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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

Our 2017-2018 season is concluding with the now sold-out Garvan Gardens concert by the ASO String Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Philip Mann in Anthony Chapel on May 20th.

You will soon receive information about your Guild's annual membership renewal campaign. This is your opportunity to insure the vitality of the Guild's continuing music education programs, our support for the great Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and the 2018-2019 season of concert/ events for your entertainment enjoyment.

The loyal support, over the more than 30 years of the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild, by our long-term members and any of you who have recently joined the guild is deeply appreciated. You make a difference for all we do.

Along with your membership renewal this year, please consider joining those who generously donate additional gifts of support. These gifts are necessary to fund the many music education programs the guild is dedicated to supporting. Every level of giving is greatly appreciated.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill

Very best wishes,

Scholarship Auditions Results

On April 28 your Guild hosted four very talented young musicians in the yearly scholarship auditions, held at the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Church, Hot Springs Village. Members of the Education Committee were very impressed with the talent and poise of each of the applicants. All students had submitted their scholastic record, letters of recommendation, and a formal introductory essay to the committee. These essays described their introduction to music, their experiences in music, as well as their career aspirations. All came well prepared and with excellent accompanists to support their performances.

Two vocalists from Lakeside High School performed. Kathryn Webb, will be attending Samford's School of the Arts, to pursue her voice studies with emphasis towards musical theater education. She was awarded a \$1250 scholarship and an offer to sing for the committee again next spring for possible addition funds. Bailey Blake Case will pursue her vocal studies at Ouachita Baptist University. Bailey was awarded \$1250 and an invitation to return next spring to audition for further aid.

Both Kathryn and Bailey had their scholarships enlarged with awards from The Village Chorale Scholarship Fund.

Two instrumentalists were also given scholarships, flutist Sarah Marie Linneman and trumpeter Joshua Martin. These outstanding performers will each receive \$2000 to pursue their musical studies. Sarah will study at Hendrix College, and Joshua will study at Arkansas Tech University.

ASO Youth Orchestras

If you attended the Guild's recent annual meeting, I'm sure you were thoroughly entertained and impressed by the two outstanding ASO youth orchestra's performances. I was asked more than once about the differences between the Academy and Youth Orchestras, and I had to admit my understanding was woefully lacking. So with a little ASO website research and assistance from ASO Director of Education and Outreach Barbara Burroughs, here are a few facts about this wonderful program for our state's young aspiring musicians.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Youth Ensembles began as a dream of the ASO's founders in the 1960's and today continue to 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, which was the first on our program, is an intermediate-level group for students 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 was the second to entertain us at the Annual Meeting. It 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. The students may have opportunities to participate in master classes with visiting ASO guest artists, and to receive coaching and performance experience in smaller chamber ensembles. Since 2012 the Youth Orchestra has been conducted by Geoffrey Robson, Associate Conductor of the ASO since 2008. Geoffrey has credits, awards, and honors too numerous to mention in this short article.

There are between 60 and 65 student musicians in each of these orchestras. Rehearsal schedules are rigorous and intense: the Youth Orchestra rehearses every Sunday afternoon for 2½-3 hours and the Academy Orchestra rehearses 2-3 times a month for the same length of time. As a rule, about 75% of Academy Orchestra musicians advance into the Youth Orchestra. Thirty-three musicians in the program will graduate high school this year, and all are continuing on to college. Program graduates attend many of the most prestigious universities in the country, including Yale, Harvard, Stanford, MIT and Rice. Most of the students continue in music in some capacity, with many at least minoring in music.

The ASO supports 2 other youth orchestras not appearing at the Guild's Annual Meeting. The Preparatory Orchestra is a strings-only ensemble for beginning players, requiring a written recommendation from a teacher for acceptance, and conducted by ASO cellist Casey Buck. The Prelude Orchestra is a strings-only ensemble of students who have studied for at least 2 years, and is conducted by Concertmasters Drew Irvin and Kiril Laskarov.

We are indeed fortunate to live in a state with such a fine symphony-sponsored youth orchestra program.

Welcome New Officers for 2018-19!



The HSV Symphony Guild is pleased to welcome two talented volunteers to the 2018-19 Board of Directors.

Vice President of Development Joe Stewart is no stranger to HSV volunteerism. Joe and wife Sharon came from Dallas 13 years ago after a career in sales/sales management in the graphic arts equipment industry. He is an army veteran, and served on the executive board of the Dallas American Legion for 8 years. In HSV, Joe has served on the Finance Committee and Vestry at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, volunteered at the Coronado Fitness Center, was a director of the HSV Board of Realtors, and was membership Chair and a 2-term President of the HSV Democratic Club, and treasurer of the Garland County Democratic Party. Joe currently is on the Board of Directors of the HSV Area Chamber of Commerce, and has served as an Ambassador for the Chamber. In his "spare time" he is a realtor with Trade-mark Real Estate.

Member-At-Large Stacey Lloyd is a more recent HSV resident, having moved here from San Clemente, California a year and a half ago with husband Jeffrey. After working in management with Allstate Insurance Company for 34 years, Stacey and her husband owned a wine store and wine bar and traveled extensively with customers to various wine regions. Stacey put her experience to work as the wine checker and verifier for the phenomenally successful wine pull at the Guild's Magical Evening. She is using her many talents not only with the Guild but as activities director for the Balboa Yacht Club. This fun couple has hosted wine tasting events at home, and continues to love sharing the fun and adventure of wine with others.

Thank you Joe and Stacey, and thanks to all the other dedicated 2018-2019 Board Members.

Guild Membership Drive Is Underway



Current Symphony Guild members either have or will shortly be receiving a membership renewal letter and form. You can renew either by filling out and returning the form in the mail, or online at www.symphonymusic.org. Instructions for online renewal are on the form. Please consider recommending membership to your friends and neighbors. Membership is a bargain at \$20 per person. There are so many benefits to your membership, including free concerts, first chance at tickets for major events in HSV, and just the knowledge that you are supporting music education throughout Arkansas. This year, if you enclose a membership for a friend with your renewal, you will receive, while the supply lasts, a complimentary copy of the Brahms CD, featuring pianist Norman Krieger, and Maestro Philip Mann conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

Thank you for your continued support of the HS/HSV Symphony Guild.

SOLD OUT!
**Arkansas Symphony Orchestra at Garvan Gardens,
 Sunday May 20; 3-5pm; Anthony Chapel**



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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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Our 2018—2019 Season

Your Program Committee and Special Events team are developing several exciting performances and events for our upcoming season. Watch for information in future newsletters, and in Symphony Guild eblasts.

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 a used instrument 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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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.

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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