

Summer 2021

## Symphony Notes

HSV/HS Symphony Guild is a member of the HSV Arts Council

Visit us at: [www.SymphonyGuild.org](http://www.SymphonyGuild.org)  
Contact us at: [info@symphonyguild.org](mailto:info@symphonyguild.org)

### Message from the President

First, our organization is strong and healthy. In spite of the 18 months of pandemic, our members have remained faithful, and our financial situation is strong. We have been able to continue education programs, to the extent allowed by school situation and availability of students. We have helped ASO weather this storm as well. **Thank you all** for your loyalty and support.

Fortunately, things are slowly returning to normal. Those who attended our Beach party on May 14 can understand why I have been referring to that as our “coming out party”. A pavilion full of partyers enjoyed good food, good music, dancing, and *no masks*. See article later in this newsletter.

We have an exciting program for you in the fall, ***BRAVO Amici***, at the Woodlands, **Sept 16**. This is the program originally scheduled for spring of 2020. You can read more about it in the article in this newsletter. We will also present our annual ASO Christmas in the Village concert this year, and our Program Committee is working on some exciting ideas for next year. Remember that our members always have an opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

For the second year in a row, we had to forgo our usual annual meeting in the spring. Until last year, we have held our meeting in conjunction with the annual Arkansas Youth Orchestra concert in the Woodlands. I remain confident that we will be able to return to that format next year. Key elements from our ‘virtual meeting’ message are repeated here.

On June 2, our new board met for the first time. Thanks to everyone who voted in our recent election. We have four new board members this year, one member coming back onto the board, and five retiring board members.

We are thrilled to have four new board members. Bertha (Bert) Gianulis is assuming the very important role of Guild Treasurer. Bert is a retired CFO and Controller, important background for a Treasurer, and also also has experience on non-profit

boards. Our three new Members-At-Large are each active in various Village activities and are already active as members of the Special Projects Team and Development Team. We welcome Chris Cash, Christy Ethridge, and Suzanne Stofer. The full roster of the new board is printed in this newsletter, along with brief bios of our new members.

Finally, I want to thank our retiring board members, Lynn Petti, Bev Thompson, Donna Yearby, Marie Hylden and Betty Traylor. Lynn, Bev and Donna have served on the Board for a combined total of over 38 years! Lynn has the longest tenure and has given her time and talents in many ways over the years. Bev has also served in many capacities, especially in conjunction with the Children’s Concert every year. Donna is retiring Treasurer, having served more years in that capacity than she expected. Betty and Marie did not serve as many years as the other three, but we appreciate their contributions as well. They were willing to give time and talent to support our mission. Marie leaves the board on a high note, having been chair of our recent Beach Party. We know these ladies will continue to support the Guild “behind the scenes” in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Jim Gifford

### Bus to the Masterworks Series to Resume

We are pleased to announce that we will be resuming our Sunday matinee bus service to the ASO Masterworks series. Concert dates are Oct. 3, Nov. 7, 2021 and Jan 30, Feb. 28, April 10 and May 15, 2022. Details are included later in this newsletter.

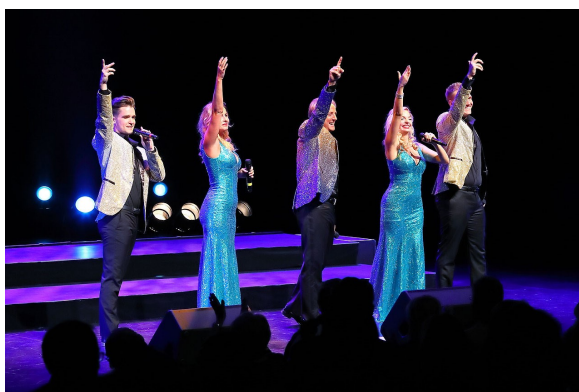
## Scholarship Winners Announced



The annual scholarship auditions were held May 1 at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Two seniors from Mountain Pine School auditioned and were awarded scholarships of \$2000 each. Clarke Elmore, saxophonist, will attend the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville as a music arts and theater double major and Victoria Gallegos, flutist, will attend Henderson State University as a music education major. Both were invited to audition again next year to continue their scholarships.

As is the case every year, \$10,000 in mini-grants were awarded to several local area schools in support of their music education programs. Details about these awards can be found in the May 18 edition of the HSV *Voice*.

