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Message from the President

Greetings Guild Members,

As our 2016-2017 concert season wraps up, I writing to remind you of our Senior Prom Dinner Dance on Saturday April 29. Sharpen your appetite and polish your dancing shoes as you join the fun of again experiencing a prom. The Guild's program committee will have created an elegant surrounding for your enjoyment at the Coronado Center

Our final event is the outstanding ASO Youth Orchestra Concert on Sunday April 30. Every year I can hardly believe my ears as I listen to these talented students perform. We will also hold our Guild Annual Meeting just prior to this 3pm concert at the Woodlands Auditorium.

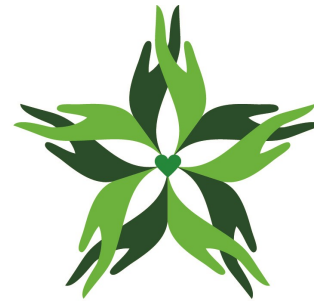
The most important words I wish to share with you in this letter, is encouragement to join all Guild members in participating in Arkansas Gives Day on April 6. Donations keep our Guild alive and gifts received on this day, qualify us for bonus dollars. The Guild's many music education activities--Orchestra and You, ASO Children's Concert, Summer Music Camps, College Scholarships for Music Majors, among other programs--enrich the culture of our area school children. Research fully supports numerous advantages of music education for students.

"Music has a power of forming character and should therefore be introduced into the education of the young." ~Aristotle

Such forward thinking nearly 2500 years ago is still so pertinent today.

Best wishes,

Arkansas Gives Day April 6, 2017



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G R O W T H E L O V E

The Guild is participating in the last Arkansas Gives Day on Thursday April 6. The Arkansas Community Foundation sponsors this statewide day of giving for donors to contribute online to their favorite charitable organizations. The event runs from 8 AM to 8 PM on April 6. All of the participating organizations have tax-exempt status, making all donations tax deductible.

In addition to sponsoring the event and providing the website and other technical support, the Arkansas Community Foundation will contribute "bonus dollars" to each organization. The "bonus dollars" are awarded in proportion to the donations each organization receives and come from a pool of funds raised for this purpose.

The HSV organizations participating in the event again this year include the Guild, Arkansas Learning Through the Arts, the Ouachita Speaker Series, and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Also again this year, John Hollansworth will host a three-hour event at Holly Classics (105 Deposito Paseo) featuring vintage automobiles, food and beverages. Members from participating Village organizations will be available to answer any questions about their

organizations and to facilitate donations. The event is from 2—5 PM and is free to the public.

Dorothy Morris is hosting a similar giving party at her home in Hot Springs from 10AM to 8 PM. She will feature all of the participating organizations in the greater Hot Springs area. Dorothy invites Guild members and their guests to attend the party. She lives at 358 Palos Verdes Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913.

If you prefer to contribute from home, please visit www.arkansasgives.org anytime between 8 AM and 8 PM on April 6. From this home page, donors can select one or more of the participating organizations that they would like to support and make donations to each in a single transaction. The minimum donation to any organization is \$25 and most credit cards are accepted. The website will issue electronic receipts for tax purposes.

Senior Prom Dinner and Dance Coronado Community Center April 29

Tickets are now on sale to members for the Senior Prom 2017 Dinner and Dance. Join us in the Coronado Center lobby for cocktails at a cash bar at 5:00 PM. Then at 6:00 enter the beautifully decorated Coronado Ballroom for a wonderful dinner followed by dancing to the great tunes of The Village Big Band starting at 7:00.



You may purchase tickets online at www.hsvticketsales.com. Our website also includes a [link](#) to the event on the POA ticketing site. You may also purchase tickets in person at the POA ticket office in the Ouachita

Building at the Ponce de Leon Center.

Dinner seating is at tables of 8. If you purchase fewer than 8 tickets and would like to sit with another party in particular, please contact our Ticket VP, Nancy Jorgensen at njorgensenhsv@gmail.com (preferred) or at 501-984-2266.

