

Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Greetings Guild Members,

I am writing this letter just after attending today's (April 30) incredible ASO Youth Orchestra concert at the Woodlands Auditorium.

The Guild's commitment to music education cannot be better illustrated than by the wonderful performance we heard today. Combining music appreciation and hands-on opportunities to study an instrument or train vocally can enhance personal self-discipline and increase academic achievement.

As this season concludes, we are already looking forward to next season. Your Guild welcomes new board members Elaine Weeter, Bill Monson and Becky Gifford. We also now have a Guild Librarian, Ursula Scharoll, who is kindly assembling a scrapbook of Guild events. These wonderful volunteers, along with treasured existing board members, all work together to serve you our Guild members.

Our departing board members, Jim McKeand, Lynn Petti, and Mary Ellen Laursen will be greatly missed. They have shared their expertise and willingly given long volunteer hours to help the Guild be the vital organization that it is. Our gratitude to them is immeasurable.

This month we are sending membership renewals and look forward to your continued support to the Guild by re-subscribing and if you can, we ask you to also include a donation to support our many music education programs.

"Music enhances the education of our children by helping them to make connections and broadening the depth with which they think and feel. If we are to hope for a society of culturally literate people, music must be a vital part of our

children's education." ~Yo-Yo Ma

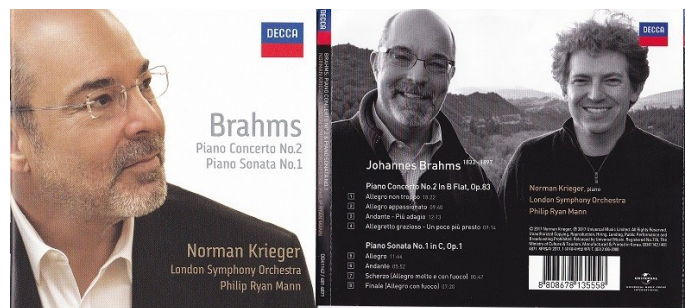
Thank you for your partnership in making our 2016-2017 season a winner!

Best wishes,

Arkansas Gives Day

Thanks to all of you who participated in Arkansas Gives Day on Thursday April 6. The Guild received \$15,647 through your generosity. As always, the money we raise goes to fund our music education programs in area schools.

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 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.

The Guild Selects 2017 Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce the recipients of our 2017 scholarship program. The Guild has as one of its primary goals, that of promoting and enhancing music education in the local schools of Garland County. One of the most important projects in this endeavor is assisting students graduating from High School and pursuing degrees in Music Education.

Auditions for this year were held on Saturday, April 29, at the Kirk of the Pines in the Village. Students applying for these scholarships are evaluated on several areas, which include, their musical performance on a solo, their academic record, teacher recommendation, an essay, and an interviews with members of the Guild Education Committee.

This year, two students were selected to receive scholarships from the Guild.

Lydia Poole, a graduating senior from Lakeside HS, was awarded a \$1500 scholarship to attend Ouachita Baptist University. Lydia, a pianist, plans to major in Music Education. For her audition, Lydia performed Tarantella by Albert Pieczonka. Lydia has been a piano student of Kathy Mesko in Hot Springs for the past twelve years.

Allison Wilcox, a clarinetist and a graduating senior from Fountain Lake HS, was also awarded a \$1500 scholarship. Allison is a resident of Hot Springs Village. She plans on attending Henderson State University to pursue a degree in Music Education. She per-

formed her audition playing Polonaise for Clarinet by Richard Hoffmann.

Both of these talented students earned the right to come back next year and re-audition for further assistance from the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild.

The Guild Membership Renewals Campaign begins in May

This month we will send members who are up for renewal on June 1 a renewal request through the US Mail. We will also send an email reminder so that you may renew online more easily if you prefer.

If you have already renewed your dues either online or through the mail and letter has crossed in the mail, please accept our apology. Thank you for your continued support!

Our 2017—2018 Season

Our program committee is working on 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.

Thursday Oct 5, 2017—Bee Gees Gold Tribute and pre-concert dinner at the Woodlands Auditorium.

Sunday Dec 3, 2017 — ASO Christmas in the Village, Woodlands Auditorium.

Sunday Feb 18, 2018 —Piano Artistry of Scott Carroll, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

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

The Guild Donates Instruments to Local Schools

As we reported last month, the Guild was able to donate a keyboard to the music program at Mountain Pine and in the previous 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.symphonyguild.org to learn more about its music and education programs.

Guild Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was Sunday April 30 at the Woodlands Auditorium. Suzanne Babbie thanked out-going board members Jim McKeand, Lynn Petti, and Mary Ellen Laursen for their service and dedication to the Guild. She also welcomed new board members Elaine Weeter, Bill Monson and Becky Gifford and introduced our Guild Librarian, Ursula Scharoll. The officers for the 2017-2018 season are:

President—Suzanne Babbie
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 Program V.P.—Betty Haygood
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 Ticket V.P.—Nancy Jorgensen
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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 is working on our season offerings. A list of our season entertainment events is below. For full details, please visit the [Event](#) page of our website.

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