



## Symphony Notes

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### Message from the President

I moved to Hot Springs Village 12 years ago this this summer and joined our Symphony Guild first thing. Over time, it has been a pleasure to volunteer for events and in my mind, to attend the best musical events in the Village, the ones presented by the Guild. It is now my honor to serve as your president.

My predecessor, Jim Kelly, and the board of directors have and do, contribute greatly to the success of the Guild. The musical concerts we provide, the music education programs we offer area children, and our continued support of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, make a powerful contribution to the cultural life in our community.

Hoping you are enjoying your summer and that you will follow our Symphony Notes as we share details about our upcoming 2016-2017 season.

Best regards,

### Your Guild At Work— College Scholarships

The College Scholarship Committee met on April 30 under the leadership of new committee chair Terry Lee. The Symphony Guild provides scholarships to Garland County students who will be majoring in music or music education in college. Scholarships are awarded based on the student's audition, application, grades and

presentation during the audition. The winners receive first year scholarship based on the quality of their entire application and are eligible to receive \$1,500 in subsequent years until graduation, depending on their grades and remaining a music major. Other students with worthy applications may be awarded merit scholarships; while these are not renewable, applicants may re-apply and some have become winners in subsequent years.

There were four awards granted this year – all qualified as winners and so will continue to receive funding through graduation. The top winner\* was invited to play her audition piece the next day at the Annual Meeting and ASO Youth Concert. She was fortunately able to do so on short notice and performed beautifully! The recipients are:



Katie Garner\* -- voice – performed two works – *Voi Che Sapete* by Mozart and *Cockeyed Optimist* by Rodgers & Hammerstein. She graduated from Lakeside and will attend the music school of Webster University in St. Louis where her objective is performance.

Barry Kohr – percussion – performed *Impression for Four Timpani* by Firth on timpani and *The Winner* by Markovich on snare. He graduated from Fountain Lake

and will major in music education and political science at UCA. He has already been teaching

percussion privately and in another school district.

Makayla Fulkerson – piano – performed *Romance* by Sibelius. She graduated from Lakeside and will attend UCA to major in music education.

Sarah Isaacs – voice – performed *Il Mio bel Foco*. She attended NPC for two years before transferring to UCA. Her major is music education

## Faulkner Chamber Music Festival

Celebrating ten years of chamber music making and friendship, the Faulkner Chamber Music Festival is kicking off the 2016 Summer Series with an opening recital at the magnificent Anthony Chapel on July 23 at 1 PM. This year the festival will bring together musicians from the past 10 years of FCMF, performing repertoire that represents the past, present, and future.

This performance is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jo Preece at 773.251.4719 or visit their website at [www.FaulknerChamberMusicFestival.com](http://www.FaulknerChamberMusicFestival.com).

## Our 2016—2017 Season

Our program committee has finalized our entertainment offerings for the upcoming season. Last year, our opening show and the ASO Christmas concert nearly sold out during the member only ticket sales period. So join or renew to be first in line for tickets this season.

**Saturday, 10/1/16 7:30 PM - The Diamonds:** Enjoy another of our great Burger Bashes in the Woodlands' Porte Cochere starting at 6:00 PM. Master Chef Johnna will be cooking the burgers with all the fixin's on site. You can also select from a number of side dishes sure to please everyone. A special ice cream bar will be the hit of this affair.

Then join us in the Woodlands Auditorium for a walk down memory lane with the **Fabulous**

**Diamonds'**. This is The Diamonds' third appearance in the Village, and you will hear *Classic Rock And Roll With Today's Attitude*. The Diamonds' 20 million seller, *Little Darlin'*, has been dubbed "the National Anthem of Rock and Roll". They have 3 Gold Records to their credit - *Silhouettes, The Stroll, and Little Darlin'*. They appeared on American Bandstand 33 times and are featured on the soundtracks of *American Graffiti and Happy Days*. The Diamonds' are always updating their performances as they brings us some of the songs of the great vocal groups of the past. You may even hear some songs from the Four Seasons and Beach Boys. "We've been pleased to find a growing audience among all age groups. They love songs they can understand, remember, and actually sing the words to - today, tomorrow, or even 20 years from now."

Tickets to Burger Bash III are \$15, and tickets for The Diamonds' performance are \$25. Tickets for these events go on sale to Symphony Guild members on August 22, 2016.

**Sunday, 12/4/16 3:00 PM - ASO Christmas in the Village:** Get yourself in the Christmas holiday spirit by joining us for the annual appearance in the Village of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Phillip Mann. This year The Village Chorale will again join the orchestra on stage. In addition the Orchestra always brings along a guest soloist or two to help put us in the festive mood. As always you can count on this program to include seasonal favorites and plenty of exquisite music to welcome the season.

Tickets for this event are \$25. We are very grateful for a donor who has covered the cost increases this year so that we can stay at the same ticket price as last year. Tickets go on sale to Symphony Guild members on October 24, 2016.

**Sunday, 1/29/17 3:00 PM - Henderson State President Music Award Winners in Concert:** This annual event showcases the best of Henderson State's musical talent. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of beautiful music at Holy Trinity Church in Hot Springs Village. There is no charge for this event. A meet and greet reception will follow.