The Guild Will Benefit From Sales of a New Brahms CD

Our ASO maestro, Philip Mann recently was guest conductor for the London Symphony Orchestra which featured piano soloist Norman Krieger. The concert was recorded and a CD has just been released. An anonymous donor gave the Guild 100 of these CDs that we will sell for \$20 each. All proceeds from the CD sales will be used to fund the Guild's music education programs in our local schools.



If you have an email address and would like to purchase a CD, please register for this "event" by clicking [here](#). Please include your contact information. We will have the CDs available for delivery at the Senior Prom (April 29) and at the ASO Youth Concert and Annual Meeting (April 30). If you are not attending either of these events, we will contact you to arrange delivery of your CD.

If you do not have an email address, please contact Suzanne Babbie at 922-6418 to purchase your CD.

How Music Works

For a little over an hour Thursday afternoon March 23, Symphony Guild members were entertained and educated when Dr. Sim Flora presented "How Music Works" in the Christ of the Hills Methodist



Church choir room. Dr. Flora, a jazz trombone player and former Chairman of Music Theory and Jazz Studies at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, is no stranger to Hot Springs Village, having recently appeared with the Bob Boyd ensemble for “Salute to Gershwin”, and being a reliable “go to guy” when the Village Big Band needs a trombone sub. Dr. Flora promised this presentation would not be over anyone’s head, and he fulfilled that promise by delivering an entertaining, interesting, interactive, and yes educational hour. He began by taking “The A Train” to wherever his improvisational mood led him. The attendees responded to questions and asked many of their own, all leading to a better understanding of how Sim and other jazz musicians build on the theme of a piece then take it to different melodic places, but all within the framework of the original melody.

Sim’s rendition of “Georgia on My Mind” was the second opportunity to experience his improvisational genius.

Then came the “teaching” part. Sim taught the

attendees that Western music is based on a very simple principle – P-D-T. While those letters could stand for **p**atience, **d**etermination and **t**alent, they actually represent **p**redominant, **d**ominant, and **t**onic forms. Pick any note in the scale, progress from predominant through dominant to tonic, and you can compose a beautiful melody! Sim demonstrated this technique on the piano by building several examples of spontaneous music composition, to the audience’s amazement and enjoyment.

This session was a bit of a “test drive” for Dr. Flora as he puts together a series of music lectures. Hopefully, he will return to present subsequent lessons, created as only he can with such **p**atience, **d**etermination and **t**alent, . A great benefit to having a Symphony Guild membership.

The Guild Donates Instruments to Local Schools



Mountain Pine Receives gift of new keyboard through the HS/HSV Symphony Guild! Pictured are Martha Smither, Guild Education V.P., Chris Johns, Music Teacher, Suzie Babbie, Guild President, Denise Taylor, MP High School Principal and Jim Kelly, Guild Adm V.P.

Mountain Pine is building its music program under the direction of the new music teacher Chris Johns. The Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild is proud to have a program that re-purposes instruments that Villagers no longer have a need for or play. Mr. Johns is hopeful of having enough keyboards that he can initiate a keyboard program next fall. He said that “the

district is grateful to receive instruments and recognize the value of music in the education of their students.'

Valerie Derryberry, a long time Village resident called her friend Martha Smither one day, said she and her husband were moving (in the Village) and needed to find a new home for her keyboard. The connection was made with Mountain Pine and the rest is history. Ms. Derryberry said 'she was so pleased to know that her keyboard would be put to good use by the young people at Mountain Pine.' The gift was made with age-appropriate beginner music books.

Last school year the Guild was able to give four brass and woodwind instruments to help add to their band instrument collection. They now find themselves in the position with twice as many students want to play as there are instruments. The Guild will be delighted recipients of used instruments in generally good condition so they can grow their music programs. The Guild will issue a tax receipt for having received the instrument, the value of which must be determined by the donor.

