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Milestones

As the Greensboro Symphony Guild celebrates its 50 year anniversary it is interesting to look back at celebrations of earlier milestones.

The 10th anniversary of the Guild was marked by a Ball held at Sedgfield Manor House in September 1973. Dr. and Mrs. Peter Young (she was Guild President) and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sprock (she was Ball Chairman) greeted guests at the door. A quartet from the youth orchestra provided music as guests arrived and enjoyed "a buffet supper amid a setting of magnolias, candles in hurricane globes and hanging baskets of greenery".

After dinner, about 500 guests including State and community leaders, as well as Guild members and their spouses, danced the night away to the music of Bobby Bair and his orchestra.

Anniversary Gala promises spectacular evening

What an exciting year as the Guild celebrates 50 successful years supporting and advocating for music appreciation and education in our community. We will celebrate this momentous achievement with a spectacular and memorable 50th Anniversary Gala, to which we have invited our Sate and local VIPs, Guild members, Symphony Board members, and the general arts community. The Gala will be on Saturday, November 1st at the historic Carolina Theatre, located at 310 Greene Street in downtown Greensboro. The celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Activities on all floors

The 50th Anniversary Gala Chair, **Sharon Kasica**, and Co-Chairs, **Nancy Bogard**, **Frances Vinoski** and **Magz King** and committee have been working diligently to ensure that this event will be memorable for the next 50 years. Guests will enjoy the finest catering by Reto's Home Cuisine, with cash bars and entertainment on all three floors of the beautiful and historic Carolina Theatre. The event attire is cocktail and black-tie optional. However, similar to our 50th Guild Luncheon, many of our ladies are already looking for a cocktail dress similar to those worn by fashion icons of the 60's, Jackie Kennedy, Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn.

Red carpet, sparkling lights, paparazzi

As guests arrive at the Gala, they will enter the Carolina Theatre on a red-carpet under the sparkle of event search lights and flashing bulbs of paparazzi. Upon entering the beautiful

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Symphony Guild welcomes the year with luncheon & "Decades"—a vintage fashion show

Step into a time machine on September 24, and travel back in time! That's RIGHT! We will have "Decades", a Symphony Guild 50th Anniversary Fashion Show at our annual membership luncheon at Greensboro Country Club. The fashion show will be a retrospective of fashions over the decades, starting with the 1960s to the present date. It will include elegant fashion, an "upbeat" musical review, special guest mistress of ceremony, vintage décor and much more.

The day's event will begin at 11:30. Luncheon entrée choices are Chicken Piccata and Cedar-Planked Salmon. A wine cash bar will be available. Watch the mail for your invitation and be sure to RSVP right away. This will be an event YOU don't want to miss.

"Decades" is being produced by Event Chair **Indira Lindsay Roberts** and the luncheon is being arranged by Hospitality Luncheons Chair **Karen Claypool**. Vice Chairs **Sandra Ennever** and **Laura Wolf** are assisting.

Note from the President



Schlosser

It is with pride and excitement that I welcome you to the upcoming Guild year as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary supporting the Symphony Orchestra and promoting music education.

At our first General Luncheon Meeting on Wednesday, September 24th we will begin our year with an extraordinary vintage fashion show along with special music highlighting each decade since the 60's.

On Saturday, November 1st, the Guild will officially kickoff our year with a fabulous 50th Anniversary Gala at the Carolina Theater. You will not want to miss this memorable evening of fun and celebration!

We will officially welcome the newest members into the Guild at a lovely New Members Couples social with the GSYO Honors Quartet performing.

Mark your calendar to attend the two fun Guild Gents couples events! Friday, October 24th come enjoy the "Boar and Castle 60's Cookout" and on Friday, April 17th a "Down Home Carolina BBQ" with all the fixings.

The new Contemporaries group will gather at Wine & Design on Wednesday, October 1st to paint and enjoy a selection of wines. Our Classics are also planning a lovely Wine & Cheese on October 1st.

Our 37th Annual Symphony Presentation Ball will be Sunday, December 28th. Twenty young ladies will serve as ambassadors for the Symphony Orchestra and music education. Cathy Rice will serve as Honorary Chair.

There will be a fun Couples Social hosted by Fink's Jewelers and First Citizens Bank on Thursday, February 19th.