**Tuesday, 3/7/17 5:30 PM - Salute to Gershwin:** Join us for a wonderful dinner in Christ of the Hills Fellowship Hall. We will then retire to the sanctuary for a fantastic evening of Gershwin music brought to us by an **All Star Cast**. Leading us down memory lane will be **The Bob Boyd Sounds** with **Bob Boyd** on piano, **David Higginbotham** on bass, **Randy McDonald** on drums, and **Dr. Sim Flora** on trombone and flute. All four form a vocal group that has been compared to the Four Freshmen and the Modernaires. Joining this group will be **Earl Hesse** on Sax and Clarinet and the popular **Shirley Chauvin** on vocals.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and the show will begin at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 for the dinner and \$10 for the show. The event will be held at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village. Tickets will be available on our website or by mail.

**Sunday, 3/26/17 3:00 PM - ASO Chamber Orchestra at Garvan Gardens:** Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of splendid orchestra music as the ASO Chamber Orchestra conducted by Geoffrey Robson brings us Britten's Simple Symphony, OP. 4 and Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, OP. 67. The concert will be held the beautiful, Anthony Chapel. Then join us for a meet and greet reception. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members and will be sold by Garvan Gardens.

**Saturday, 4/29/17 5:00 PM - Senior Prom Dinner 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. Dress up for this special evening of fun and memories, as this will surely take you back to another special evening during your high school days. All of this for only \$35.

**Sunday, 4/30/17 3:00m PM - The Arkansas Symphony Youth Orchestra and The Arkansas Symphony Academy Orchestra/ Guild Annual Meeting:** After a short Guild annual meeting enjoy music brought to us by the best

of our state's talented youth. The Academy Orchestra is conducted by Tom McDonald. The Youth Orchestra is conducted by Geoffrey Robson, Associate Conductor of the ASO. Please join us for this delightful afternoon of beautiful music at the Woodlands Auditorium. There is no charge for this event.

## Guild Officers—2016-2017 Season

Our annual meeting was Sunday May 1 at the Woodlands Auditorium. Jim thanked out-going board members Betty Alspaugh, Jean Bryant, Dick Clement, Dan Tucker, and Beverly Thompson for their service and dedication to the Guild. He also introduced the board for the 2016-2017 season. The new officers are:

President—Suzanne Babbie  
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## The Guild Membership Renewals Campaign is Underway

In June, 2015 the Symphony Guild adopted an online membership system to better serve our members. This system includes our website, our membership database, and a robust email system to help us communicate with you through newsletters and event announcements. Our membership year starts June 1 and this will be the first year that we use our new email system for membership renewals. If we do not have your email address, we will send you a renewal reminder by US Mail. Members who joined after December 31, 2015 will not receive a renewal

email or letter until May of 2017.

If you are a member who has given us an email address and you have not yet renewed, we hope you will consider it. If you have not yet renewed, you will receive a renewal reminder email on July 1.

If you would like to renew and / or donate through the mail, please mail the member renewal form included in this newsletter (or available on our website) and a check payable to the HS/HSV Symphony Guild to P.O. Box 8354, Hot Springs Village, AR 71910. We will update our system as quickly as possible. After your payment is recorded you will receive a confirmation email, and you will be removed from the other reminder email distribution lists.

If you would like to renew your membership and donate online, we have made it possible for you to renew and make a donation all in one easy step on the [Donate](#) page on our website. You do not need to login to our website to use the Donate page. To use the donation page to renew your membership, add your membership dues (\$15 for an individual, \$30 for a couple) to the amount you would like to donate and type the total amount in the text box for donation amount. Below the donation amount, please indicate whether the amount includes an individual or couples membership dues. The webmaster will renew your membership in the system for you behind the scenes.

If you choose to make an additional gift, we would like to recognize you in our printed programs. To determine the recognition level, we accumulate donations received from Arkansas Gives Day in early April each year through the date of the program printing.

## 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 at [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 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.

## Bus Service to Sunday ASO Masterworks Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performances of the ASO Masterworks concert series and do not want to drive to Little Rock, we offer bus service from the Village.

To sign up to ride the bus, please contact either Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 (email [mscrawshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:mscrawshaw@yahoo.com)) or Priscilla O'Malley at 915-0051 (email [prisomalley@yahoo.com](mailto:prisomalley@yahoo.com)).

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

## Season Event Calendar

The program committee has finalized our sea-

son offerings. A list of our season entertainment events is below. For full details, see the article above or visit the [Event](#) page of our website.

October 1, 2016—The Diamonds, Woodlands Auditorium.

October 1, 2016 — Pre-concert Dinner—Burger Bash III

December 4, 2016—ASO Christmas in the Village, Woodlands Auditorium

January 29, 2017—Student Showcase, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hot Springs Village

March 7, 2017—Salute to Gershwin, Dinner and Concert, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village

March 26, 2017—ASO Chamber Orchestra, Garvan Gardens, Hot Springs

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

April 30, 2017—ASO Youth and Academy Orchestras in Concert, Woodlands Auditorium.

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