## BRAVO Amici Begins our 2021-2022 Season



Talk about perseverance! Originally scheduled for early 2020, The Guild will present BRAVO Amici on the Woodlands Auditorium stage Thursday, September 16.

Geoff Sewell and Simone Lanham co-

founded the world's first opera band, Amici Forever. in 2002. It went on to sell over 3.5 million albums worldwide. Following that success, Geoff and Simone created BRAVO Amici in 2010, which includes original cast member and tenor, Geoff Sewell. BRAVO Amici consists of two sopranos and three tenors, from Broadway, the West End and opera.

BRAVO Amici has wowed audiences all over the world, from London to LA, Miami to Moscow, St. Moritz to Sardinia, New York to New Zealand. Combining the essential elements of classical crossover - pop, Broadway, the West End and opera - this group of endlessly talented friends and stage stars melt hearts and blow minds in every theater they perform, becoming a worldwide phenomenon over the years. With a show that not only entertains and excites audiences, but also connects with them on a deeper level (at a time when the world needs all the love, acceptance and inclusion it can get) you can guarantee it's a concert you'll never forget because of how they made you feel.

A pre-show dinner is also being planned.

Tickets will go on sale to Guild members around August 1 and will be offered to the general public around August 15. Watch for your Guild email. You won't want to miss this show.

## Lakeside Beach Party – What A Swell Party It Was!



We couldn't have asked for a nicer evening to hold our first party since covid-19. On May 14 the Special Projects Team, under the leadership of Marie Hylden, welcomed about 180 guests to the Balboa Pavilion for an evening of "wining", dining, dinner, music, and dancing – not to mention raffles and 50-50 as well! When the planning began for this event, covid concerns

made it uncertain whether this event could take place at all. However, the team persevered with great enthusiasm and positivity. Their efforts were indeed rewarded, as the Guild stands to realize over \$3,000 for its music education missions, and an additional over \$1,500 in support of Mountain Pine School's Band program. We are grateful to everyone who attended, including several who made an extra donation at the time they purchased their event tickets. Special thanks to our loyal sponsors, who were acknowledged at the party. And special, special thanks to Xplore Lakeside, ASO musicians Brandon Dorris and Brad Birge, entertainer extraordinaire Marcus Shugg, Sissy's Log Cabin, Bob and Helen Seekatz, and everyone who donated wine for the wine pull and other fabulous items for the raffle.

## Your 2021-2022 Board of Directors

We are pleased to introduce you to our 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

President : Jim Gifford  
 Past President : Suzanne Babbie  
 Administrative VP: Carolyn Bowers  
 Secretary: Maureen Morgan  
 Treasurer: Bertha Gianulis  
 Development V.P: Elaine Weeter  
 Education VP : Jim Kelly  
 Membership Recruitment VP: Jim Dixon  
 Membership VP Hot Springs: Open  
 Membership Services VP: Molly Crawshaw  
 Membership Services VP: Priscilla O'Malley  
 Program VP: Jim McKeand  
 Public Relations VP: Pat Shaha  
 Special Projects VP: Donna Toney  
 Ticket VP: Sally Crawford  
 Member-At-Large: Jeanne Ballard  
 Member-At-Large: Chris Cash  
 Member-At-Large: Christy Etheridge  
 Member-At-Large: Suzanne Kuch  
 Member-At-Large: Martha Smither  
 Member-At-Large: Suzanne Stofer

## Meet our New Board Members

We are very pleased to welcome four exceptional people to the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. Bertha (Bert) Gianulis is assuming the very important roll of Guild Treasurer. Bert and husband Bill came to us from Fort Worth about 6 years ago.

She is a retired CFO and Controller, so is imminently qualified for her new assignment! They are both avid golfers and have played many courses around the US during their frequent "road trips." Their two children (and spouses) have blessed them with 5 granddaughters . . . and there is a grandson on the way! Bert loves to sing and has shared her alto voice in several chorales thru the years. Hopefully she will continue to do that here in HSV!

