

Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I am sending you Holiday Greetings! I can't think of a better way to begin the Christmas season than to attend our annual ASO concert at the Woodland's on December 3. Within the wealth of outstanding Village concerts during the holidays your Guild appreciates your support.

Beginning with this edition of Symphony Notes, publication will move to a bi-monthly schedule. We hope you will keep your newsletters handy as reference tools of upcoming Guild concerts/events.

As you read this edition, please note this 2017-2018 season soiree, *A Magical Evening*, on February 9, 2018. This will be an elegant and entertaining opportunity to enjoy and support your Guild.

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." ~Norman Vincent Peale

Best wishes,

Suzanne R. Dalkie

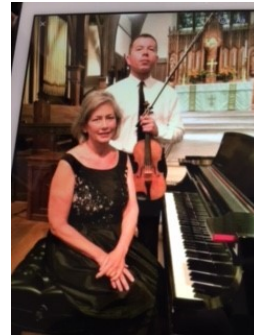
Children's Concert



Over 2,800 3rd through 6th grade students attended the annual Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert on October 26 at Bank of the Ozarks Arena, Hot Springs. The children were enthralled as Associate Conductor Geoffrey Robson led the orchestra through the Super Heroes of the Orchestra. It was enchanting and rewarding to watch the children react to each piece, even

"conducting" along with Geoffrey. This event would not be possible without the leadership of Martha Smither, the logistical prowess of Bev Thompson, and the many volunteers helping with set-up and ushering, not to mention breakfast goodies. Thanks also to the Hot Springs *Sentinel Record* and the Hot Springs Village *Voice* for excellent coverage of the concert.

Brahms Recital November 19



On November 19th at 3 PM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hot Springs, will host an afternoon of Brahms. Sonata for Violin and Piano in G Major, Op. 78 will be presented by Kiril Laskarov, Arkansas Symphony Concertmaster and Mary Scott Goode, piano professor at Texarkana College. The Sonata will be interspersed with two other pieces by the great master: an Intermezzo performed by Mary Scott Goode and a Choral Prelude featuring the Hot Springs Festival Chorus under the direction of Lynn Payette.

There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted for the Hot Springs Music Festival scholarship fund. All donations are tax deductible.

A reception follows in St. Luke's parish hall.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is located at 228 Spring St. For more information, contact Lynn Payette at 501-623-1653.

A Special Soiree Coming in February!

Get ready for *A Magical Evening*, Friday February 9, 2018 at the Coronado Center.

This sophisticated, fun-filled event will begin with a delicious meal prepared by Chef Johnna, followed by special musical presentation featuring Amy Lefler Williams, former Guild scholarship winner. Amy spent her high school years in HSV, and is presently a doctoral student in Vocal Performance at Indiana University. The magic will be enhanced by ballroom designs depicting the 2018 Chinese New Year theme—The Year of the Dog. Cocktail hour events include a wine pull, amazing magicians, a musical minstrel and enticing silent auction items. Following an elegant meal, a lucky raffle ticket will be drawn for the grand liquor basket, and our auctioneer will tickle your fancy with grand live auction prizes. Surely, this is an evening not to be missed!

Guild members will be receiving information soon regarding how to purchase tickets.

All proceeds will be used for our mission of insuring quality music education throughout our schools.

ASO and Maestro Philip Mann present *Christmas In the Village* Sunday December 3



Very few tickets remain for this annual Christmas concert. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, you may do so at www.hsvticketsales.com or by visiting the POA ticket office at the Ponce de Leon Center weekdays between 9 Am and 2 PM.

If you are attending this event, the Guild invites you to participate in a food drive for local schools to help bridge the needs of students while they are on winter break. Many children rely on our schools for two meals a day. Your generosity last year helped greatly in filling this need.

You may drop off your donations of non-perishable items (canned goods such as soups, vegetables, fruits and meats; and dry cereals) in the Woodlands Lobby prior to the concert.

Village Chorale Tickets on Sale Now

One week after appearing with the Arkansas Symphony during Christmas in the Village, The Village Chorale will present its annual holiday concert, *Winter Magic*, Tuesday December 12, 7:30 PM, in the Woodlands Auditorium. \$12 open seating tickets are available from any Chorale member, at the Ponce de Leon Center during weekday business hours, or by visiting www.hsvticketsales.com.

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 used instruments 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.

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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 ; or Priscilla O'Malley at 915-0051 or by email at 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.

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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.

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.

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

Our 2017—2018 Season

Here are the exciting events scheduled for this season. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, something very special is being planned for early February. 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.

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

Saturday Jan 27, 2018 — Student Showcase— Henderson State President Award Winners in Concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Friday Feb 9, 2018 — Annual Soiree Event— *A Magical Evening*. See article in this newsletter for details.

Sunday Feb 18, 2018 — Piano Artistry of Scott Carrell, 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.

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

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

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.

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