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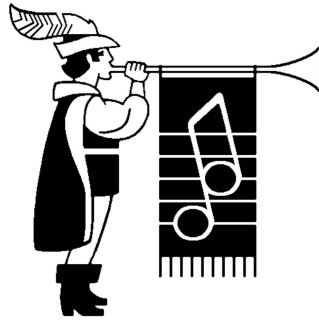
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Message from the President

Greetings,

As we greet this new year of 2024, it brings me joy to reflect on the HS/HSV Symphony Guild concerts and events of 2023. We were pleased to meet our music education and concert goals. And, what a pleasure to welcome Geoffrey Robson as permanent ASO Maestro! The Christmas in the Village concert was a beautiful ending to the fall events.

Randy and I were fortunate to spend Christmas with our younger son and his family last week in which seasonal music played a central role. Be it singing with karaoke microphones, playing duets with the 6-year-old beginning piano grandson, dancing with Holly Jolly Christmas or attending a church service, music energized us all. It is amazing to know music speaks to us with no reference to age, language skills, or social status.

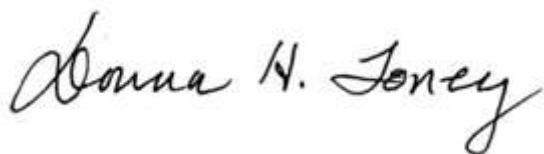
Looking forward to our busy months ahead, the Guild hosts two outstanding Classical Concerts at the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines on January 21 with Scott Carrell, pianist, of Harding University, and March 17 featuring ASO cellist Jacob Wunsch and pianist Haeshin Shin. This married couple will present Cello and Piano Magic. Both concerts will be followed by a Meet and Greet Reception – please check all information and tickets on our website: www.symphonymusicguild.org/events.

Our busy program committee is working on a dinner/program – more news to come – and the inspiring ASO Youth Orchestras will perform at the Woodlands on April 28. Our popular Balboa Beach Party will close out the school year on May 30, which will include a wine pull to benefit music education goals.

Thank you for being a member of the Symphony Guild and supporting our efforts here in the village, our county and our ASO! Thank you for being a sponsor and enabling us to fulfill the goals so carefully planned and guided through the years! We are always looking for interested persons to join the board, and I ask you to consider joining us as we try to benefit our community.

Happy New Year to all and I hope to see you soon!

Best wishes,



Donna H. Toney

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Christmas in the Village 2023



On December 3, a near capacity crowd welcomed the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra back to the Woodlands Auditorium for the always delightful "Christmas in the Village" concert. Recently appointed Music Director (and long-time HSV favorite) Geoffrey Robson was at the podium to conduct.

Beginning with Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Robson brought the ASO audience into the holiday spirit. The orchestra also combined current and classical numbers including Christmas at the Movies, Christmas Canticles, Dance of the Tumblers. New Associate Conductor Valery Saul took over for Waltz of the Flowers and Sarajevo's Christmas Eve. She instantly made herself an HSV favorite too!

The orchestra welcomed the Hot Springs Village Chorale to join in Angels We Have Heard on High and Jingle Bells.

Sarah Dailey, mezzo soprano, thrilled everyone with her solos, Oh Holy Night, White Christmas and What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?

It has become an annual tradition for the Guild to accept donations (monetary or non-perishable foods) for our local area school children at this event. These donations help to provide lunches while the children are on break. This was once again coordinated by the Babbies--Suzanne and Earl, with several able assistants lending a hand.

Thank you to all who contributed, and for continuing to make this Christmas event one of the most successful that your Symphony Guild hosts.



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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 Guangdong University of Foreign Studies in Guangzhou, China.