Our three new Members-At-Large have already hit the ground running as members of the Special Projects Team and Development Team. Chris Cash and husband Rick relocated to HSV from Washington State in 2004. Chris retired from the US Army Nurse Corp with over 23 years of service. Rick was also in the medical profession. Chris chairs the annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count, and is quite active in AAU, PEO, and Sacred Heart Church, and previously served on the SCAT and VEBF boards. The Cashes have a large extended family and enjoy frequently visiting them all across the country. Christy Etheridge is a 10-year resident of HSV, relocating from Evanston, Wyoming in 2011. She immediately became manager of Good Samaritan Services at Home, retiring from that position in 2020. Even with a demanding career, Christy found time to participate in her PEO chapter, volunteer with the Village Walk for Cancer Research, and the Hot Springs Music Festival. She loves pickleball, the piano (she has a degree in Orchestral Music!), and boating on Lake Coronado. Thanks to her musical background, Christy is passionate and music education and a great believer in the benefits of music for the old as well as for the young. Suzanne Stofer and husband Chuck have lived in the Village for 15 years, having moved here from Amstelveen, The Netherlands. She likes to say that she "never got out of high school," as her career was as a teacher, coach, counselor and principal. Suzanne is active in several HSV clubs, including AAUW, the Village Card Club, Stephens Ministry, PEO and SCAT. She is a golfer, a bridge and mah-jongg player, a reader and a gardener. Her experience volunteering for the Children's Concert and other Guild activities, as well as being a member of the ASO for many years led her to accept our invitation to join the Board.

Thank you, ladies for your generous willingness to serve.

# Board Photo Gallery

## Retiring Board Members



**Bev Thompson and Marie Hylden**



**Donna Yearby (with Suzanne Kuch)**



**Betty Traylor**

## Incoming Board Members



**Suzanne Stofer, Christy Etheridge, Chris Cash  
(Bert Gianulis absent)**



**Lynn Petti**

## Summer Newsletter Quote

“Life without playing music is inconceivable for me. I live my daydreams in music, I see my life in terms of music.” Albert Einstein.

## Newsletter Quiz Bowl

Here’s a new feature we’re trying out this issue. Question: What is an earworm? Answer appears later in this newsletter.

**Quiz Bowl Answer:**

An earworm is a catchy song or tune that runs continually through a person's mind.

If you would like to submit a quiz bowl question and answer, please email your Newsletter Editor, Maureen Morgan at [momorg@suddenlink.net](mailto:momorg@suddenlink.net).

**Our 2021 Schedule of Events**

Below are the events currently planned as a part of our 2021—2022 Season

**Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:30 p.m.—**  
BRAVO Amici, Woodlands Auditorium

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 3:00 p.m.—**ASO  
Christmas in the Village, Woodlands Auditorium

**Members Only**

You will find a searchable directory in the member area on our website. You will also find a printable copy of the directory in the same location. To access the member only section of the website, you will need to login. To do so, click on **LOGIN** in the upper right section of the header on any page on our website. This will take you to the login page. Your email address is your id. If you have forgotten your password or have never logged in, click on the forgot password link on the login page to get a new one. Alternatively, if you have a Facebook account that uses the same email address, you may click on the Facebook icon and use those login credentials.

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](mailto: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.

**Bus Service to Sunday ASO  
Masterworks Concerts**

If you have tickets to the Sunday performance 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 Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 or by email at [mscrawshwa@yahoo.com](mailto:mscrawshwa@yahoo.com)

**Stay Up-To-Date at 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!

**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.hsvars.org](http://www.hsvars.org) 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!

### Lovingly Sponsored by Music Lovers

Please help us thank our sponsors. Visibility is the key to showing our sponsors we appreciate their interest and support. When you have the opportunity, please mention to those who give so generously that you appreciate their Guild sponsorship.

### Platinum Level



### Gold Level



### Silver Level

ARTFULLYBAKEDANDBREWED.COM  
501-777-3195  
1398 DESOTO BLVD.  
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE



BEEHIVEHSV.COM  
501-777-8176  
220 MINORCA RD.  
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE



XPLORELAKESIDE.COM  
501-204-5037  
488 PONCE DE LEON DR.  
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE



### Silver Level (cont)



Your Travel Professionals



### Bronze Level

- Clampit's Country Kitchen
- Good Spirits
- Hot Springs Title
- Kwik Print
- North Little Rock Strings
- Southern Flooring Company

*Dana Smith*  
713-504-3164

*Karen Kagebein*  
870-995-3417