

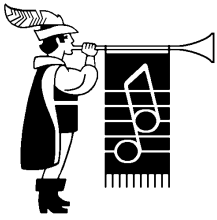
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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Every member of the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild should be proud of the month of October, 2019. What a month!

The month started with the ABBAFAB concert on Oct 10. ABBAFAB was a complete sell-out, as was the pre-concert dinner. This concert, one of our major fundraising events of the year, surpassed expectations and contributed more to our programs than budgeted. It was also a lot of fun. The dinner was great, and the band kept the audience delighted and engaged.

We finished the month on Oct 25 with a renewal of our Harmony of Homes Tour. This event was also a sell-out, including the luncheon. In spite of the rainy day, almost everyone with a ticket showed up, and they all seemed to enjoy the tour. Thanks to Riser Lincoln (who underwrote most of the cost of the tour) and Clara Nicolosi and ReMax (who sponsored the luncheon), almost all proceeds went directly to support our music programs. Of course, the Tour would not have been possible without the three generous homeowners who opened their homes to 400 strangers. Thank you Danny and Holly Berry, Rusty and Candy Adams, and Dale and Jill Jones. Finally, thanks to the many volunteers who worked all day to make this a great event, everyone had a good time.

In between these two fundraisers was one of our premier events of the year, the ASO Children's concert in Hot Springs. Conductor Israel Getzov, narrator Courtney Bennett Baker, and the ASO delighted over 3000 elementary school children from almost every school in Garland County. Many of the children were hearing a symphony orchestra for the first time.

Thanks to the support and generosity of our members, our sponsors, and the community, in October we raised a major portion of the funding needed for our many education programs. We also demonstrated the power and importance of music education by spending some of that money on the Children's Concert. Thanks everyone for a banner month.

Jim Gifford

Guild President

Israel Getzov to conduct "ASO Christmas in the Village"



American conductor Israel "Izzy" Getzov is in his fifteenth season as Music Director of the Conway Symphony Orchestra. Prior to that he was an Associate Conductor of the Arkansas Symphony. So it is with great anticipation that we look forward to Izzy's visit to the Woodlands Auditorium on Sunday November 24 to conduct this season's "Christmas in the Village." This year's concert will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Just like the holiday season, this always sold-out event will feature traditions both old and new. The Village Chorale will again take the stage with the orchestra. For the second year, a "guest conductor" will conduct the audience favorite "Sleigh Ride." This year's conductor is Jim Kelly, who won the honor as the highest bidder during the Symphony Guild's April 26 "Great Gatsby Gala."

As of this publication there are very few tickets remaining. Please visit www.hsvticketsales.com or contact the Ponce de Leon Center at (501) 922-4321 during regular business hours as soon as possible to secure your ticket.

And please remember your donation of non-perishable food items to help sustain our local area school children during their winter break.

Musical Safari enjoyed by Young and Old Alike



It is not only the local area children who look forward to the annual Arkansas Symphony Children's Concert at Bank OZK Arena. Parents, teachers, and volunteers consider this event a gift and a privilege. The volunteers, dressed in traditional black and white, arrived before 8:30 on the morning of October 23, many with breakfast goodies in hand to share with the orchestra members. After receiving instructions and assignments from event coordinator Bev Thompson, the volunteers took their places around the arena's entrances and gates to help direct the children and their teachers to their assigned seating sections. As approximately 3,000 3rd through 6th graders from 10 schools were in attendance, this is quite a job!

This year, narrator Courtney Bennett Baker assisted conductor Izrael Getzov in leading the treasure hunt from the mountain to the jungle and to the river – the children getting to choose which path to take next, with the music painting a vivid picture of the suspenseful journey.

Many thanks to the over 64 volunteers, many representing the HS/V Symphony Guild Board, Altrusa of Hot Springs Village, the Hot Springs Concert Band and especially the Hot Springs Village Amateur Radio Club for their time and dedication.

“Giving Tuesday” is December 3

Tuesday, December 3 is Giving Tuesday, a day when nonprofits, families, businesses and more all come together to celebrate giving. In just 7 years, Giving Tuesday has changed how many communities think about generosity.

The people of Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village have always demonstrated this giving spirit. If you would like to make a donation to the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild on this special day, you may do so by visiting www.symphonyguild.org/Donate. Just follow the

instructions once you get there. Or you may give to the Symphony Guild endowment by contacting the Hot Springs Village affiliate of the Arkansas Community Foundation, telephone (501) 984-1545, or by email at hotspringsvillage@arcf.org.

Riser Lincoln Tour of Homes a “tour de force”



A little rain couldn't keep 400 adventurers from attending the Guild's October 25 Tour of Homes, generously sponsored by Riser Lincoln of Hot Springs and ReMax of Hot Springs Village. From 10:00 until the last shuttle left the Ponce de Leon Center at 2:00, attendees were treated to the beauty of three very different Hot Springs Village homes. Guild volunteers were in force at the Ponce de Leon Center to help guests to the tour vehicles, many driven by ReMax realtor volunteers as well as Riser Lincoln associates. More volunteers were in place at each home to make guests welcome and to describe the home's uniquely beautiful features and design. Those who purchased a luncheon ticket found themselves in an elegantly decorated Ouachita Center meeting room for a delightful lunch, catered by ReMax of Hot Springs Village, with appropriate music from the Village Strings played in the background. Event Chair Lynn Petti and her committee thank everyone who participated, both as a volunteer and an attendee, for making this event an unparalleled success.

Special Concert Sunday, November 17

ASO Principal Trumpet and HS/V Symphony Guild member Richard Jorgensen, along with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Music Director Ellen Nagode, will present a trumpet and piano recital on November 17, 3:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 199 Barcelona Road.

The recital titled “Trumpet Tales” will feature music by Vivaldi, Neruda, Purcell and Clarke. Special guest Greg Nagode will join the group to narrate “Animal Ditties” — four poems by Ogden Nash with music by Anthony Plog. Mr. Jorgensen will also display, lecture about, and perform on several trumpets from his private collection.

This is a free concert and is open to the public.

Mountain Pine School receives generous donation

Guild Education VP Donna Toney was thrilled to update the Guild Board regarding \$20,000 in donations received by Mountain Pine High School from two generous alumnae. As reported in the Hot Springs *Sentinel-Record*, "Principal Toby Crosby said \$14,000 of the funds will go directly toward outfitting the marching band with new uniforms. Four years ago, the band had **two** members, but under the instruction of band director Christopher Johns it has grown to **104** members.

The remainder \$6,000 of the donation will partly help fund the Mountain Pine food pantry.

Our Guild's Education Committee presents "Orchestra and You" at Mountain Pine and other area schools.

Our 2019—2020 Season

Here is a list of the remaining scheduled events for this season. Watch for information in future newsletters, in Symphony Guild e-blasts, and on the Events page of our website.

Sunday, November 24, 2:00 p.m. — Arkansas Symphony Orchestra "Christmas in the Village" Woodlands Auditorium, Hot Springs Village.

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 2:00 p.m. — Henderson State President 's Music Award Winners in Concert—Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sunday, April 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m. — Guild Annual Meeting and Membership Thank You Event. Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Saturday, May 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m. — "The Symphony Guild Celebrates 50 Years of Hot Springs Village". Coronado Center Ballroom. Cocktails, dinner, dancing.

Members Only

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in 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.

If we do not have your email address and you would like a printed copy of the directory, please contact Jim Dixon at 922-1680. 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 Jim Dixon. If you elected not to be included in past directories, we have not included you in the current directory.

Bus Service to Sunday n ASO Masterworks Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performance 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 Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 or by email at mscrawshwa@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.

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.

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