



Message from the President

Hello Guild Members,

Author Henry James wrote, "*Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.*" Hot Springs Village residents are rich in beautiful summertime days.

Your Symphony Guild Program Committee, led by VP Betty Haygood, has been busy assembling an outstanding season of concert events for your pleasure. Our opening offering will be the Bee Gees concert on Oct. 5.

Our Vacation Valet travel partner, Sue Smith, has created a fabulous 2-day trip, Oct. 27 & 28, to Tunica and Memphis. Both days will provide great activities, meals, 1-night hotel stay and conclude with a production of "American in Paris."

Further details of these events can be found within this newsletter.

It is membership renewal time. Dues and additional donations help your Guild to thrive as we continue our financial support to the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and our many music education programs. Every member is a direct lifeline for each of the Guild's mission activities.

Your Board of Directors and fellow members of the Guild look forward to the camaraderie we will all share with our 2017-2018 concert season.

Best wishes,

Sue Smith and Vacation Valet Offer Another Fun Trip, Benefitting Our Symphony Guild

The Guild's travel partner, Sue Smith with Vacation Valet has created a wonderful autumn 2-day getaway, "American in Paris--Memphis". Please consider signing up for this fun filled excursion—and invite your friends! The package price includes a \$50 donation which will go directly to the Guild. Click [here](#) for a printable copy of the flyer. You may

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also call Vacation Valet at 984-6191, or stop by their office at 101 Dentista Drive.

Bee Gees Gold Tickets on Sale Now



Tickets are on sale now to Symphony Guild members for what will surely be a fabulous concert! John Acosta as Barry Gibb has performed in Bee Gees tributes all over the world, and he brings the brothers along for this exciting concert. Backed by a live band, this Vegas Bee Gees tribute recreates the look and sound of the Bee Gees from the 60s to the late 70s, featuring hits like *Stayin' Alive* and *You Should Be Dancing*. This special event takes place in the Woodlands Auditorium on Thursday October 5 at 7:30 p.m.

If you did not receive an email notification for this concert, that means you have not renewed your membership in the Symphony Guild. Please do so at your earliest convenience. Instructions are in the membership renewal article below.

Tickets go on sale to the general public on August 7, so get your tickets now. Please also join us before the show for a great pulled pork BBQ dinner with all the fixin's from Corky's BBQ. The meal will be served in the Woodlands Port Cochere at 6:00. Concert and dinner tickets can be purchased at the Ponce de Leon Center during business hours. Concert tickets are \$25 each. To purchase concert tickets online, click [here](#). Dinner tickets are \$15

each. To purchase tickets online for the pre-concert dinner, click [here](#).

Guild Board Members Visit Cuba

Carolyn Bowers and Martha Smither recently cruised their way to Cuba! Among their beautiful, interesting and enlightening travel experiences was a performance by a string quartet in the southern coastal city of Cienfuegos. The arts are a very important part of Cuban life. As reported the ladies in their trip diary, "We went to an orchestral concert by a Cuban chamber group consisting of 2 violinists, 1 cello, 1 bass and pianist, all of whom also sang. They played their own arrangements of well-known Cuban music and were absolutely wonderful. The acoustics in the room were terrific. The speaker was the violinist and he made an impassioned plea for peace among people."



The Guild Membership Renewals Campaign is Underway

Our membership year began on June 1. Many of you have already responded to either our letter or our email renewal reminders. Thank you for your continued support!

If you have not yet renewed, we hope that you still plan to do so. If you have an email address, you may join [online](#) on our website. If you would prefer to join through the mail, please click [MemberApplication.pdf](#) to get a membership/renewal form. If you do not have internet access, please call Suzanne Kuch at 915-8016.

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 de-



livery of your CD.

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

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.

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

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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.

Our 2017—2018 Season

Our program committee has an exciting array of events planned for this season. Below are the programs on the docket so far. Watch for eblasts as well as and information in this newsletter on additional and upcoming programs. As members of the Guild you have the ability to secure tickets for these events before the general public. So if you haven't renewed your membership please do so, and invite your friends to join as well. For full details, please visit the [Event](#) 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 Carroll, 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 you have 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.

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Visit us on Facebook at [Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild](#), and watch for up-to-the-minute event postings, photos and topics of interest. 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 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 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.

Donation Information

In addition to special fund raising events like ArkansasGives, we accept donations on 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 would like to recognize you in our printed programs. To determine the recognition level, we accumulate donations received from Arkansas Gives Day in early April each year through the date of the program printing.

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