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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Our Guild continues to show its strength, and its relevance, with a strong year.

The ASO Christmas concert was our third straight sell-out this season. Even Santa Claus showed up to show his support. To start 2020, the Guild has received three \$1000 grants in support of our Children's Concert. Thanks very much to Weyerhaeuser Corporation, the Elisabeth Wagner Foundation, and the HSV Community Foundation for supporting our educational goals. Details on the grants are in this newsletter.

The Community Foundation has also given us an opportunity to grow our Guild endowment, with matching funds from their Annual Benefit Concert on March 31. Our \$1000 investment in the endowment will be matched by \$1000 from the foundation. See details on the concert in this newsletter – and support this very worthwhile cause.

Our two winter concerts are both free classical events. Kiril Laskarov, ASO Concertmaster, played on Jan 12. Henderson State President's Award Winners will play on Feb 1. No registration or ticket is required for these free concerts. A good turnout will show there is still a strong demand for classical music, and the Symphony Guild exists to help fill that demand.

Jim Gifford

Guild President

Symphony Guild receives multiple grants



Pictured in the foreground are Jim Gifford-Guild President, Kim Harrison-HSVCF Executive Director and Marynell Brusenhan-Grant Awards Coordinator

The Guild has been very fortunate to receive three grants in support of the annual Children's Concert. The Hot Springs Village Community Foundation's endowments have a wide range of beneficiaries, including children and education, the arts, and veteran's services. The Foundation is able to give grants of nearly \$30,000 each year. This year our Guild was awarded \$1,000, which was received at the Foundation's grant awards ceremony on November 21. The Weyerhaeuser Corporation prides itself in its deep connection to the communities in which it operates. Having made its first charitable donation in 1903, Weyerhaeuser has provided more than \$239 million in grants beginning in 1948. The Guild is grateful to have received a \$1,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund late last year. Very recently, we learned that we had received another \$1,000 grant from the Elisabeth Wagner Foundation through the Community First Trust Company, Hot Springs.

The Guild is grateful to these organizations and the many others who provide an opportunity for organizations like ours to apply for and receive funds in support of their projects.

Guild to benefit from the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation Annual Benefit Concert



If you are a member of the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, you have already received the news about the Foundation's 15th Annual Benefit Concert, Tuesday, March 31. As in past years, the Symphony Guild will receive a \$1,000 matching grant for assisting the Foundation in the promotion of this event. And what an event it will be! The concert is "The Boys of D63," paying tribute to the songs of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, with such iconic hits as "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," and "Big Girls Don't Cry." The presenting sponsor is Ike Eisenhower and State Farm Insurance. Tickets are \$25.00. For an additional \$15.00, you can attend the pre-concert dinner, catered by Clampit's Country Kitchen and sponsored by Re/Max of Hot Springs Village. This wonderful meal with feature bar-be-que chicken and pork with all the trimmings (including banana pudding!).

Tickets go on sale to the public on January 16. This event is always a sell-out, so be sure to visit www.hsvticketsales soon to secure your tickets for the concert and for the dinner.

The Guild is proud to be a partner of our Community Foundation in this important fundraiser.

Don't miss the Henderson State President's Music Award Winners in Concert



Please join us for the Henderson State President's Music Award Winners in Concert at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (199 Barcelona Rd) on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2 p.m. The program features student soloists who were selected as winners of a competition that took place in November of last year.

"As always, we enjoy performing for an appreciative audience in Hot Springs Village and are excited to collaborate with the Symphony Guild again to present our competition winners," says Dr. Steven Becraft, coordinator of the competition.

Soloists include: Morgan Lee, a soprano from Malvern, AR, will perform "Sul fil d'un soffio etesio" from Verdi's *Falstaff*; Luke Fields, a saxophonist from New Boston, TX, will perform Glazunov's *Saxophone Concerto*; Wesley Gangluff, a euphoniumist from Bryant, AR, will perform the first movement of Joseph Horowitz's *Concerto for Euphonium*; Zaquary Hale, a flutist from Bryant, AR, will perform Doppler's *Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise*; Adrian Hernandez, a saxophonist from De Queen, AR, will perform his transcription of Albinoni's *Oboe Concerto, Op. 9 No. 8*; and S. Riley Brule, a pianist from De Kalb, TX, will perform the first movement of Shostakovich's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in F major*.

The concert is free, but a free will offering will be taken. There will be a reception following the concert. Listening to the amazingly talented young musicians will be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Pictured left to right: Wesley Gangluff, Luke Fields, S. Riley Brule, Morgan Lee, Adrian Hernandez, Zaquary Hale.

Help Wanted

Put your accounting skills to good use. The Symphony Guild is looking for a volunteer treasurer. The job consists of writing checks, recording activity in the QuickBooks accounting system, and providing a financial report on a monthly basis. As a member of the Board of Directors you will be contributing to the wonderful work of the Guild. Give Carolyn Bowers a call at 501-984-1850 or email rjbhsv@sbcglobal.net for more information. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

In Remembrance

Our Guild mourns the loss of former Guild President Jim Koller, who passed away December 27. Jim was a lifelong appreciator of fine music. He and his lovely wife Pat loyally attended HS/HSV Symphony Guild events and concerts and Arkansas Symphony Orchestra concerts.

Jim was particularly helpful to me when I was first elected as Guild President. He invited me to breakfast and provided very helpful counsel and guidance. He will be greatly missed.

Suzanne Babbie, Past President

Our 2019—2020 Season

Here is a list of the remaining scheduled events for this season. Watch for information in future newsletters, in Symphony Guild e-blasts, and on the Events page of our website.

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 2:00 p.m. — Henderson State President's Music Award Winners in Concert—Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sunday, April 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m. — Guild Annual Meeting and Membership Thank You Event. Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Saturday, May 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m. — "The Symphony Guild Celebrates 50 Years of Hot Springs Village". Coronado Center Ballroom. Cocktails, dinner, dancing.

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can do all this and more in the member area on our website. 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.

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 922-1680.

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 email at mscrawshaw@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.

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.hsvarts.org.

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