickets online, click [here](#). If you want to purchase bus tickets by mail, please download and print this [form](#) and follow the instructions on the form.

Sales of **new** bus tickets to the **Pops** concerts using Arkansas Destinations have been suspended due to lack of interest. If you already purchased bus tickets to the Pops Sunday afternoon concerts, we are making alternate arrangements for your transportation. If you do not already have a bus ticket for a Pops concert and want a ride, please contact Molly Crawshaw at [mscrawshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:mscrawshaw@yahoo.com) or 501.915

Keep up with current Guild events and projects at the HS/V Symphony Guild [Facebook](#) page. The page is filled with photos of recent Guild events as well as up-to-the minute announcements regarding upcoming events. And if you "**follow**" the Guild on Facebook these photos and events will make it to your newsfeed. Please invite your Facebook friends (Guild members or not) to **follow** our page too!

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