



Winter 2021-2022

Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Welcome to a world trying to live with the chaos of a pandemic, never knowing if we are going deeper in or coming out. In that context, we have good news and bad news in this newsletter.

For good news, our first concert in two years, the ASO Christmas in Woodlands was an exciting and enjoyable day. The twice-postponed BRAVO Amici concert is now on track for February 24, and the ASO Youth Orchestras are scheduled for April 24. Things are definitely looking up.

On the other side, we put off plans for a gala "April in Paris" event and will instead repeat last year's popular "Beach Party" at Balboa Pavilion.

Our Children's Concert in Hot Springs is still scheduled for March 30, but some schools are undecided, making that plan subject to change. Arkansas Symphony Orchestra started a normal season with two wonderful concerts in the fall, but postponed the January Masterworks concert. The remainder of ASO season is still scheduled, both Masterworks and Pops series. Your Guild is continuing to run a bus service to the Sunday matinees of ASO concerts, and has expanded that service to include both the Masterworks and Pops series.

I again want to thank all of our members and supporters for sticking with us through these trying times. The pandemic has been especially difficult for arts groups that rely on performances for income. Thanks to your support, however, the HS/HSV Symphony Guild is in a strong position and continues to do what we have always done

-- promote and foster and appreciation of classical music, support the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and support music education in the local area. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Jim Gifford

Christmas in the Village



A Spectacular Success

Christmas 2021 is in the past, but our memories of December 5, 2021's "ASO Christmas in the Village" linger on. The sold-out concert was conducted by Artistic Director Geoffrey Robson and featured the usual wide range of classical and popular Christmas selections. Soloist Jaimee Jensen-McDonald was a delight, from her rendition of "White Christmas" to her flawless presentation of "O Holy Night."

Thanks to Guild Past President Suzanne Babbie, a food drive benefitting Jes-sieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine Schools has become an annual tradition at this concert. This year's drive brought

more boxes than ever before and included a number of monetary gifts earmarked for one or more of the schools.

Continued thanks to our very supportive sponsor ReMax of Hot Springs Village for their sponsorship of this year's concert.



BRAVO Amici Coming Soon



Tickets are on sale for the Guild's annual fundraising concert. This year's event presents BRAVO Amici to Hot Springs Village. BRAVO Amici have wowed audiences all over the world, from London to LA, Miami to Moscow, St. Moritz to Sardinia, New York to New Zealand. Combining the essential elements of classical crossover - pop, Broadway, the West End and opera - this group of endlessly talented friends and stage stars melt hearts and blow minds in every theater they perform, becoming a worldwide phenomenon over

the years. With a show that 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 can guarantee it's a concert you'll never forget because of how they made you FEEL.

The concert is scheduled for February 24 at the Woodlands Auditorium. Tickets are available at www.hsvticketsales.com, or at the Ponce de Leon Center during regular business hours.



It's time for another musical quiz question!

Who was the Italian priest, ordained in 1703, who switched careers to become a composer?

Who, was the young Italian who due to a chronic shortness of breath condition, could not play wind instruments and turned instead to studying the violin (often taught by his father)?

Which composer wrote a four-part masterpiece, *The Four Seasons*, 300 years ago and that is speculated to have been based on themes of four poems he wrote?

(the answers are later in this newsletter)

Guild to Reprise the Beach Party Gala



Such a good time was had by all last May's Beach Party that our Special Projects Team has decided to do it again! Save Tuesday May 24 as the date for this year's fun outdoor event. Pictured here are some of the team at a recent planning meeting.

Honoring Antonio Vivaldi and in particular his *Concerto No. 4 in F minor, Op. 8, RV 297, "Winter."* we share this poem:



Musical quiz answers

Surprise! The answers to each question is **Antonio Vivaldi** (b. March 4, 1678, d. July 28, 1741).

winter trees #2

~Suzanne Babbie

*slender silhouettes with
branches reaching upwards*

*your green coats had turned
to vibrant loveliness*

*now, only your bare
bark wraps you*

*as you stand straight in rows
like upright pick-up sticks,*

*beautiful winter trees,
what beauty you still reveal.*

Our 2022 Schedule of Events

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

Thursday February 24 7:30 p.m.—BRAVO Amici, Woodlands Auditorium

Sunday, April 24 3:00 p.m.— ASO Youth/ Academy Orchestras, Woodlands Auditorium, Hot Springs Village

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.

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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.

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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 by email at mscrawshwa@yahoo.com

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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. 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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