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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Happy New Year and welcome to the remainder of the Guild's 2018-2019 concert season. We have many exciting and entertaining concerts instore for you!

Each January we are honored to share with you a concert presenting the Henderson State University President Award Winner students. In February we present the piano artistry of Nataliya Sukhina. During March, for your entertainment pleasure we present a concert with Acousticatz. Please note that detailed information about these upcoming concerts are included in this issue of Symphony Notes.

The HS/HSV Symphony Guild has again been nominated as Non-Profit of the Year by the HSV Chamber of Commerce. We hope you will join Guild board members who will attend the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday February 19.

In conclusion, let me thank all of you who continue to support the Guild's very important mission of providing music education to area youngsters. Your donations during 2018 helped over 3,000 local 3rd-6th grade students listen to and participate with a full Arkansas Symphony Orchestra concert. Every donation helps open the gift of music to our local young people. **You** make a difference and we are grateful to you.

"Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart." ~Pablo Casals

Best wishes,

Suzanne R. Babbie

Local Schools receive food donations

Thanks to the generosity of the attendees at the ASO Christmas in the Village Concert this past December 2, Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine Schools each received a significant amount of non-

perishable foods to help bridge the gap during the end of year school break when regular school lunches are not available. Each school has sent a kind thank you note to Guild President Suzanne Babbie, and the entire Guild again thanks each of you for your thoughtfulness.

Guild Receives HSV Chamber of Commerce Nomination

We are pleased to report that your HS/HSV Symphony Guild has been nominated for the HSV Chamber of Commerce 2018 Non-Profit Organization of the Year award. Nominees are service organizations which serve HSV for the greater good, having raised community awareness for the causes they promote and having provided exemplary service to those causes. The award will be presented at the annual Chamber Awards Banquet, February 19.

Henderson State award winners coming soon



On Saturday January 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild will present the Henderson State University Department of Music annual President's Concert competition winners in Hot Springs Village. The concert will take place at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hot Springs Village (199 Barcelona Rd.). Tickets are free, but please register to help us plan the reception following the concert. The program features student soloists who were selected as winners of the annual President' Con-

cert competition at Henderson State University. Pictured are last years winners.

Hot Springs Village Community Foundation presents 14th Annual Benefit Concert — “Rocket Man”

Tickets are on sale now for the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation benefit concert, “Rocket Man!! An Elton John Experience”, Tuesday February 26, 7:30 p.m., in the Woodlands Auditorium. Proceeds from this concert will benefit five local charities. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at www.hsvticketsales.com. As of this publication, there may be a few tickets left for the pre-concert dinner, dinner price \$15, catered by Dolce Vita Italian Ristorante. These can also be secured at the hsvticketsales link. Tickets may also be purchased at the Ponce de Leon Center, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Piano Concert Event



Join us for a piano concert by Nataliya Sukhina on Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Hot Springs Village.

Nataliya Sukhina is a sought-after pianist with an extensive and diverse repertoire and numerous years of collaborative experience with vocalists and various instrumentalists. She is proficient in several keyboard family instruments (piano, forte-piano, harpsichord, and some organ), and finds herself equally at home with early, classical, and modern era music repertoire.

Nataliya can be heard on several CDs – *“Facets 3: New American Music for Trumpet”* with John Holt and Sophia Grech (2009), *“7 Vignettes for 7 Choreographers”* by Claudia H. Queen (2011), and *“Shades of Light”* with Lisa Garner (2014). She had an honor to participate in international cultural exchange programs with the Aruba Department of Cultural Affairs (2010), and the Chinese Music Institute of Peking University (2013).

Nataliya appeared in the Amarillo and Lake City Arts chamber series, and worked for such festivals and competitions as the Bradetich International Double Bass Solo Competition, MTNA, International Trombone Festival, NATS, International Horn Symposium, etc. She regularly performs chamber recitals with guest artists from across the country and abroad. Nataliya Sukhina works as a full-time collaborative pianist for Texas Tech University School of Music in Lubbock, TX. Summer engagements include Hot Springs Music Festival, AR, and STring Academy in Lake City, CO.

During her free time Nataliya very much enjoys her newly found passion – folk dancing, which includes but is not limited to contra, Scottish Country, Border Morris, Irish Set, and English Country styles. There will be a meet and greet reception following the concert.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. Or, you may secure your tickets in advance through our website, www.symphonyguild.org.

