



The Guild Horn

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50th Anniversary Gala is Almost Here!

—a poem by Sharon Kasica

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The Greensboro Symphony Guild kicked off its 40th anniversary year on May 1st 2004, with a Sixties Party at the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center. There was 60's era food, 60's "groovy" music, and a 60's-inspired fashion show. The highlight of the evening was a guest appearance by "Elvis"!

The celebration continued in September with a Commemorative Night at a Symphony Dinner held in the Atrium of the Music School at UNCG. The first in a series of Chamber concerts followed.

At the September 16th and 18th classical concerts, GSO Music Director Dmitry Sitkovetsky honored the 40th Anniversary by selecting musical pieces that were performed during the 1964-65 season. The program consisted of *Overture to The Barber of Seville* by Gioachino Rossini, and *Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68* by Johannes Brahms. The performance on September 16th was recorded "live" and a CD was later released.

Bach's Lunch and music— a marvelous combination

We look forward to seeing you at our General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the home of **Leslie Scirratt**. Delicious Bach's Lunches from New York Butcher Shoppe will be available at this meeting for a cost of only \$10, but they must be ordered in advance. Lunches will include a sandwich, pickle, chips, and cookie. A tray of lettuce, tomatoes, and condiments will also be provided, and iced tea and water will be available for all.

We are now taking orders for the lunches. To order, send an email indicating your sandwich choice to **Rhonda Barrett**. The deadline for ordering is Thursday, November 6, so be sure to order by that date. Choose your sandwich from the following menu:

- **Roast Beef & Turkey with Muenster Cheese**
- **Smoked Turkey with Provolone Cheese**
- **Pimento Cheese**

Your \$10 payment will be collected at the meeting. Please bring correct change or a check, and be aware that if you order and don't show up, you will still be expected to pay. The Guild will not be paying for lunches.

You do not have to participate in the lunch if you prefer to just attend the meeting, which will start at 11:30 a.m.

The program will be wonderful music provided by Wendy and Scott Rawls of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. Wendy and Scott are an enormously talented couple and will be performing on violin and viola.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!

—**Joan Stevenson,**
Rhonda Barrett
Hospitality Chairs



*You are cordially invited
to attend the 36th Anniversary
Presentation of the Symphony Debutantes
followed by Dinner and the Ball
Sunday the twenty-eighth of December 2014
Presentation at eight o'clock in the evening
Cocktail reception at half after six o'clock
The Sheraton Greensboro Hotel Four Seasons
Black Tie \$65 per person*

*Checks may be made to the
Greensboro Symphony Guild
and mailed by Thursday, December 18th to:
Mrs. William Alvin Richardson*

Note from the President



Schlosser

Congratulations to our newest Bravo Award winner, **Cindy Stark**. We thank you for the numerous contributions you have made to the Guild in such a short time!

I hope to see everyone in attendance at our 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 1st at the Carolina Theatre. It will be a fun and spectacular evening you will not want to miss.

The Guild received publicity coverage in the new *1808 Greensboro Magazine* Inaugural October issue with the article, "Style for the Ages". *Guilford Women Magazine* also highlighted our Gala and 50 years of music education in the Greensboro community. Special thanks to our Publicity Chair, **Debbie Faircloth**.

The General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of **Leslie Scirratt**, chaired by **Joan Stevenson** and **Rhonda Barrett**. Wendy and Scott Rawls from the Symphony Orchestra will treat us with a special performance.

Our New Members Couples Social is planned for Friday, November 14th at the home of **Carol Bohrer**, chaired by **Lex Kulman** and **Ronda Szymanski**.

On Sunday, November 23rd the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra will have their first concert, 4:00 p.m., at Odell Auditorium at Greensboro College. I encourage you to attend and support these talented young musicians.

Honorary Chair, **Cathy Rice**, treated the debutantes with a beautiful luncheon at her home on Saturday, September 27th. Presentation Ball Chair, **Lori Holt**, Vice Chair, **Beverly Wright** and committee members honored the debutantes later the same evening at "A Night at the Symphony" held at Dana Auditorium. A lovely Fall Tea was held at the home of **Carol Bohrer** on Tuesday, October 7th.

