

## Symphony Notes

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### **Message from the President**

It has been a distinct pleasure to write these messages to our membership over the past three years. To those who took the time to read my ramblings each month; let me thank-you for indulging me. A good share of my messages have stressed one theme, and that is, my pride and appreciation for this HS/HSV Symphony Guild. Now, about thirty -five messages later, I still have that pride in our organization. I am so very thankful to you, our members for your support of our wonderful ASO, our mission to promote, encourage and enable music education in our area, and you support of, and attendance at our guild events. Topping the list, would certainly be my appreciation for the many, many donors, that have allowed us to continue to accomplish great things during difficult times. What a blessing it is to live in such a community of generous and dedicated people. One of the highlights of my time as President of our guild, has been the opportunity to get to know so many interesting and devoted people. I have been privileged to have great people serving on our guild board over all these months. Each member has been very respectful, helpful and kind. I could not have asked for better team players. Please accept my thanks.

I am very excited that we have several new board members coming on to continue to enhance our programs and our mission. I am confident and excited about the new leadership that will be provided by our new President, Suzanne Babbie. Since coming to know Suzanne, I have been very impressed with her enthusiasm and devotion to all of our guild projects. Her leadership style and ability will certainly move this great organization forward in a very positive way.

As for me, I will continue to serve on the board and offer as much help as I can in whatever

area I am best suited. The experience has been such a positive thing. I hope to have more time to pursue the two joys of my life, spending time with my wife Gerelyn, and making music in as many ways as I can, as a trumpet player, bassist, singer, and conductor.

So in "Wrapping up", let me comment on the great music that our guild had an opportunity to effect during this past month. The ASO gave us a fabulous treat to end their Masterworks series with the Shostakovich 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony. This was truly a great performance. Our Guild sponsorship of Joseph and Sue Martin in concert on Sunday, April 24 was called by many, "the best performance in the Village all year". All who attended came away in awe of such passionate and virtuosity in music making. Lastly, we had the opportunity to hear and experience the high level of musicianship possible by young people when given the support and training available to them in the presentation of the Arkansas Symphony Youth Orchestras. What an outstanding month it has been for our guild. All that, and perhaps the most outstanding contribution during this time was the performance of you, our members in the Opus 2 of Arkansas Gives on April 7. You, our performers, molded together a composition of over 15,000 parts, each part, a dollar that will go to ensure that our guild will continue to enable future generations to enjoy this great art form. Please accept my sincere thanks.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Kelly".

## Arkansas Gives Day Results

Your HS/HSV Symphony Guild Board wishes to thank our loyal supporters for your generous response to the "Arkansas Gives Day" April 7. We also thank John Hollansworth for hosting a great event at Holly Classics in support of all of the Village organizations participating in Arkansas Gives.

We are pleased to report that our organization received \$15,105 from you, our loyal patrons. In addition to this, we got an extra \$1,430 in bonus dollars. We sincerely appreciate your donations. We are proud of our organization and are excited that these funds will contribute to our mission of promoting music education for the young students in this area as well as keeping our wonderful Arkansas Symphony Orchestra as a shining light among US orchestras.

## Your Guild At Work— Instrument Donation



On March 31, Guild board members Jim Kelly (President) and Martha Smither (Education V.P.) went to Mountain Pine High School to deliver a trombone, a French horn, a clarinet, and trumpet to the Principal and Band Director at the school. The instruments were given to the school to enable students to participate in instrumental music. Pictured above from left to right are : Jim Kelly, Barbara Herron, Mt Pine Band Director, Denise Taylor, Mt Pine

High School Principal, and Martha Smither.

## Your Guild at Work— In Area Schools

Last month we featured the Orchestra and You program coordinated by Eileen Miller. This month we will tell you about some of our other spring programs in the schools.

**ArtsPartners:** The two ASO string quartets visited 5 schools and conducted three different workshops for free. Over 1100 elementary students were able to participate in *Meet Mr. Sci-*



*ence, Music at the Movies and Fugue Hunter Dance.* The Guild collaborated with Arkansas Learning Through The Arts who created Student Journals for each child. This was coordinated by Nancy Jorgensen.

**Mini-grants:** The Symphony Guild gives grants to school to supplement their budget for music equipment and supplies. Jim Piersol coordinated the grant process. This year there will have been grants totaling \$7,350 to eight schools fulfilling a variety of requests:

- Jessieville Middle – towards purchase of acoustical shells
- Jessieville Elementary – for a soprano and alto xylophone
- Cutter Morning Star Elementary – new section of choral risers
- Cutter Morning Star Jr. High – replacement of disintegrating choral folders.
- Langston Magnet Elementary – for three instruments, two sets of boomwhackers and supplies to make recycled instruments
- Oaklawn Visual and Performing Arts Ele-

mentary – for microphones, microphones stands and clips

- Lake Hamilton Intermediate – for multi-cultural percussion instruments, mallets and Glockenspiel stand
- Mountain Pine Elementary – for additional percussion instruments and resources