Bringing you The Acousticatz — Blue Grass and More, Thursday March 7, 5:30 p.m., Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church



Every year, the Guild looks forward to the challenge of presenting a more casual music event. Recently we have featured the Bob Boyd Trio presenting the music of George Gershwin and Irving Berlin, and last year featuring Hot Springs vocalist Shirley Chauvin. This year’s event will be the unique musical experience of another Arkansas entertainment group, The Acousticatz.

The Acousticatz are steeped in bluegrass but tinged by pop, jazz and country and can best be summed up in just five words: Everything old is new again. This group offers a refreshing, wholesome approach

that crosses demographic lines and embraces young and old alike.

They were Arkansas State winners and national semifinalists of the Colgate Country Showdown, the biggest country music competition in the world. Performing a blend of original and traditional favorites, the group has enjoyed extensive touring throughout Arkansas and the U.S. as well as maintaining a brisk schedule for the Arkansas Arts Council Arts On Tour program.

Among the many rave reviews is the following: "The Acousticatz have something for everyone: beautiful vocal harmonies, outstanding musicianship and extremely entertaining live shows. Their song selection will please people with diverse musical tastes as they play bluegrass standards, Gospel tunes, contemporary bluegrass compositions and unique arrangements of songs originally performed in other genres of music like jazz, pop, country and rock music. . . . I would highly recommend them to anyone seeking a band to perform at their event." -- Marty Scarbrough, KASU Program Director and sponsor of Bluegrass Monday Concert Series.

Dinner tickets are \$15 and show tickets are \$10. You may register and purchase tickets at the Guild website. To purchase tickets by phone or by mail, please contact Nancy Jorgensen at 501-984-2266 or mail a check payable to HS/HSV Symphony Guild with a self-addressed, stamped envelop to Nancy Jorgensen—14 Ibi Lane, HSV, AR 71909.

Guest Conductor Jim Gifford delights the audience



One of the highlights for many of us at the ASO Christmas concert was watching our own Jim Gifford enthusiastically conduct the orchestra for

the iconic LeRoy Anderson arrangement of "Sleigh Ride." And Jim was as delighted to do it as the audience was to watch him. As he puts it, "Conducting the ASO was a thrill! It fulfilled a long suppressed desire of mine. Becky gave me the baton 35 years ago, after watching me "conduct from my seat" at Los Angeles Philharmonic concerts."

Jim secured this honor by being the highest bidder at the Guild's 2018 *Magical Evening* soiree. You, too will have an opportunity to bid on this year's guest conductor experience, as well as many other irresistible items, by attending our 2019 *Great Gatsby Gala*, Saturday April 27 at the Coronado Center. More information on this sure to be memorable event will be forthcoming in future e-blasts, and in the next issue of your *Symphony Notes*.

Our 2018—2019 Season

Here is a complete list of the remaining events planned for this season. See articles in this newsletter for information on the January and February events, and watch for more information in future newsletters, in Symphony Guild e-blasts, and on the Events page of our website.

Saturday January 26, 2019, 2:00 PM—Student Showcase, Henderson State President Award Winners in Concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sunday February 17, 2019, 3:00 PM—Piano Artistry of Nataliya Sukhina, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Thursday March 7, 2019 —The Acousticatz, "Blue Grass and More", concert and pre-concert dinner, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church.

Saturday, April 27, 2019 —Great Gatsby Gala, Coronado Community Center

Saturday May 4, 2019, 2PM —ASO Youth and Academy Orchestras and Annual Meeting, Woodlands Auditorium.

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Bus Service to Sunday ASO Masterworks Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performances of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Masterworks concert series and don't want to drive, we offer bus service from the Village. To sign up to ride the bus, please contact either

Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 or by email at mscrawshaw@yahoo.com

or

Priscilla O'Malley at 915-0051 or by email at prisomalley@yahoo.com

You can pay for each trip when you board the bus or you may purchase the entire series of trips (for a discount) in advance.

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Supporting All Arts

The **Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild** is a member of the **Hot Springs Village Arts Council**, and fully supports all of the creative, visual and performing arts in and around Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village. For information on the upcoming events of the Council's members, please visit www.hsvarts.org.

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