

Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

I recently attended the HSV Community Foundation Annual Meeting. A comment by former Foundation board member, General Tom Arwood, was that their founding members "did it right" as they established their group. Similarly, let me borrow General Arwood's words by saying that our Guild founders also "did it right" thirty-one years ago when they planned our organization.

The Guild's current and past Board of Directors members, consistently have volunteered professional and energetic efforts to accomplish and continue our goals to provide music education to our local school children, to support the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and to provide excellent musical events for our audiences.

In just a few days, we will present our sold-out season opening concert featuring the Bee Gees Gold Tribute.

On October 26, dozens of faithful volunteers will again help make a great musical event happen for approximately 3000 school children as your Guild's annual Children's Concert at Hot Springs Bank of the Ozarks Arena becomes a reality. Some of the young attendees will experience this opportunity to hear and see an orchestral music concert for the very first time. I am sure you join my enthusiasm in being able to offer such a gift!

Lastly, as a reminder, tickets for the Guild's popular annual Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert on December 3 at the Woodland's Auditorium are available now and selling briskly.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

~Plato

Best wishes,

Suzanne R. Dalkie



Dinner with the Maestro

One of the most popular auction items at the annual fundraiser for the Symphony Guild is "Dinner with the Maestro". This year's winners were Jim & Becky Gifford and Martha Smither and their friends Velma & John Coolidge, Suzanne Bratcher and Lynda Miller. On August 26, they were treated to a fabulous Italian dinner by Chef Johnna in the home of Nancy & Dick Jorgensen. Pictured are hostess Nancy Jorgensen, Maestro Philip Mann, Chef Johnna, Special Projects Chairperson Lynn Petti, and Guild board member Carolyn Bowers.

Music Education Enhanced by ASO String Quartets

The Arkansas Symphony has two excellent string quartets that operate as a branch of the orchestra. Both of these, the Quapaw Quartet and the Rockefeller Quartet are excellent quartets. They perform on the River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series. These programs are held at the Clinton Presidential Library on Tuesdays, six times during the season.

Our Symphony Guild is very proud to have a long and rich connection with these quartets. Both groups are available to perform, demonstrate and teach in our area schools. Last season, we were pleased to be able to bring them into five of our area schools to present programs to 3rd through 6th grade

students. This year we hope to be able to provide even more opportunities for area school children to have this enriching experience. Your dues and gifts to your guild enables this to happen. We budget \$3000 of our education expenditures for this worthy project.

This year area schools can select from four different programs, including: "Meet the String Family", "Picturing Music", "Maps and Music: Up Up and Away", and "Story Time".

This is just another way that we, our guild effects the lives of young students. We are very proud of this project.

Annual Children's Concert

Now in its tenth year, Guild members are preparing for the Children's Concert, conducted and narrated by Associate Conductor Geoffrey Robson. On October 26, the Bank of the Ozarks Arena in Hot Springs will be alive with 3rd thru 6th grade students from local area schools. This year's theme is *Superheros of the Orchestra*. The students have been working with study guide materials in preparation for the concert.



ASO with Maestro Philip Mann: *Christmas In the Village*

Tickets are now sale to the general public for this very popular annual concert, once again featuring The Village Chorale. The date is December 3, time is 3:00, place is the Woodlands Auditorium. If you have not yet secured your tickets, please do so soon as this event is always a sellout. Reserved seat tickets for this event are \$27. Tickets are available to members by at www.hsvticketsales.com or by visiting the POA ticket office at the Ponce de Leon Center weekdays between 9 AM and 2 PM.

Got Music? Brahms CDs are Still Available

Concert CDs, featuring our ASO maestro, Philip Mann, the London Symphony Orchestra, and piano soloist Norman Krieger, are still available. They are \$20 each, all of which will go to the extended support of our primary mission, extending music education programs to our local schools.

If you have an email address and would like to purchase a CD, please register for this "event" by clicking here. Please include your contact information. We will contact you to arrange delivery of your CD.

If you do not have an email address, please contact Suzanne Babbie at 922-6418 to purchase your CD.

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.

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 mrcrawshaw@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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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.

The Guild is happy to receive donations throughout the year. Donations may be 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.

Our 2017—2018 Season

Here are the exciting events scheduled for this season. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, something very special is being planned for early February. As members of the Guild you have the ability to secure tickets for these events before the general public.

For full details, please visit the [Event](#) page of our website.

Sunday Dec 3, 2017 — ASO *Christmas in the Village*, Woodlands Auditorium.

Saturday Jan 27, 2018 — Student Showcase— Henderson State President Award Winners in Concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Friday Feb 9, 2018 — Annual Soiree Event— *A Magical Evening*. Details in next month's newsletter.

Sunday Feb 18, 2018 — Piano Artistry of Scott Carrell, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Tuesday March 20, 2018 — The Best of Berlin, Tribute to an American Legend and pre-concert dinner, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church.

Sunday, April 8, 2018— Annual meeting and ASO Youth Orchestra concert.

Sunday, May 20, 2018— ASO Concert at Garvan Gardens.

If we do not have your email address and you would like a printed copy of the directory, please contact Suzanne Kuch at 501-915-8016. 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 Suzanne Kuch. If you elected not to be included in past directories, we have not included you in the current directory.

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