The tradition will continue with "Gals Night Out" on Thursday, January 15th at Graffit's Bistro - 1/2 price Martini night. Our first Wine and Cheese Fresh Market fundraiser will be on Thursday, March 5th.

Get your golf clubs and tennis rackets ready! On Monday, May 4th the Guild will have the Golf and Tennis Tournament "Strings & Swings" at beautiful Starmount Forest Country Club. James "Jim" Dodson, Editor of O.Henry Magazine, award-winning golf writer and NY Times Bestselling author will serve as Honorary Chair.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first General Luncheon Meeting on September 24th, 11:30am at Greensboro Country Club as we begin a memorable and exciting year of celebration.

Warmest regards,
Rebecca Schlosser
President, Greensboro Symphony Guild

Speaker's Bureau created by Community Relations Chairs

The Guild's Community Relations Co-Chairs are pleased to announce the creation of a "Speaker's Bureau" Power Point production, available for presentation to community organizations. If you have suggestions for presentation opportunities, please contact **Josie Gibboney** or **Andrea Alemanni**, Co-Chairs.

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atrium, they will be greeted with the opportunity to have a special photograph taken, purchase raffle tickets and enjoy delicious food and a cash bar. In the auditorium, guests will be entertained by Oscar award-winning movie clips and music scores from the past 50 years.

More surprises

New surprises await as the evening progresses. On the second floor, guests will enjoy the music of a live jazz trio, games and prizes, a silent auction, and a raffle for a gorgeous designer bracelet donated by Fink's Jewelers. There may even be a sneak peek at renderings of the future **Steven Tanger Center for Performing Arts**.

Fun continues

At 10:00 p.m., "movers and shakers" will head to the third floor where a DJ will spin the greatest dance tunes of the last five decades in Carolina's newly renovated disco. Be sure to visit the photo booth where you will be able to immediately share photos with family and friends via social media. Throughout the night the fun never stops!

Be a Sponsor for 50th Anniversary Gala

We are thrilled to already have so many generous corporate and individual sponsors for the Guild's 50th Anniversary and invite you to join this growing list of supporters.

We want to recognize you

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a corporate or individual sponsor, we want to recognize you on the 50th Gala Invitation. However, to include your name, we need to know of your wishes by September 8. Please contact:

Sharon Kasica

Music in the Middle— Help Nate return to 2014!

For this year's Music in the Middle concerts, GSO Resident Conductor Nate Beversluis is stuck in the Golden Era of Hollywood and will need the kids' help to get back to 2014. But because the concerts will be held at a new venue this year—UNCG's Aycock Auditorium—the Guild needs YOUR help to make the concerts run as smoothly as ever!

The concert dates are Monday, October 13 and Tuesday, October 14. The program will include music from movies such as High Noon, Psycho, Back to the Future, and Jurassic Park, just to name a few.

Around 25 volunteers will be needed each day from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are able to volunteer for one or both of these mornings, please contact **Brenda Macfadden** at your earliest convenience.

See you at the concerts!

A 50th Anniversary Event— "Boar and Castle 60's Cookout" at the Schlosser's

Please mark your calendar to attend the Guild Gents "Boar and Castle 60's Cookout" for couples and singles on Friday, October 24th at the home of Mike and **Rebecca Schlosser**.

Enjoy an evening of 60's music and the original Greensboro's 60's castle burgers, butter steak sandwiches, castle fries with salad, desserts, beverages and wine. The Boar and Castle was one of Greensboro's favorite "hang outs" in the 60's. Come enjoy a taste of this era as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Watch your mail for invitation and details.

NOTICE—If you know of a Guild member who is experiencing illness or loss, please contact the Guild's Corresponding Secretary **Kim Jones**.

Guild members to assist with auditions for Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra

Auditions for Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra and all performance ensembles will be held September 3-7 at the Greensboro Cultural Center. Guild volunteers will be assisting Peter Zlotnick, Education Manager for the GSO, Nate Beversluis, Youth Orchestra Director, and GSO adjudicators by guiding the musicians, ages 6-18, through the audition process.

In this 50th year, heralding Guild service and support to the music education programs of the GSO, be sure to celebrate by attending a future concert featuring these emerging young talents under the direction and guidance of Nate and Team GSO!

Andrea Zimmerman is Auditions Chair for the Guild. **Rosemary Reed** and **Barbara Sanders** are Vice Chairs.