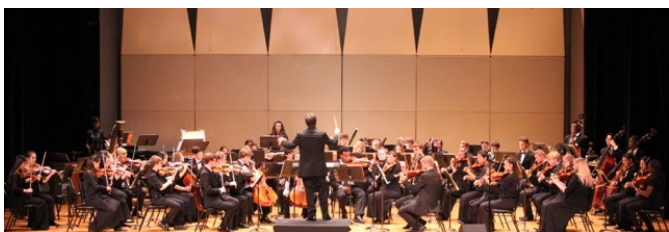
**Summer Music Camps:** The Symphony gives a partial scholarship for high school students to attend band, choir and string camps. The camps are generally a week long and help the young musicians increase their technical abilities and musicianship. This year scholarships will be given to 85 students in four high schools. Hal Thompson coordinates this effort with the high school music teachers.

## ASO Youth and Academy Orchestras in Concert

After our brief annual meeting on Sunday May 1, we enjoyed a performance by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Academy Orchestra conducted by Tom McDonald. They played three pieces, the highlight of which was an Empire Strikes Back medley by John Williams.



This performance was followed by a performance by the Youth Orchestra conducted by Geoffrey Robson. They played three wonderful selections listed in the program and treated us to an encore.



We were also treated to a brief performance from Guild scholarship winner Katie Garner. All three performances received standing ovations

from the audience.

Through your generous support, we are able to provide financial assistance to the local students who participate in the ASO Youth Orchestras and to provide scholarships to talented students pursuing degrees in Music or Music Education. More about these programs in the June newsletter.

## Guild Annual Meeting

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  
 Past President & Admin. V.P.—Jim Kelly  
 Secretary—Maureen Morgan  
 Treasurer—Donna Waldrop  
 Development V.P.—Linda Holt-Monson  
 Education V.P.—Martha Smither  
 Membership Recruitment V.P.—Nancy Piersol  
 Membership V.P.—HS—JoAnn Mangione  
 Membership Services V.P.—Molly Crawshaw & Priscilla O'Malley  
 Program V.P.—Jim McKeand  
 Public Relations V.P.—Patricia Shaha  
 Special Projects V.P.—Lynn Petti  
 Ticket V.P.—Nancy Jorgensen  
 Member-At-Large—Carolyn Bower  
 Member-At Large—Betty Haygood  
 Member-At-Large—Suzanne Kuch  
 Member-At-Large—Mary Ellen Laursen

## The Guild Membership Renewals Campaign begins in May

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, you will receive two emails related to membership renewal in May. Each of these emails is described below.

- Subject line: Hot Springs/ Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild Invoice #####
  - If nothing has changed with your membership, you may click on the View Invoice Online link at the bottom of the email and renew your membership without logging into our system.
- Subject line: Membership renewal reminder for the Hot Springs/ Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild. There are two ways to renew your membership from this email.
  - You may click the link to your membership profile within the email, login to our website, and then can view and pay the invoice online using PayPal or indicate that you will pay by check. If you prefer to pay your membership by check, you may mail us a check payable to the HS/HSV Symphony Guild to P.O. Box 8354. Hot Springs Village, AR 71910. While you are logged in, you can also make any updates to your contact information. If you have difficulties, please contact Suzanne Kuch at 915-8016 or at [info@symphonyguild.org](mailto:info@symphonyguild.org)
  - If you do not want to deal with PayPal or our website, you may click on the link to our membership application form at the end of the email to get a printable renewal form. The form includes the mailing address to return the form with your payment.

Our system allows us to send several automatic renewal reminders with the associated invoice. A prompt renewal will ensure that you do not receive any additional reminder notices. If you pay by check, we will update our system as quickly as possible. After your payment is recorded you will receive a confirmation email, and you will be re-

moved from the other reminder email distribution lists.

We truly appreciate the support we receive from our members through volunteer participation and/or monetary gifts over and above our membership fee. Our hard copy renewal form allows members to easily include an additional gift in support of our mission. Unfortunately, our membership software does not allow members to combine a membership renewal with an additional donation in one transaction. If you would like to make a donation with your membership renewal, again there are two options.

- You may click on the Donate link in the renewal email and make a donation You may click on the Donate link in the renewal email and make a donation through our website. This option requires that you make your donation using PayPal.
- If you do not want to deal with PayPal or our website, you may click on the Donation form link in the email and send us a donation separately.

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.

## Season Event Calendar

The program committee is working hard to finalize our season offerings. A partial list of our season entertainment events is below.

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

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.

### Lovingly Sponsored by Music Lovers

Please help us thank our 2015-2016 season sponsors (listed on the last page of the newsletter). Visibility is the key to showing our sponsors we appreciate their interest and support. When you have the opportunity, please mention to those

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- Marriott Wealth Advisors
- Tomorrow's Fitness and Therapy
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