Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

We are just about a month away from our season opening concert: **Bee Gees Gold Tribute** saluting the popular musical group. The response has been so enthusiastic for this event that as of the date of publication of this newsletter at best a very few tickets remain. Many of our lucky ticket holders are also looking forward to the pre-concert Corky's BBQ dinner. Hope you will be joining the fun and great music Thursday October 5.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra opens its concert season the same week, on Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1 featuring Brahms Symphony No. 1 in C minor and Sibelius concerto for violin in D minor, featuring *Artist of Distinction*, violinist Jennifer Frautschi.

How fortunate we adults are to have the availability of such excellent musical events. Your Guild is honored to continue to host area middle schoolaged students with a special musical event just for them. The annual Children's Concert at the Hot Springs Bank of the Ozarks Arena, featuring the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, will be Thursday October 26. This popular musical education event was attended last year by over 3,000 students! Contributions from Guild members help make it possible to continue this outstanding event each year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

"If I could express the same thing with words as with music, I would, of course, use a verbal expression. Music is something autonomous and much richer. Music

begins where the possibilities of language end. That is why I write music."

~Jean Sibelius.

Best wishes,

Jugur R. Ballie

Symphony Notes

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Bee Gees Gold Tribute Nears Sellout



As of this publication, tickets for the October 5 Bee Gees Gold Tribute is a near sell-out. Contact the Ponce de Leon Center, (501) 922-4231 to inquire about ticket availability.

Memphis Trip Postponed

The October 27-28 Memphis getaway planned by Sue Smith and Vacation Valet and benefitting the Guild has been postponed. The Guild and travel partners are researching other trip ideas that will be fun getaways for our membership. Watch this newsletter, our Facebook page, the Village *Voice* for upcoming trip news.

Guild Touches Students in Many Ways Summer Music Camps

Those who read our newsletter, attend our events, or receive our information in other ways, constantly hear about our mission and our goals. One of those that is always at the top of the list is to support music education in area schools and for area youth. One of those programs involves summer music camps. This summer your HSV Symphony Guild helped over eighty area students attend week-long music camps on area college-university campuses. While we do not pay the entire cost for a student,

we help to make this great experience affordable for many who otherwise might not have this opportunity. This year, we were able to use \$6,000 for this purpose.

You may wonder, what happens at a summer music camp? The experience allows students to spend many hours each day working on performance skills, learning what music is all about, meeting faculty and staff that have a passion for music, and interacting with other students also seeking to gain new insights in this great art form. For many students, the one week may have a huge impact on their future. We as a Guild are very proud of our efforts in this area and thank our members for making this possible.

The Guild Donates Instruments to Local Schools

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.

Unique Piano Recital at Holy Trinity



On Sunday, September 17 at 3 PM, a unique piano recital will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The program will be presented by Dr. Linda Holzer, professor of music at UALR, assisted by Dr. Richard Jorgensen, Principal Trumpet with the Arkansas Symphony. A slide show featuring the various composers represented on the program will be available for viewing in Holy Trinity's Sifford Hall prior to the concert.

Dr. Holzer is an active soloist and chamber musician, with numerous appearances at home and abroad. She is an advocate of contemporary music and as such has participated in numerous premieres. She holds degrees from Northwestern University, UNC Chapel Hill and Florida State University. Dr. Jorgensen is professor *emeritus* from Arkansas State University, and adjunct professor at UALR. He has been Principal Trumpet with the Arkansas Symphony since 1976.

The program, entitled "Masterpieces by American Women Composers", consists of music composed by Gwyneth Walker and Arkansas native Florence Smith, among others. Walker is known to Arkansas audiences with works commissioned by the ASO's Quapaw Quartet, the Arkansas Chamber Singers, and additional works performed by the River City Men's Chorus and music faculty at UALR. Price, a native of Little Rock, was among the first American composers to integrate her African-American heritage with Western art music. Her First Symphony was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as part of the 1933 World's Fair.

The Guild is pleased to promote this wonderful program, which is free and open to the public. A reception in Sifford Hall will follow the concert. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is a new Symphony Guild Sponsor. For more information on this event, please contact the church by calling 922-0299.

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.

The Guild is part of AmazonSmile

If you shop online, Amazon offers you a way to make a donation to your favorite charity when you shop. Instead of shopping at the usual Amazon website, go to

www.smile.amazon.com. Once there, select

your charity from their list. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charity of your choice. The Guild is listed as Hot Springs-Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild, Inc.

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Our 2017—2018 Season

Here are the exciting events planned for this season so far. The Guild is in the process of planning at least one additional event, so watch for eblasts as well as later editions of this newsletter for additional information. 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 <u>Event</u> page of our website.

Thursday Oct 5, 2017—Bee Gees Gold Tribute and pre-concert dinner at the Woodlands Auditorium.

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

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

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 29, 2018—Annual meeting and ASO Youth Orchestra concert.

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

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 youhave 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.

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.

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 atmscrawshaw@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.

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.

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