50th Anniversary

Note Cards



The Guild has its very own note cards to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. These elegant cards are embossed with a gold French horn and come with gold-lined envelopes. Packaged 15 to a box, they are perfect for hostess gifts and birthdays or a special treat for yourself.

You may purchase the cards at monthly Guild meetings or by contacting **Carol Bohrer**. The cost is \$20 per box or 3 boxes for \$50.

You'll just love our Gala Raffle prizes!



Here's a preview of two very exciting items —

◆ A stunning David Yurman, sculpted, mosaic bracelet (*shown at left*), donated by Fink's Jewelers.

This beautiful bracelet is sterling silver, with light blue Chalcedony, Lolite, Milky Aqua, Prasiolite, Moon Quartz, and Diamonds, valued at \$6000.

◆ A Cocktail Party for 20, hosted by Roy and Vanessa Carroll at their beautiful penthouse overlooking the downtown Greensboro skyline. This wonderful prize is valued at \$2500.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100. You may choose which drawing you would like to enter. Raffle tickets and instructions for purchase will be mailed with Gala Invitations. The tickets can also be purchased online, at the September 24th Luncheon and at the Gala. Be sure to bring your credit card.



*From luncheons
and painting
parties to helping
sick children—Debs
have busy summer*



Enjoying Mother Daughter Luncheon at O. Henry Hotel on May 12 are, left to right, Amy Petitfils, Kennedy Petitfils, Sandra Ennever, Julene Valitutto, Caroline Valitutto Abbey Weeks, and Tracey.



Lori Holt, Presentation Ball Chair, poses with the Debs during a family picnic. Left to right: Caitlyn Ellis, Casey Casten, Abbey Weeks, Lori Holt, Charley Lanza, Sarah Carter Jessup, Meredith Pugh, Caroline Valitutto, Kennedy Petitfils, Emily Reichard, Chandler King, and Savannah Fox. The picnic was hosted by the Guild.



The 2014 Greensboro Symphony Debutantes have had an exciting summer. The summer began with a Mother Daughter Luncheon, held at the O. Henry Hotel on May 12, hosted by the Symphony Guild. On June 1, the Guild hosted a picnic for the Debutantes and their families.

The Debs showed their artistic side at the Paint Your Perch Party where they decorated stools for use at the Symphony Presentation Ball. The party, held on July 13, was hosted by the Gorman, Lanier, Jackson, Pearsall, and Smith families.

At a Pool and Pizza Party, hosted by the Casten, Ellis, Pugh, and Weeks families on July 18, the Debs enjoyed home made brick oven pizzas. They collected children's books to donate to the Moses Cone Pediatrics Department.

On July 20, the Debs enjoyed High Tea at the O. Henry Hotel. This was hosted by the Hooper, King, Reichard, and Petitfils families.

The Debs will enjoy a Night at the Symphony on September 27. They will be recognized prior to the concert.

Bottom photo: The Debs gathered for a Paint Your Perch party on July 13. Left to right: Meredith Pugh, Caitlyn Ellis, Casey Casten and Abbey Weeks decorate stools they will use prior to the Presentation Ball on December 28.

—Gifts—

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 8 Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, 11:30 a.m. at the home of **Rebecca Schlosser**.
- 10 Full Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at the home of **Rebecca Schlosser**.
- 24 General Luncheon Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at Greensboro Country Club; Program: A vintage fashion show of the different decades since the 1960s; Bravo Award presentation. **Karen Claypool**, Chair; **Laura Wolf** and **Sandra Ennever**, Vice Chairs; **Indira Lindsey Roberts**, Event Chair.
- 25 Masterworks Concert**, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Dana Auditorium. "Family Comes First" features soprano Julia Sitkovetsky and introduces Greensboro Symphony Orchestra's season theme, "Breaking Bad".
- 27 Masterworks Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium. "Family Comes First" features soprano Julia Sitkovetsky and introduces GSO's season theme, "Breaking Bad".
- 28 Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends Chamber Concert**, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. at UNCG School of Music Theatre and Dance Recital Hall. An all-star cast of guest musicians will come together to perform Bach, Chopin, Mozart, Saint-Saens, Ravel, Villa-Lobos and more, in celebration of GSO Maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky's 60th birthday.

—SAVE THE DATE—

OCTOBER 1

Classics Wine & Cheese



OCTOBER 1

Contemporaries

Wine & Design



OCTOBER 24

All Guild Members

Boar & Castle 60s

Cookout



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