

Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

Happy Holidays! This festive time of year is also a musically rich time of year.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra will perform at our HSV Woodlands Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3pm. Tickets have sold briskly for this wonderful annual concert as we welcome our great ASO to the Village.

This year we are inviting all concert attendees to donate non-perishable food items. The donations will be equally distributed between our local school districts: Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine. A representative from each school will be in the lobby after the concert, prepared to take your donations to their respective school pantries. Many of us grew up in an age when schools did not need to share the responsibility of aiding food insecurity with students. Today, and particularly in rural America, many students are sent home on weekends with food items to sustain them through the weekend. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

The new year is right around the corner and your Guild is hosting a superlative "Night in Monte Carlo" event on January 13. This elegant evening will include a fine dinner, catered by Chef Johnna, and an evening of casino play and an auction. Most of us know just how fast our Guild events sell out, so please check the POA ticket website, www.hsvticketsales.com so you can join the fun!

Let me pause and share the board's gratitude to each of you for your continued support and attendance at our concerts and events.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

~Charles Dickens

Best wishes,

Sugar R. Ballie

The Arkansas Symphony Presents "Christmas in the Village" Sunday, December 4, 2016

There are only a few single tickets available on the POA ticket website and the POA has a waiting list for this concert. If you have tickets that you can't use, the ladies in the POA ticket office can refund your tickets and sell them to someone on the waiting list. Please contact the POA ticket office woodlandsaud@hsvpoa.org or at 501.922.4231 for more information. You may also visit the ticket office in the Ouachita Building at the Ponce de Leon Center weekdays from 9 AM to 2 PM.

As our president mentioned in her letter, this year we are inviting all concert attendees to donate non-perishable food items to benefit our local school district food pantries

Get yourself in the Christmas holiday spirit by joining us for the annual appearance in the Vil-



lage of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Phillip Mann. This year The Village Chorale will again join the orchestra on stage. In addition the Orchestra always brings along a guest soloist or two to help put us in the festive mood. As always you can count on this program to include seasonal favorites and plenty of exquisite music to welcome the season.

ASO Photo by Kelly Hicks.

The Annual Children's Concert on November 9 Was Our Largest Ever!

This year was our ninth annual Children's Concert and we had our largest student attendance ever at over 3300 students from all seven Garland County school districts! This concert is the highlight of our music education program and allows our members to participate in our mission in a meaningful way. We are grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers from the Guild along with Altrusa and the HSV Amateur Radio club. Without our concert day volunteers, we couldn't manage the logistics of the event. We also appreciate the awesome coverage of this year's concert in the Village Voice.

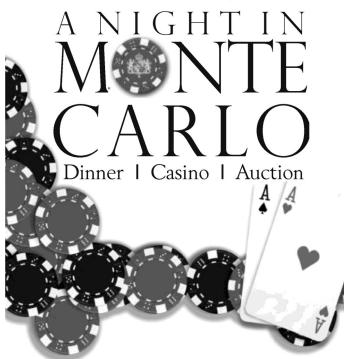
This year the theme was American Odyssey which highlights uniquely American musical styles including patriotic marches, ragtime, and Hispanic flavors. The teachers prepared the students well for the concert using information and materials provided by the Guild along with Arkansas Learning for the Arts.



Before the Symphony played *Cloudburst* from the Grand Canyon Suite by Ferdinand Grofe, Maestro Philip Mann demonstrated to the audience that by working together and using our bodies as instruments, we could create similar sounds of a thunderstorm. The photo (taken by Jim McKeand) shows the Maestro leading the audience in a series of activities: snapping fingers, clapping hands, slapping of thighs, and stomping feet to create the sounds of a thunderstorm in the arena.

A Night in Monte Carlo January 13, 2017

HS/HSV Symphony Guild presents



The Guild has brought to you elegant events such as the Symphony Soiree, but this year, elegance is being presented with a dinner, casino, and auction as you would only experience in Monte Carlo! This will be a joyful, memorable and elegant event!

The evening begins when the bar opens at 5:30 PM. Dinner is being catered by Chef Johnna – tenderloin with all the trimmings. Festivities will include a live auction and fun casino games played on professional tables with a prize for the big winner.

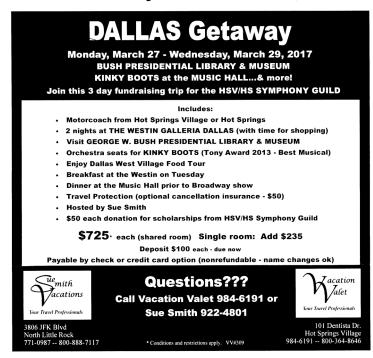
Glamour will come to play and the winners will be the local schools and students as the Guild supports their music education.

Jackets (black tie optional) are recommended for gentlemen.

The tickets are \$50 each and are available online by clicking here or by visiting the POA ticket office in the Ouachita Building at the Ponce de Leon Center.

Dinner seating is at tables of 8. If you purchase fewer than 8 tickets and would like to sit with another party in particular, please contact either Nancy Jorgensen (984-2266) or Suzanne Kuch (915-8016) or send us an email at info@symphonyguild.org.

Dallas Getaway—March 27—29, 2017



Sue Smith has put together another great trip benefitting the Guild. This time we are going to Dallas. If you are interested, please contact Sue at 922-4801 to sign up.

Like us on Facebook

Yes, we have a Facebook page. It has been "lying dormant" for a couple of years, but we are beginning to move forward with making it

"lively" again. So visit us on Facebook at <u>Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild</u>, and watch for event postings, photos and the like. And speaking of "like", please "like" and "share" our page with your Facebook friends.

Bus Service to Sunday ASO Masterworks Concerts

If you have tickets to the Sunday performances of the ASO Masterworks concert series and do not want to drive to Little Rock, we offer bus service from the Village.

To sign up to ride the bus, please contact either Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 (email mscrawshaw@yahoo.com) or Priscilla O'Malley at 915-0051 (email prisomalley@yahoo.com). You may pay for each trip when you board the bus or you may purchase the entire series of trips in advance.

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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 at info@symphonyguild.org.

If we do <u>not</u> 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.

Season Event Calendar

The program committee has finalized our season offerings. A list of our season entertainment events is below. For full details, please visit the Event page of our website.

December 4, 2016—ASO Christmas in the Village, Woodlands Auditorium

January 13, 2017—Night in Monte Carlo, Coronado Center, Hot Springs Village

January 29, 2017—Student Showcase, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hot Springs Village

February 21, 2017—Salute to Gershwin, Dinner and Concert, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village

March 26, 2017—ASO Chamber Orchestra, Garvan Gardens, Hot Springs

April 29, 2017—Senior Prom 2017—Dinner and Dance featuring the Village Big Band, Coronado Center, Hot Springs Village

April 30, 2017—ASO Youth Orchestra in Concert, Woodlands Auditorium.

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