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## Symphony Notes

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### Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

Spring is in the air with Daylight Saving Time's arrival on March 11 and the first official day of spring on March 20. Music is also in the air!

We hope you will be in the mood to swing to the music of Irving Berlin and attend the March 20 very special dinner and concert at the Christ of the Hills Methodist Church. Some of Berlin's compositions were "White Christmas," "There's No Business Like Show Business," and "God Bless America." What a great American songwriter!

In April, we request your attendance at our Symphony Guild annual meeting signature event featuring the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Youth Orchestra. To be honest, every single year I suspect that ASO musicians have been disguised as young people. Of course, that is not the case. These young musicians are exceptional and you will enjoy this April 8 free concert.

Thank to everyone who attended and supported the Guild's recent soiree, A Magical Evening. Your collective generosity will help the Guild continue our important mission of supporting and funding music education for Garland County students.

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart." ~Rainer Maria Rilke.

I hope the "child" in you will enjoy the Guild's upcoming music events!

Best wishes,

### HS/HSV Guild Scholarship Audition Day Set

Applications are arriving for your Guild's College/University scholarship programs. On Saturday, April 28, students from Garland County schools who are planning to pursue music education at the college level have the opportunity to audition for Guild scholarships. We award two different types of scholarships. The continuing scholarship, which is the highest honor, is presented to a student or students that perform at the highest level. In addition they must have impressive high school GPA's, SAT scores, impressive essays, and teacher recommendations. Students who receive these scholarships from our Guild usually receive somewhere in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 range. They can receive funds during their next three years as well, providing they meet grade and participation requirements. The level for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year is usually at \$1,500.

The other scholarship possibility is referred to as a "merit" scholarship. It will likely be in the \$500 to \$1,500 range. These are for good students who meet all our standards. These "one time" scholarships are not renewable unless the student comes back and re-auditions the following year.

The students are judged and scholarship recipients are selected by a panel of judges from our Education Committee, chaired by Education VP Jim Kelly. Terry Lee oversees all applications, correspondence, and communication. Auditions are held at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and are open to judges and the Guild Board members only.



### The Best of Berlin Coming Soon

Join us Tuesday March 20 at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village, for "The Best of Berlin — A Tribute to an American Legend." The evening begins in the church Fellowship Hall with a wonderful dinner provided by Chef Johnna. Following the dinner guests will proceed to the sanctuary for an evening of Irving Berlin Music brought to us by the same all-star cast that brought us the "Salute to Gershwin" last season. Leading us down memory lane will be the Bob Boyd Sounds, featuring Bob Boyd on piano, David Higginbotham on Bass, Randy McDonald on drums and Dr. Sim Flora on trombone and flute. Joining this group will be Earl Hesse on sax and clarinet, and the popular Shirley Chauvn on vocals.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for dinner and \$10 for the show. Ike Eisenhower Insurance Agency Inc is our event sponsor for this wonderful evening. Tickets are available at [www.symphonyguild.org](http://www.symphonyguild.org). Contact Nancy Jorgensen at 501-984-2266 for ticket-by-mail information.

### ASO Youth Orchestra and Guild Annual Meeting Sunday April 8; 3-5 pm; Woodlands Auditorium

After a short Guild annual meeting enjoy music brought to us by the best of our state's talented youth.

Both the Academy and Youth Orchestras will be performing. Tom McDonald conducts the Academy Orchestra. The Academy Orchestra is the intermediate level ensemble with a full complement of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. Entrance is by audition only. The Youth Orchestra is conducted by Geoffrey Robson, Associate Conductor of the ASO. The Youth Orchestra consists of the most advanced string, woodwind, brass and percussion players from around the state. Entrance is by audition only and for those whose audition demonstrates familiarity with advanced techniques, in order to perform the standard orchestra repertoire. *Musicians in this group consistently place at the top of the All-State Band and Orchestra Competition and are leaders in their schools and communities.*

Please join us for this delightful afternoon of beautiful music at the Woodlands Auditorium.

Tickets are free and are available online at [hsvticketsales.com](http://hsvticketsales.com) or in person at the POA Ticket Office in the Ouachita Building at the Ponce de Leon Center. The ticket office is open weekdays from 9 AM to 2 PM.

### Mary Kay Latick – Bus Hostess with the Mostest

Guild Volunteer Mary Kay Latick has been an usher at the Arkansas Symphony Sunday matinees for 21 years now. She has also taken advantage of the bus service for most of if not all of that time. Several years ago, when another couple had to give up coordinating the riders, Mary Kay stepped in. In “the olden days”, you could bring wine and cheese to be shared on the ride home, and as the bus doesn’t get back to HSV until 6:30 or so, a little snack was a welcome treat for the riders. Well, times change, and alcohol on the bus became a “no no.” But that didn’t mean there weren’t other ways to party! About 6 years ago, Mary Kay started to bring snacks to share with the riders. She prepares them all – popcorn, fudge, cookies, bars – to the delight of all the passengers.

