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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Dear Friends of the HS/HSV Symphony Guild,

These are the words I shared with the attendees at our April 24 Annual Meeting and Youth Orchestra Concert.

First, your Guild is in remarkably strong health considering the two years of disruption caused by the pandemic. We have stayed true to our mission -- [the mission of HS/HSV Symphony Guild](#):

- To present and foster an appreciation for fine music in our community
- To support and promote the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra (ASO)
- To support and encourage music education for young people in the greater Hot Springs area.

We resumed programs this year and are putting together a full schedule for next year.

We did not have to cut back our support for Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and did not consciously curtail any of our educational programs. We presented our annual Children's Concert again this year to over 2,000 children in Hot Springs, and are ramping up our other education programs. For those not familiar with our educational programs, I encourage you to seek out the page on our website that provides detail on those programs – they are the heart of this organization. Included by the way, is sponsoring the Hot Springs area musicians in the youth orchestras you will hear today.

As you might suspect, two years with no concerts to bring in income did have an impact on our budget. If you look at the past 24 months, we show a loss, but it was *not as bad* as I expected. In fact, we have reserves that covered that loss. While income was down, we also had reductions in expenditures. For example, we did not put on a Children's concert last year and some of the educational programs we

offer to schools were constrained by the schools' availability. After all that, the Guild still has a positive balance that includes reserve.

I want to thank all our members who participated in the recent election. This is your organization and your input is important. The results of that election produced (a) slate of officers for 2022-23, taking office on Jun 1. (The list of those elected officers appears later in this newsletter)

Finally, I want to thank our sponsors (please view our sponsors later in this newsletter).

These sponsors make our mission possible. So please thank them.

And when you do business with them, please let them know you appreciate their support.

Sincerely,

Jim Gifford

Beach Party is Around the Corner!

Tickets are still available for our second annual Beach Party! Visit www.hsvticketsales.com, the Ponce de Leon Center during business hours, or our website www.symphonyguild.org.



Guild Announces Officers for 2022-2023

We are pleased to present the following as the elected officers for 2022-2023. Their term extends from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.

President
Donna Toney

Past President
Jim Gifford

Administrative V.P.
Carolyn Bowers

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Maureen Morgan

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Jim Dixon

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Chris Cash

Member-At-Large
Christy Etheridge

Member-At-Large
Marie Hylden

Member-At-Large
Brenda Langley

Member-At-Large
Martha Smither

We thank our retiring officers, Suzanne Babbie, Jeanne Ballard and Suzanne Stofer for their dedicated service. And we especially thank our outgoing President, Jim Gifford, for his inspirational leadership these past 3 years. The

good news is that Jim remains on the Board as Past President. Here he is surrounded by Suze and Jeannie.



Children's Concert March 30



After a too-long "sabbatical," our local area school children were treated to a live and in-person concert by our Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. This year's theme was An American Odyssey, and featured pieces by composers including Aaron Copeland, William Grant Still and Anton Dvorak. Eight local area schools were invited. The young people were enthralled by Conductor Geoffrey Robson's presentation and interaction. For the first time we invited adults to attend. Watch for that opportunity when the ASO presents its next Children's Concert this fall.

Springtime

Our retiring Board Member Suzanne Babbie is a woman of too many talents to adequately describe in this newsletter. One of her passions is poetry. Here we present her poem titled **springtime**.

oh, to rest quietly,
inhaling the sweetness

of spring flowers
flowing thru an open

window . . . a soft breeze
blowing sheer curtains

like sails on a ship . . . only
hums of buzzing insects

and chants of chortling birds
accent the quiet calm,

this is true bliss . . . a peaceful
offering from nature.

ASO Youth Orchestras present Impressive Program

We are always amazed by the talent of Arkansas' student musicians when they grace our Woodlands Auditorium for the Youth Orchestra Concert in association with our annual meeting. The ASO Youth Ensembles have offered unique performance experiences to Arkansas' leading student musicians for more than 50 years. With three ensembles and nearly 200 members, the ensembles included students age 9-19, currently from more than 37 communities around central Arkansas. This year the Academy Orchestra under the direction of Tom McDonald presented Elliott Del Borgo's Wedding Dance and Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 First Movement. The Youth Orchestra under the direction of Gabriel Bruce presented Dvorak's Slavonic Dances, Peer Gynt's Suite No. 1 Morning Mood in the Hall of the Mountain King, and Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, Finale to Act 4.



The Academy Orchestra



The Youth Orchestra

It's Membership Renewal Time!

We hope that all of you who currently are members of the HS/HSV Symphony Guild have received your membership letter and have renewed your membership. As you know, your membership in the Guild helps support our Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and the Guild's educational mission—to promote music education in the schools and to help students master their craft.

If you are not yet a member, please consider this opportunity to join us during our May membership drive. If you know of others who would like to support our mission, please pass this information on to them.

We raise funds through our dues and special events to create opportunities for children in the greater Hot Springs area to have music in their lives. While achievement is important, we feel that all children should feel the joy of hearing live music

and learning to sing or play an instrument. Joy sparks the imagination and allows them to become more creative in all aspects of their lives.

We have several programs that address the need in different ways: Scholarships for future music educators as they enter college, the annual Children's Concert at the Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, scholarships for area students to summer music camps, grants for essential equipment to area schools, as well as supporting our Arts Partners program "Orchestra and You".

There are two ways to become a member. If you have an email address you may visit our website, www.symphonymusicguild.org, and follow the "Become a Member" links. Or if you prefer, contact Membership V.P. Jim Dixon at (214) 632-2351 and he will assist you in obtaining a printed form.

Thank you for considering a membership in the HS/HSV Symphony Guild.

Our 2022 Schedule of Events

Below are the events remaining in our 2021—2022 season and currently planned as a part of our 2022—2023 Season. Watch for additional events in your eblasts and in the next newsletter.

Tuesday May 24 5:30 p.m.—Second Annual Lakeside Beach Party, Balboa Pavilion

Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:30 PM — The Dallas Brass, Woodlands Auditorium, Hot Springs Village

Sunday, December 4, 2022 3:00 p.m.—ASO Christmas in the Village, Woodlands Auditorium, Hot Springs Village.

Members Only

You will find a searchable directory in the member area on our website. You will also find a printable copy of the directory in the same location. To access the member only section of the website, you will need to login. To do so, click on **LOGIN** in the upper right section of the header on any page on our website. This will take you to the login page. Your email address is your id. If you have forgotten your password or have never logged in, click on the forgot password link on the login page to get a new one. Alternatively, if you have a Facebook account that uses the same email address, you may click on the Facebook icon and use those login 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 (214) 632-2351.

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 now offered to both Sunday ASO Masterworks and Pops Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performance of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Masterworks or Pops concert series and don't want to drive, we offer bus service from the Village. This service is offered both as a subscription and for individual concerts. To sign up to ride the bus or for additional information, please contact Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 or by email at mrcrawshwa@yahoo.com

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!

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