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## Symphony Notes

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### Message from the President

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs / Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild would have been last weekend. Unfortunately, we had to cancel due to the current corona virus crisis. We are hopeful that we can replace the meeting in the fall with a "Thank You" to our members. We would attempt to provide the same entertainment we had planned for the annual meeting, which included Alisa Coffey, ASO principal harpist, and young piano prodigy Thomas Sinclair, from Jessieville.

I will attempt to fulfill the business intent of the meeting by providing an overview of our health as an organization and by announcing the results of our election and introducing the new Guild Board.

First, our organization is strong and healthy. Although we had to cancel three events this spring, none of these was a major fundraiser, so the loss has no long-term impact. We had a successful season with sell-outs at the Riser Harmony of Homes Tour and the ASO Christmas Concert. We have sufficient funds to continue our education programs for the remainder of this year. That puts us in better shape than many non-profit organizations who lost major sources of income from cancellations. Not only were performances cancelled, but in many cases major fundraiser events.

The bad news is that no one really knows what the situation will be when and if the world returns to normal, and what that 'normal' will be. I think we can expect an economy seriously weakened, however, and discretionary dollars will be scarce. That is not good for those relying on philanthropy. ASO is already expecting a shortfall next year. We will need to monitor the situation and put in the effort needed to insure we can continue our programs at the current level.

Fortunately, we have added an exciting event in the fall, which will raise funds for us. Mark your calendar now for **Bravo Amici**, at the Woodlands, **October 30**. You will read more about these exciting entertainers later in this newsletter. Details regarding ticket sales and prices will be released as soon as possible. As always, our members will have an opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

Dealing with the challenges of next year will be our new board of directors, recently approved by the membership. The new board takes office June 1. I especially want to recognize our three new board members – Donna Aylward, Jeanne Ballard, and Betty Traylor. Thank you for stepping up and offering to serve. I also

appreciate each of the board members and officers agreeing to serve another term. You make my job a lot easier. The members of the 2020-2021 board and guild officers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, I want to thank again retiring board members Stacey Lloyd, Linda Holt-Monson, Nancy Jorgensen, and Nancy Piersol. They have each served the Guild well and we greatly appreciate them all. The Board of Directors has voted to make a donation to the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra in honor of each of these retiring board members.

Jim Gifford  
Guild President

### NOTICE TO OUR READERS

**Due to the covid-19 situation, upcoming events in this newsletter are subject to postponement or cancellation. Watch for eblasts, Facebook page updates, and visit the Guild website, [www.symphonymusic.org](http://www.symphonymusic.org), for current schedules.**



### Have you noticed our shiny new sign?

Thank you, Donna Waldrop, for coordinating the creation and replacement of our sign at the West Gate. Now it's the best looking one up there! Our gift to HSV for the 50th Anniversary.

## Guild Education Committee Announces Scholarship Winners

This spring has been a rough one for every family. Very seriously impacted have been our local area students with the suspension of in-school education. So it is no real surprise that there were no new applications for music scholarships from our college-bound high school seniors. We are, however, thrilled to announce that several of our current scholarship recipients are still in music majors at their colleges and universities, and have applied for a renewal for the upcoming school year. All will receive the same amount as they received last year.

Here is a list of those collegiate students:

Josh Martin...received \$2,000 merit in 2018 & 19  
 Katie Garner...received \$1,500 in 2017, 18 & 19  
 Barry Kohr...received \$1,500 in 2017, 18 & 19  
 Garrett Lee...received \$1,500 in 2019  
 Colton Guill...received \$2,250 in 2019  
 Josh Martin...received \$1,500 in 2019

Scholarship program coordinator Terry Lee expects to hear from a few more students, and if qualified, they too will receive awards for next year.

Congratulations one and all!

## Guild Announces 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Here are your HS/V Symphony Guild Officers for the 2020-2021 year.

- President: Jim Gifford
- Past President: Suzanne Babbie
- Administrative VP: Carolyn Bowers
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- Member-At-Large: Martha Smither
- Member-At-Large: Bev Thompson
- Member-At-Large (Asst Treasurer/Web Master): Suzanne Kuch
- Member-at-large: Donna Aylward
- Member-At-Large: Jeanne Ballard
- Member-At-Large: Betty Traylor

## Bravo Amici coming to HSV!



**Save the date!** *Bravo Amici* is coming to the Woodlands on **October 30**. *BRAVO Amici* have wowed audiences all over the world, from London to LA, Miami to Moscow, New York to New Zealand. Combining the essential elements of classical crossover - opera, Broadway, and pop - this group of endlessly talented friends and stage stars melt hearts and blow minds in every theater they perform. Their show not only entertains and excites audiences, but also connects with them on a deeper level (at a time when the world needs all the love, acceptance and inclusion it can get). You will never forget this concert because of how they make you *feel*. Details regarding ticket sales and prices will be released as quickly as possible. As always, our members will have an opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

## Bedtime with Bach

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra has recorded several videos under the title "Bedtime with Bach." What a great gift from our wonderful symphony musicians during this time! If you haven't already, take a look and a listen at [this link](#).

## Support our Sponsors

As businesses begin to reopen, please support our loyal and valued corporate sponsors. We thank them and wish for them a speedy return to normalcy.

## Our 2020—2021 Season

Here is a list of the first events booked for our 2020-2021 Season. There will be several more to come.

Watch for information on these and others in future newsletters, in Symphony Guild e-blasts, and on the Events page of our website.

**Friday, October 30, 2020, 7:30 p.m.** — *Bravo Amici*, Woodlands Auditorium.

**Sunday, December 6, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** — Arkansas Symphony Orchestra *Christmas in the Village*, Woodlands Auditorium.

**Saturday, January 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m.** — Henderson State President's Award winners in concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

## 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](mailto: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 to Sunday 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 email at [mscrawshwa@yahoo.com](mailto: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. **(performances suspended for rest of season)**

## 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](http://www.hsvarts.org). 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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