If you have an instrument to donate, please contact Suzie Babbie, Guild President at 922-6418. For further information about the Symphony Guild, go to www.symphonymusic.org to learn more about its music and education programs.

Dallas Getaway

On Monday March 27, twenty-six adventuring Villagers and others began three days and two nights of education, entertainment . . . and food . . . as we headed on the bus destined for Dallas, Texas. The trip was hosted by the Guild's own Sue Smith (Vacation Valet), and \$50 from each reservation was earmarked for the Guild's benefit.

The bus was comfy and the company congenial. Our driver Robert Murphy was experienced and helpful. We arrived in Dallas mid-afternoon, checked into our rooms at the elegant Westin Galleria, and headed to the adjacent Galleria Mall for an afternoon of shopping,

followed by an evening of whatever kind of dining we chose.

Late Tuesday morning we hopped back on the bus and headed for the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. The main exhibits are arranged in a semi-circular fashion, so it was easy to see and experience everything. Among the noteworthy exhibits was a replica of the Oval Office, where you could sit on the furniture and have your picture taken at the President's desk. The office led out to a replica of the White House Rose Garden, aptly called the Texas Rose Garden. As this is the most recent presidential library, it takes advantage of the most modern technologies to present interesting and interactive exhibits. The timing of the trip was just right in that the special exhibit featuring President Bush's portraits of America's wounded warriors. These portraits have recently become available in book form.

Tuesday evening was time for the theater. We experienced the music, production, surprises and messages of Kinky Boots at the Music Hall at Fair Park, preceded by a gourmet buffet dinner right in the theater's dining area. This was an enjoyable evening from start to finish.

Wednesday morning might have contained the nicest surprise of the trip. Our bus headed for Dealey Plaza, where we picked up additional Dallas-experienced tour guides. We walked the route that President Kennedy's motorcade took on that fateful day, and got a deeper understanding of those events. Then on to the Arts District after a stop at Pioneer Plaza to see the largest brass sculpture in the world. It is composed of 200 cattle and a couple of cowboys keeping them in line. A great photo opportunity! Our final stop in the Arts District was Klyde Warren Park which is situated over the Woodall Rodgers Freeway. And then we had lunch.

We really didn't know what to expect when we started our luncheon 'food tour'. We split into two groups, headed by a tour guide each. Then we made our way to four different ethnic restaurants and enjoyed varied bites to eat at each one. The food ranged from Mexican tacos through Texas boar meatballs and chorizo empanadas, to Moroccan-Lebanese chicken and

beef. Sweets? How about chocolate peanut butter mousse pie, and cookies from Bisous Bisous patisserie! A “full-filling” experience, to say the least.

Like us on Facebook

Yes, we have a Facebook page. It has been “lying dormant” for a couple of years, but we are beginning to move forward with making it “lively” again. So visit us on Facebook at [Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild](#), and watch for event postings, photos and the like. And speaking of “like”, please “like” and “share” our page with your Facebook friends.

Bus Service to Sunday ASO Masterworks Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performance of the ASO Masterworks concert “Beethoven and Blue Jeans” on April 9 and do not want to drive to Little Rock, we offer bus service from the Village.

To reserve your seat, please contact Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 (mrcrawshaw@yahoo.com). If you did not purchase the bus trip series, you may pay when you board the bus.

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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 Suzanne Kuch at 501-915-8016. 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 Suzanne Kuch. If you elected not to be included in past directories, we have not included you in the current directory.

Season Event Calendar

The program committee has finalized our season offerings. A list of our season entertainment events is below. For full details, please visit the [Event](#) page of our website.

April 29, 2017—Senior Prom 2017—Dinner and Dance featuring the Village Big Band, Coronado Center, Hot Springs Village

April 30, 2017—ASO Youth Orchestra in Concert, Woodlands Auditorium.

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