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## Symphony Notes

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### Message from the President

Greetings, Guild Members,

As we are on the cusp of busy holiday activities we have a kaleidoscope of autumnal colors filling our Village with extraordinary beauty.

I hope you are among the fortunate who has purchased your ASO *Christmas in the Village* concert tickets. This year, as in previous years, it is a sellout. Your Guild is honored to be able to bring you the entire Arkansas Symphony Orchestra to our Woodland's Auditorium for this annual concert.

As you have read in our local newspapers, the Guild's annual Children's Concert last month was a huge success for the 2,900 local students and their teachers who attended. Thank you to those who so generously provide donations beyond membership dues for the music education programs we provide. Without your support it would not be possible to continue such worthwhile learning experiences for our young people.

The good work your Guild provides can be expanded by additional members. If you have a friend who is interested in joining the Guild please direct them to our website: [www.symphonyguild.org](http://www.symphonyguild.org) for membership, concert and other information.

*"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."* ~Marcel Proust. **Each of you**, help make a "garden" of lively and colorful music grow in the hearts of our audiences and for the students we serve.

Very best,

### Students Inspired by Symphony Concert



The Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild invited Garland County 3rd - 6th graders to experience a memorable performance by the unforgettable Arkansas Symphony Orchestra (ASO) on Wednesday October 17 at the Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> annual event, and this year included 2,900 students from several area schools. The spell-bound audience was mesmerized by the range of dynamics in the different pieces and surprised at the excitement of certain sections.

The ASO selected *Story Time* to be this year's theme which connected the music to literature. Curriculum included lessons and literacy activities tied to favorite tales including Harry Potter and Mickey Mouse (curriculum is written specific to the age and grade level of students).

Materials were written so that students can enjoy the music and reflect via lessons that are also tied to current Arkansas standards in literacy, math, science, and social studies as well as music and art. Teachers were oriented at the beginning of the school year to take the new musical theme and tie it to updated curriculum. Teachers have access to the free curriculum so that they can weave content into lessons before and after the fall performance each October.

Adriane Barnes, Hot Springs School District Communications Coordinator said that “We are so proud for our students to have the opportunity to see memorable performances of this caliber.” The school districts pay a small fee for each student and the remaining cost is underwritten by the Symphony and community donors – foundations, businesses, service organizations and over 50 individuals.

“I believe that the arts are inherent in our culture and reflective of everything we are and do. This experience illustrates for students how music isn’t a stand-alone thing. It tells a story,” said Mrs. Martha Smither, Guild Board Member, Children’s Concert Coordinator and Board President of Arkansas Learning Through The Arts. “I hope that the unique music presented each year inspires our children to learn about things that may be outside their horizons.”

The Symphony Guild organized the day and was fortunate to have over 50 volunteers who made it possible. The Guild partnered with Arkansas Learning Through The Arts to create the complementary curriculum for the music which includes a Student Journal for each child and a Teacher’s Guide and DVD of the music with illustrative graphics.

### Christmas in the Village-Food Drive for Local Schools



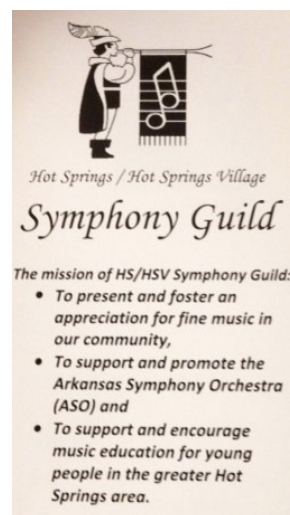
If you are attending the December 2 ASO Christmas in the Village concert, the Guild again this year invites you to donate non-perishable food items for our local area school children. Many children rely on our schools for two meals a day. These donations help bridge this gap while students are on winter break. Representatives from Mt. Pine, Jessierville and Fountain Lake School Districts will arrive after the concert to share in the donations. In lieu of a food donation, some concertgoers have preferred to give a check, payable to the school district of their choice. *Thank you* in advance for your partnership in caring about and caring for our area youngsters.

### Guild is a 2018 HSVCF Fall Grant Recipient



On October 25, the Guild was one of the 18 grateful recipients of a grant from the HSV Community Foundation, now an affiliate of the Arkansas Community Foundation. This award in the amount of \$1,000 will help support the annual Children’s Concert. Pictured are HSVCF Board member Tony Cifelli presenting the award to Guild President Suzanne Babbie.

### Hot off the presses—our new brochure!



The Guild has a new brochure! It contains details of Guild music education programs and membership information. We invite you or any of your guests to stop at the HSV Area Chamber of Commerce office, 121 Cordoba Center Drive, Suite 300, to pick up a copy.