Our Guild Sponsorships continue to grow as the November 1st, 50th Anniversary Gala builds excitement. I look forward to the celebration of a memorable and fabulous evening.

Warmest regards,
Rebecca Schlosser
President, Greensboro Symphony Guild

Rebecca Schlosser shares a special moment with 1985-86 Guild President Rachel Hull Galyon, during the Guild's September kickoff luncheon at Greensboro Country Club. The white suit on display in the background has special significance. Rachel wore the suit to a White House luncheon in 1985 when President Ronald Reagan bestowed upon the Guild the prestigious President's Volunteer Action Award for Outstanding Service.



New Member Cocktail Party November 14th

This year's New Member and Orientation Cocktail will be held on November 14th at the lovely home of Jason and **Carol Bohrer**. **Lex Kulman** and **Ronda Szymanski** are co-hosting the event.

New members and their spouses will be invited to enjoy a beautiful fall evening while getting to know each other. **Rebecca Schlosser** and her Executive Committee will attend, giving new members the opportunity to learn more about the Guild and begin to think about where their interests may lie.

We are looking forward to working with our new members, some of whom have already stepped up to the plate in various capacities! Invitations will be in the mail soon. If you receive one, please be sure to RSVP.

Spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying GSYO Concert

The Fall concert for the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra will be at 4:00 o'clock on Sunday November 23rd at the Odell Auditorium at Greensboro College.

Dorothy Tooke, the Guild's GSYO Liaison encourages Guild members to attend and support these talented youngsters. These students have all been chosen by audition and the concert is free. What a great way to spend Sunday afternoon! Be sure to put it on your calendar.

Speaker's Bureau Created for Guild

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 Alemani**.

Barbara Cone Award Nominations Now Open

The Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for the Guild's Barbara Cone Award. This award is presented to a Guild member or non-guild member for distinguished service in the advancement of music in the community and promotion of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. The award will be presented at our February 25, 2015 luncheon at Starmount Forest Country Club. The deadline for submitting nominations for this award is January 15, 2015. You may obtain a nominations form by contacting **Frances Vinoski** (Nominations Chair).

NOTICE

If you know of a Guild member who is ill or has had a loss, please contact
Corresponding Secretary
Kim Jones

50th Anniversary Note Cards

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, online or by contacting **Carol Bohrer**. The cost is \$20 per box or 3 boxes for \$50.



The 50th Anniversary Gala is Almost Here!

The Gala Committee members have worked tirelessly and delivered without fail, Members and guests have now received their gold-leaf invitation by mail.

The musicians are rehearsing the great music that is planned,

Commencing with the Opening Ceremony that promises to be grand.

The bubbly will beckon members and guests as raffle tickets are sold,

The Yurman Bracelet and Penthouse Party are "one of a kind" we are told.

Reto's Catering will prepare heavy hors d'oeuvres for the great night,

We are certain the quality and selections are sure to delight.

The Silent Auction will tempt you with more than 100 items to win,

Including jewelry, vacation homes, entertainment, and great gifts for your kin.

It's important to remember to make the highest bid, Mindful the proceeds will benefit our talented kids.

At 10 p.m. a younger crowd will join the Soiree, Where together we will dance the night's waning hours away.

If you have not already done so, buy your ticket today, The tickets are limited, so please don't delay!
www.gsoguild.org

The Anniversary Event promises lasting memories will be made,

All that remains is to wear a lovely dress from your favorite decade.

—by Gala Chair Sharon Kasica



Sarah Burger, Laura Green, and Barb South enjoy a beautiful day at the Fall Tea, given for mothers of the Debutantes.



Debutante Season in Full Swing

This year's Symphony Guild Debutantes enjoyed several events over the past few months. In September, **Cathy Rice**, Honorary Chair of this year's Ball, hosted a luncheon for the Debutantes and their mothers.

On September 27, the Debutantes and their families attended "A Night at the Symphony". The evening included a pre-symphony reception hosted by the Symphony Guild Debutante Ball Committee. Maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky attended the reception and spoke to guests about the evening's program.



Presentation Ball Chair and Honorary Chair Cathy Rice are shown with the Debutantes at a luncheon given by Rice.



Maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky and Presentation Ball Chair Lori Holt pose with Debutantes during "A Night at the Symphony".

