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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

It is almost time to welcome Spring as we spot trees with small blossoms. English composer Edward Elgar wrote, *"My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us, the world is full of it and you simply take as much as you require."*

Your Symphony Guild continues to provide the quality musical concerts/events you have come to expect and appreciate.

As we go press, the March 7 performance by the Acousticatz at Christ of the Hills Church provided a variety of music bringing pleasure to us all.

The Guild is proud to share with you a special Trumpet/Piano concert which will be held Sunday afternoon March 31. Please see the complete article within this newsletter.

The Guild's annual fundraiser, the Great Gatsby Gala, is April 27. As well as the performers you will read about later in this newsletter, Board Member Martha Smither will provide piano music during the evening.

We will conclude our 2018-2019 season with the Guild's Annual Meeting and Youth and Academy Orchestras concert on May 4 at 2pm in the Woodlands Auditorium. This free concert offers evidence of the importance and success of music education, a primary mission of the Guild, as we listen to talented youths from across Arkansas.

Following the words of Edward Elgar, music is indeed in the air in Hot Springs Village as we eagerly *"take as much as we require,"* and your Guild is here to provide such monumental moments for all of us.

Very best wishes,

Guild President

Great Gatsby Gala selling out fast!



As of this publication, there are less than 40 tickets remaining for the Guild's major fundraising event. This year's Great Gatsby Gala takes place on Saturday, April 27, 5:30 p.m. in the Coronado Center Ballroom. The Gala Committee is hard at work preparing items for the silent auction, gift baskets, and the very popular wine pull. Our very special guest performers are ASO musicians Meredith Hicks and Rick Dimond, and Guild scholarship recipient Sarah Linneman.

While they last, you can secure your Gala tickets by visiting www.hsvticketsales.com. We invite you, whether or not you are able to attend the Gala, to make a donation as a prelude to the Gala. \$100 to the HS/HSV Symphony Guild as a prelude to the gala. A Gifting Music Sponsorship is \$100 or a Gatsby Glitters Sponsorship is \$200. All names will be listed in the program. Please send your check to: HS/HSV Symphony Guild (gifting music in the memo) P.O. Box 8354, Hot Springs Village, AR 71910.

All proceeds from this event fund music education programs for area students. The Guild projects include: university scholarships, music camp tuition and the annual Children's Concert which serves over 3,000 students (the largest children's concert in Arkansas).

Introducing Jim Dixon



Jim Dixon (left) and Rob Bowers enjoying the Nataliya Sukina concert afterglow

The Guild is pleased to welcome a new member to our Board of Directors. Jim Dixon and his wife Pookie moved to the Village in January of 2016, having purchased their home in mid-2014. Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, Jim lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for 20 years prior to his move. He spent his 40-year career in the hospitality services industry with a number of hotel and hotel management firms. Jim is the consummate volunteer. Volunteering at the past two Children's Concerts lead him to join the Guild, and ultimately to seek to serve on the Board. Jim is an active member of the Knights of Columbus, and the couple are members of the HSV Community Foundation and Arkansas Learning Through the Arts. When not serving our community, Jim enjoys golfing and fishing.

Our Board members are already delighted to be working with Jim, and look forward to a long association.

Don't Miss ASO Youth Orchestras In Concert, Saturday May 4

Whether a Guild member, a proud parent of a student musician, or anyone who enjoys following the journey of our local area youth, you are sure to enjoy this special event, as we present the ASO Youth Orchestra and the ASO Academy Orchestra in concert. This year's presentation will be on Saturday afternoon May 4, at 3:00 in the Woodlands Auditorium.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Youth Ensembles attract Arkansas' leading student-musicians. Ranging in age from 9-18 and traveling from over 37 communities throughout the state, the ASYO has grown to over 200 members. The Academy Orchestra is an intermediate-level group for stu-

dents from the 7th through the 12th grades. It is a complete ensemble with a full complement of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. Each student is auditioned, and must demonstrate a high level of proficiency. This orchestra is conducted by Tom McDonald, who has been a violinist in the Arkansas Symphony since 1976 and an orchestra director in the Little Rock Public School system since 1978.

The Youth Orchestra consists of students from the 8th through the 12th grades who are at a very high level of musical proficiency. These string, woodwind, brass and percussion players consistently place at the top of Arkansas' All-State Band and Orchestra competitions and are leaders in their schools and communities. Again, entrance is by audition only. Since 2012 the Youth Orchestra has been conducted by Geoffrey Robson, Associate Conductor of the ASO since 2008.

The orchestra performances will be preceded by a brief annual meeting. Tickets are free, and are available at www.hsvticketsales.com or at the Ponce de Leon Center during business hours.

FREE Concert at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in HSV!



Dr. Brittany Hendricks

You are invited to attend a 3pm, Sunday afternoon recital on March 31st, featuring Dr. Brittany Hendricks (trumpet) and pianist Hwaju Lee. Also featured will be ASO principle trumpet player for over 40 years, HSV resident Dr. Dick Jorgensen.

Dr. Hendricks, who is a faculty member at ASU in Jonesboro, also performs with the ASU faculty brass quintet. Her extensive career includes performances as a soloist and clinician, presenting at numerous schools and conferences.

Ms. Lee, who has completed her doctoral coursework is a collaborative pianist and class piano

Magic Moments from some recent Guild events



Hwaju Lee

instructor at Oklahoma State University. Ms. Lee has earned many various awards and has taught piano for over 15 years.

This very special concert, featuring music composed by Antonio Vivaldi, Henri Tomasi, Gabriel Faure and Philip Sparke, will be an outstanding concert opportunity for the community. Guild members and other readers of this newsletter know how generous the Holy Trinity family has been in offering their lovely sanctuary for Guild sponsored music events. The Guild is pleased to support them and hopes you will attend this very special afternoon of music.

Our 2018—2019 Season

This wonderful season is rapidly coming to an end. Don't miss out on our remaining events, as well as the special concert at Holy Trinity Episcopal church. Watch for additional reminders in Symphony Guild e-blasts, on the Events page of our website, and in other local area publications.

Sunday, March 31, 2019, 3PM — Trumpet recital at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 5:30 PM —Great Gatsby Gala, Coronado Community Center

Saturday May 4, 2019, 2PM —ASO Youth and Academy Orchestras and Annual Meeting, Woodlands Auditorium



Henderson State Student Showcase Concert reception



Nataliya Sukina concert reception



Acousticatz pre-concert dinner



Board members enjoying HSV Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

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Suzanne Kuch. If you elected not to be included in past directories, we have not included you in the current directory.

Bus Svc 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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