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Symphony Notes

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Message from the President

In these unprecedented times, flexibility is becoming a major asset. Rather than giving up everything, we have to find new ways to enjoy life. Non-profits face the same challenge.

Your Guild Board is working hard to keep some semblance of continuity to the programs we enjoy. For example, in spite of not being able to host ASO for our annual Christmas in the Village program, we have found a way to continue one aspect of the Christmas tradition – our food drive to support our local schools. Read details in this newsletter. We believe we have found a way to present one of my favorite programs, the Henderson State University President's Concert Competition Winners. We will have to limit the audience, and perhaps modify some of the performances, but we plan to proceed with the concert in January.

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra is also demonstrating flexibility. Having cancelled the 20-21 program, they were able to reschedule the conductors and soloists for 21-22. During winter/spring of 2021, they plan to present a series of limited concerts that will allow both orchestra and audience to social distance, in concerts with no intermission.

In the meantime, they are keeping their mission alive and their community presence. The highly acclaimed “Bedtime with Bach” series has become a weekly program, on Facebook Sunday night (and subsequently available on YouTube). They are presenting a series of outdoor concerts of various formats in different venues. These will include some collaborations with Arkansas ballet. The River Rhapsody chamber series is being live streamed from smaller local venues..

Both the Guild and the ASO are striving to keep our educational programs active, to the extent the schools can be flexible as well. Some of the school programs are being presented on-line, either live or taped.

So regardless of the situation, the ASO and your HS/HSV Symphony Guild are doing everything we can to keep our selves relevant and vital, to stay true to our most important mission -- *to present and*

foster an appreciation for fine music in our community.

It therefore remains vital that you continue your support of the Symphony Guild, the ASO, and any other arts program you appreciate. One opportunity to do that is Giving Tuesday. Please see more on that elsewhere in this newsletter. These are trying times, but with strong supporters, we will get through this.

Jim Gifford
Guild President

Village Resident donates a “gift of music”



For many years, the Guild has gratefully accepted donations of musical instruments to benefit the music program at Mountain Pine School. Recently, Clara Nicolosi presented Education VP Donna Toney with her “gently used” coronet. Before taking up the French horn during her high school years, Clara played the coronet. She had hopes of finding the time to resume that interest. However, ten years has flown by, and that hope has pretty well vanished, given her

busy schedule as HSV volunteer and broker/owner of ReMax of Hot Springs Village.

This exceptional Getzen coronet is barely used and came in a beautiful case with all the instrument's accessories, including a music book. It will make it possible for another child to participate in the school band, just as Clara did during her high school years.

VP Toney plans to deliver the coronet to Mountain Pine in the very near future. Mountain Pine band director Chris Johns has already reached out to thank Donna and the Guild for the musical programs the Education group sponsors in the school (and also in other schools in Garland County) as well as these much appreciated gifts of musical instruments and accessories.

Anyone who, like Clara, has a "gently worn" instrument to donate, please contact Donna Toney at (225) 247-8340.



Giving Tuesday – A Global Generosity Movement

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. On Tuesday, December 1 we invite you to consider a donation to the HS/HSV Symphony Guild Endowment for Music Education as part of your Giving Tuesday generosity. You can do this by visiting the Foundation website, www.arcf.org/affiliates/hot-springs-village/ and following the link to the HSV Funds and Endowments.

The Guild appreciates all of our members and donors on Giving Tuesday and every day.

"Christmas in the Village" Virtual Food Drive for Local Schools

It is the time of year that we traditionally would be looking forward to the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra visiting our Woodlands Auditorium to present "Christmas in the Village." However, the extraordinary circumstances of the year 2020 mean that we will miss this special afternoon together.

In the past several years, the Guild has sponsored a food drive at the concert, benefiting our three local area schools, Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine. Many of the students rely on their meals at school to maintain good health. When the schools are not in session, these donations greatly help to fill the gap. This year, the needs while sometimes a little different are equally if not more crucial.

We invite you to consider through the Symphony Guild helping to support the food needs of our local area school children. Any donation will be appreciated. You may make your donation online by visiting our [website](#) and "registering" for this event, or by mailing us a check. The minimum online donation is \$6, payable by credit card. If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to HS/HSV Symphony Guild and write "School Food Drive" on the memo line. Our mailing address is PO Box 8354, Hot Springs National Park, AR 71910-8354. Your donation will be divided equally among the three schools. However, if you wish to contribute to a specific school, you may indicate so online, or write the school name on the memo line of your check. Please complete your donations by December 10.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to sponsor the Arkansas Symphony and to foster music education in our local area schools.



*From your Hot Springs/Hot Springs
Village Board of Directors*

Symphony Guild Poetry Corner

Our multi-talented Past President Suzanne Babbie has been busily creative during these recent challenging months. A prolific poet, Suzanne used some of her extra time to complete her long-time dream of compiling her poems into a published book. Called “A Breath of Spirit,” the included selections were inspired by her observations of nature, travel, news events, and emotions.

Unfortunately, this lovely volume is not available for purchase, as Suzanne wishes to keep it as a personal work which she is sharing with her many friends, including all the members of the Symphony Guild Board!

Suzanne has kindly agreed to our publishing one of her poems in this newsletter. Please enjoy “Feeling Gratitude.”

feeling gratitude

as i walk freely in this world, unlike
those who are unable,
makes me grateful

not being hungry, unsheltered or
unschooled are advantages which,
make me grateful

enjoying music and reading,
fill me like rays of sunshine and
make me grateful

having good health and an ability
to live freely are additional elements
of what *feeling gratitude* is about.



Our 2020—2021 Season

With utmost caution but continued optimism below are the scheduled Symphony Guild events.

Now thru December 10— Christmas in the Village Virtual Food Drive. Online through our website or by mail.

Saturday, January 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m. — Henderson State President's Award winners in concert, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m. — ASO Youth and Academy Orchestras/Guild Annual Meeting, Jessierville School District Performing Arts Center. Free admission.

Saturday, April 24, 2021—Special outdoor event at Balboa Pavilion. Details forthcoming.

Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:30 p.m.—Bravo Amici, Woodlands Auditorium

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Bus Service to Sunday ASO Masterworks Concerts

When the Symphony resumes its schedule, if you have tickets to the Sunday performance 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 Molly Crawshaw at 922-0622 or email at mscrawshwa@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. **(Performances suspended for rest of season) awaiting updates regarding the 2020-2021 schedule.)**

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, 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!

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