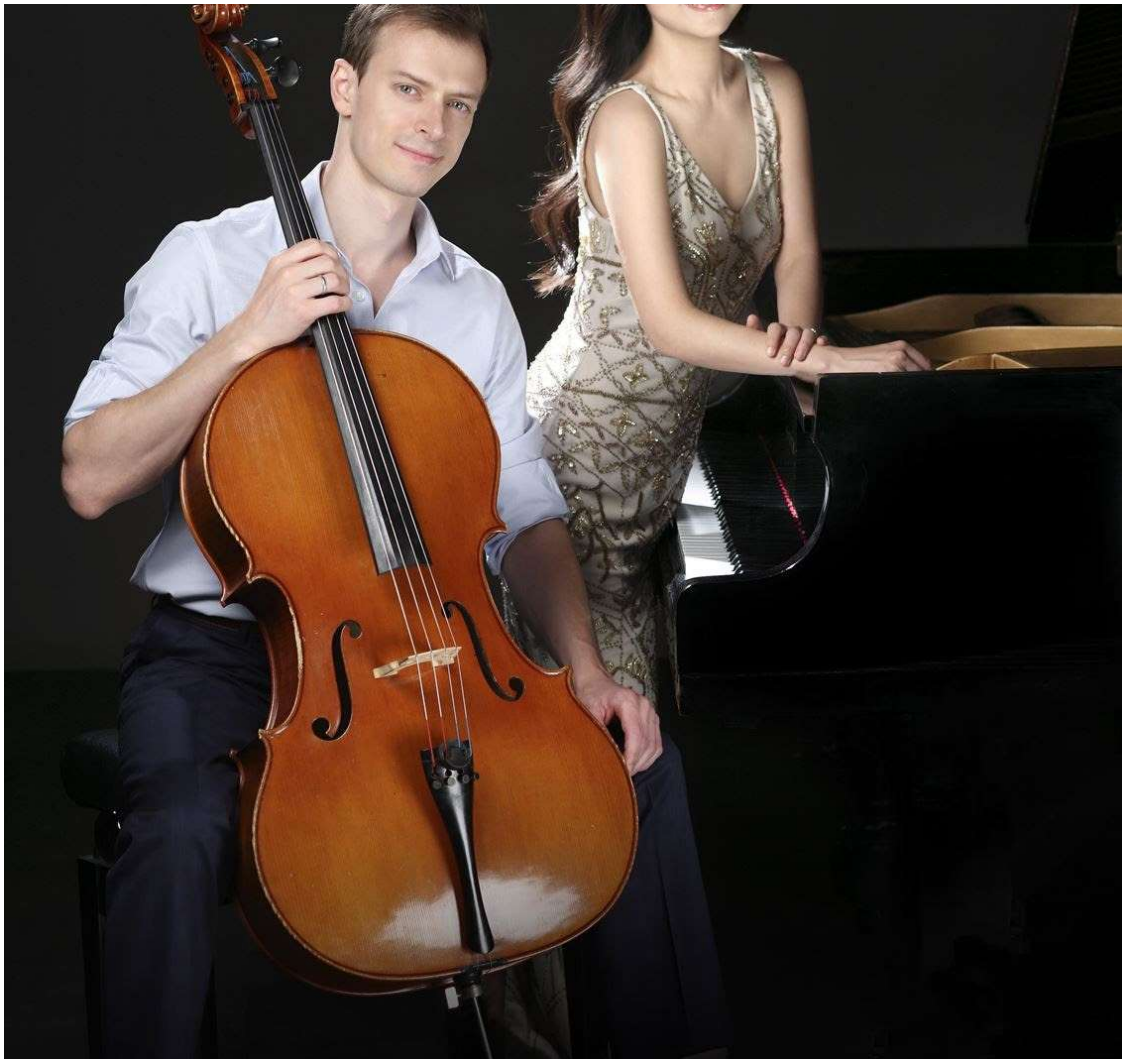
Mr. Carrell received degrees from Southwestern University, the University of Illinois, and a D.M.A from the University of North Texas.

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.

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.

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Final Thoughts

As I began assembling this newsletter today, the first HSV snowfall of 2024 was upon us. It was beautiful! While what I offer below is not exactly snow-related, it does speak to the feeling I think many of us had this winter morning as the sun was shining and the snow was falling. As always, thanks to our former Guild President and our forever Poet Laureate Suzanne Babbie for her beautiful composition.

the sky

By Suzanne Babbie

up high where

billowy clouds

casually

sail by, with

destinations

undetermined

pause, gaze

and smile

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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, 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](#)

Thursday, May 30, 2024 time TBD—Beach Party at Balboa Pavilion. Details to follow.

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Bus service available for Masterworks Concerts

The HS/HSV Symphony Guild is 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 **Masterworks** bus tickets online, visit our website home page at www.symphonyguild.org and follow the instructions for purchasing tickets online or printing a form to purchase tickets by mail.

We have changed the transportation arrangements to the **Pops** concerts. If you purchased a bus ticket for a Pops concert before October 22 and have not been contacted about the change, please contact contact Molly Crawshaw at mscrawshaw@yahoo.com or 501.915.2197.

If you would like a ride to any of the remaining Pops concerts, once again visit our website at www.symphonyguild.org and click on the desired date to purchase a ride. Individual concert trips are \$45 round trip. Village Chauffeur will depart the Good Samaritan Campus at 1:30 pm and will return passengers to the Village following the concert, arriving at Good Samaritan Campus about 6pm.

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Once you are logged into the website, you may see the directory, edit your personal profile to keep us up-to-date if any of your contact information changes, adjust your email preferences, and adjust your privacy (directory) settings. For help with the website, please contact Suzanne Kuch at 915-8016 or info@symphonyguild.org.

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.

Stay up-to-date on the Guild Facebook page

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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