This past November, the other riders surprised Mary Kay with an array of baking supplies (flour, sugar, chocolate chips, milk chocolate and white chocolate – you name it), and with a note of thanks for her generosity and for making the ride home so much fun. She was truly surprised and exceedingly grateful. She is quite pleased to see the bus ridership increase lately, and she would welcome more folks to join her Sunday afternoon party!

Volunteerism is a part of Mary Kay’s nature. She, as well as the other usher volunteers, recently received a thank you letter from Dr. Ouida Keck, Little Rock ASO Guild President. Volunteers save the Guild \$50,000 per year. Member Services Directors Priscilla O’Malley and Molly Crawshaw “can’t thank Mary Kay enough for taking care of our bus riders. She continues to be the main reason for the success of this service to our guild members.”



Pictured in October 2017 are Priscilla O’Malley, Mary Kay Latick and Bus Driver

### Guild Project gives needed assistance Mountain Pine School Band



Pictured above are Chris Johns, Director of the Mt. Pine Band Program, along with Guild President Suzanne Babbie and Guild Education Vice President Jim Kelly. Your HS/HSV Guild was proud to present a check for \$1,355 to the Mt. Pine Band program as a result of donations made at our “Magical Evening “ on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Kelly stated, “After several visits to the school bringing donated instruments to help this developing and growing band program, I became aware of some needs that I felt were very significant. As the band grows, there is a real shortage of instruments for the students to use. As a result of this, several students each day are using the same instruments while sharing mouthpieces. So my idea was to raise some funds to allow each student to at least have their own mouthpiece to use. As a result of our very successful “wine pull” at our Magical Evening, this problem will be solved. We also contributed enough funds to allow Mr. Johns to purchase some additional used instruments for his growing program. It has been a joy to see the reaction of the students to this help.”

We thank each of you who contributed to this cause, a cause that helps many young people to have the opportunity to experience music in their education.

### Arkansas Symphony Orchestra at Garvan Gardens, Sunday May 20; 3-5pm; Anthony Chapel



The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra String Chamber returns to the beautiful Anthony Chapel at Garvan Gardens for its sixth year! The 2018 program will include various pieces from "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Emperor's New Clothes." This concert will feature the Platypus Players and various other ASO Musicians.

Tickets are available now by calling the Garvan Garden office at 800-366-4664 or 501-262-9300 between 9 a.m to noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays. Tickets will be mailed from Garvan Gardens.

*\$35 Members of the Guild or the Gardens | \$50 Non-Members | \$25 for children ages 12 and under accompanied by a ticketed adult. Seating is limited and tickets MUST be purchased in advance.*

### Musical Instruments Still Needed

We continue to accept donations of used instruments, which are much needed by our local schools. 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 a used instrument to donate or know anyone who does, please contact our Education VP Jim Kelly at 915-0407 or President Suzanne Babbie at 922-6418. Practice makes perfect, and these much-needed donations will help these students succeed.

## 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 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.

## Membership and Donation Information

If you are receiving this newsletter, you are a Symphony Guild member or newsletter subscriber. We thank you very much for your continued support.

We welcome new members at any time during the year. Please consider inviting your friends to join the Guild. If they have an email address, they may join [online](#) on our website. If they would prefer to join through the mail, they can click on [MemberApplication.pdf](#) on the website to get a membership/renewal form. If they do not have internet access, please ask them to call Jim Gifford at 922-1680.

The Guild is happy to receive donations throughout the year. Donations may be directly using our [website](#) or through the US Mail. We want to properly recognize each of our donors, so if you would like to donate through the US Mail, please complete our [DonationForm.pdf](#) and include it with your donation.

If you choose to make an additional gift, we will recognize you in our printed programs.

## 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](mailto:mscrawshaw@yahoo.com) or Priscilla O'Malley at 915-0051 or by email at [prisomalley@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## Please Register Your Vote

The HS/HSV Symphony Guild Nominating Committee has submitted a slate of nominees to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 term. Guild members with email addresses available have received voting instructions via email. Those on our mail-only list have or will receive a paper ballot shortly.

It is very important that you submit your ballot before April 1 so that we may combine the electronic results with the ballots returned by mail and report the results to the membership at the annual meeting on April 8. See article in this publication for details regarding the annual meeting.

## Our 2017—2018 Season

Here are the remainder of our events scheduled for this season. All are featured in this newsletter. As members of the Guild you have the ability to secure tickets for these events before the general public.

For full details, please visit the [Event](#) page of our website.

**Tuesday March 20, 2018** —The Best of Berlin, Tribute to an American Legend and pre-concert dinner, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church.

**Sunday April 8, 2018** — Annual meeting and ASO Youth Orchestra concert.

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**—ASO Concert at Garvan Gardens.

## The Guild is part of AmazonSmile

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## 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](http://www.hsvarts.org).

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