## Guild Board Welcomes ASO Education Coordinator



The Guild Board welcomed Joanna Klett, ASO Education Coordinator, to its November Board Meeting. Ms. Klett introduced the attendees to the ASO's in-school education programs, Storytime Concerts, demos and music lesson programs. Quartet demos are offered free in Garland County schools, thanks to our HS/V Symphony Guild's underwriting. Joanna will be working closely with our Guild's Education VP Jim Kelly to offer these ASO's programs to Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine Schools in Garland County.

Pictured are Guild President Suzanne Babbie, ASO Education Coordinator Joanna Klett and Guild Administrative VP Jim Gifford.

**Christmas Gift.....think donation to Guild Endowment!**



Have you started your Christmas shopping list yet? It gets more difficult every year to think of a unique and needed gift for those friends and relatives we love and love to remember. Why not consider making a donation in their name(s) to your HS/HSV Symphony Guild? As we grow older, most of us have all the gadgets we need or want, so this type of gift makes perfect sense. And it

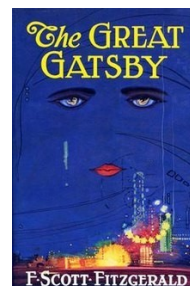
helps us grow our endowment, which benefits the Guild's ability to support music education in our local schools. If it would be meaningful to you, you could suggest that those who give you gifts at this time of year forego a traditional present and donate to the endowment in your name. A gift to the endowment is a wonderful way to give and to "give back!"

Additionally, if you have not yet taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA for 2018, you might consider directing any non-essential portion to the Guild endowment. When given to a non-profit, this donation is tax exempt. In the words of Guild Administrative VP and Hot Springs Village Community Foundation Board Member Jim Gifford, "this gift does not cost you anything!"

Making donations to your guild is easy. Simply go to the HSVCF web site ([www.arcf.org/hotspringsvillage](http://www.arcf.org/hotspringsvillage)) and select the HS/HSV Symphony Guild Endowment for Music Education from the drop down menu. Just fill out the form and submit!

If you have a question or need help, please call Jim at 922-1680 or Carolyn Bowers at 915-8022. Either would be happy to assist you with any questions.

## Get Ready for the Great Gatsby Gala!



Preparations are well underway for the Guild's 2019 major fundraising event—The Great Gatsby Gala. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 at the Coronado Center. You will not want to miss this Roaring Twenties inspired evening. Tickets will be \$50 each and will go on sale to Guild members on January 15 and to the general public on February 1.

The Coronado Center will be elegantly decorated to pay homage to the theme. Dinner of course is included. As is customary at these events, there will be silent and live auction items, and a repeat of the very popular "wine pull" from last year's soiree. Dress up in your Gatsby-era inspired flapper garb, or anything dressy that inspires you. Jackets for the gentlemen, please.

Once again, thanks to go Ike Eisenhower State Farm Agent for his sponsorship of this event.

## Waiting list for ASO “Christmas in the Village”

If for any reason you will not be able to use your already-purchased tickets to December 2's ASO Christmas Concert at the Woodlands Auditorium, please call the Ponce de Leon Center, 922-4231, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There is always a waiting list for these precious tickets, and the office staff will be happy to arrange a way for you to sell your tickets to one of those lucky individuals. Tickets are sold through the Woodlands Auditorium and through [www.hsvticketsales.com](http://www.hsvticketsales.com) only, so please do not contact the Guild directly if you wish to sell your tickets or if you wish to be put on the waiting list.

### Our 2018—2019 Season

Here is a complete list of the remaining events planned for this season. Watch for information in future newsletters, in Symphony Guild e-blasts, and on the Events page of our website.

**Sunday Dec 2, 2018, 3PM**— ASO Christmas in the Village, Woodlands Auditorium. **Sold out.**

**Saturday January 26, 2019, 2:00 PM**—Student Showcase, Henderson State President Award Winners in Concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

**Sunday February 17, 2019, 3:00 PM**—Piano Artistry of Nataliya Sukhina, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

**Thursday March 7, 2019** —The Acousticatz, “Blue Grass and More”, concert and pre-concert dinner, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church.

**Saturday, April 27, 2019** —Great Gatsby Gala, Coronado Community Center

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

### 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 through our website. If they would prefer to join through the mail, they can click on [Member Application.pdf](#) on the website to get a membership/renewal form. If they do not have internet access,

please ask them to call Suzanne Kuch at 915-8016. The Guild is happy to receive donations throughout the year. Donations may be made directly using our website or through the US Mail. We want to properly recognize each of our donors, so if you would like to donate through the US Mail, please complete our [DonationForm.pdf](#) and include it with your donation. If you choose to make an additional gift, we will recognize you in our printed programs.

### 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](mailto:mscrawshaw@yahoo.com) or Priscilla O'Malley at 915-0051 or by email at [prisomalley@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### The Guild is part of AmazonSmile

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

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