In October, the Symphony Guild Debutante Ball Committee hosted a Fall Tea for mothers of this year's Debutantes. The mothers enjoyed the beautiful fall weather at the lovely home of **Carol Bohrer** while discussing final plans for the Ball.

Invitation to the celebration

Chair **Lori Holt** invites all Guild members to attend the Ball. Lori says, "It is a wonderful family event to celebrate young women in our community. It is a celebration of the relationship between the Debutantes and the Symphony."

The cost of an entire table of 10 for the whole night is \$650. The night begins with a cocktail hour at 6:30. Presentation is from 8:00 to 9:00, followed by dinner from 9:00 to 10:00. After that, dancing and Ball celebration continue until 1:00 a.m. An invitation to the event is on the front page of this publication and includes RSVP information.

Volunteers needed for setup

The Symphony Debutante Ball Committee desperately needs your help! We need at least 50 volunteers to help set up at the Sheraton Four Seasons on December 23rd.

Last year, with helpful hands, we finished in one day. Please, please consider giving your time and energy on the 23rd!

Please contact **Beverly Wright** to volunteer for either or both shifts: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

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**Music in the
Middle
volunteers
pull it all
together**

*At left is the volunteer
team that worked during
Monday's concerts.*

Our Music in the Middle concerts were held on Monday, October 13 and Tuesday, October 14 at Aycock Auditorium on the UNCG campus. The orchestra played to a packed house of almost 1500 kids for all four concerts, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the program!

The new venue presented many challenges for the school system, the auditorium staff and our Guild volunteers, but working as a team we were able to pull it all together for another successful two days of concerts.

Many thanks to the Music in the Middle Committee for organizing the event. Members of the committee included **Nancy Bogard**, VP of Education; **Brenda Macfadden** and **Allison Santiago**, Vice Chairs; and **Dorry Tooke**, Special Advisor. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the close to 50 volunteers—many of whom are new Guild members—for donating their time and talents to this year's event. Thank you to volunteers:

Andrea Alemanni, Lynne Alexander, Libby Alspaugh, Barbara Carter, Sara Dean, Sandra Ennever, Margaret Faison, Judy Foran, Josie Gibboney, Olivia Gillespie, Laura Green, Carolyn Gribnau, Kim Hall, Sherry Harris, Debbie Heidfeld, Cindi Hewitt, Sherri Hill, Lori Holt, Karen Jacobs, Kim Jones, Gail Kinser, Alice Kirkman, Andrea Knupp, Ann Kroupa, Bob Kroupa, Genevieve Leach, Georgia Linebeck, Fray Metcalfe, Ginny Nelson, Rosemary Reed, Cathy Rice, Leslie Scher, Mary Fran Schickedantz, Lin Shropshire, Vanessa Skenes, Pam Smith, Joan Stevenson, Ronda Szymanski, Frances Vinoski, Penny Wadsley, Suzy Walker, Lori Wilson, Nancy JR Wells, Sandy Weston and Laura Wolf

Without you and the Guild, this kind of opportunity for the students of Guilford County would not be possible. Hope to see you at all the elementary concerts in the spring!

—Kim Littrell

SOVA, a resource for leadership, fund raising and more

Josie Gibboney, **Andrea Knupp** and **Andrea Alemanni** attended the 10th Anniversary Southeastern Orchestra Volunteer Association (SOVA) Roundtable meeting, October 6 and 7 in Columbia, SC. Keynote speakers spoke on leadership and tools for raising money. A notebook has been made of all the handouts and it is available for use, if you need it.

The purpose of SOVA is to effect the exchange of ideas and resources among symphony orchestra volunteer organizations in the region, to promote volunteer enrichment through activities such as the Roundtable, to be the leading regional voice for orchestra volunteers in the southeast and to be a resource for orchestra volunteers. The Guild's SOVA liaison is Josie.



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 **50th Anniversary Gala**, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.-12 midnight at Greensboro's historic Carolina Theatre. Travel on a musical journey through the celebration of the GSG's 50th Anniversary. **Sharon Kasica**, Chair; **Nancy Bogard**, **Magz King**, and **Frances Vinoski**, Vice Chairs.
- 3 **Executive Board Meeting**, Monday, 11:30 a.m. at Lucky 32, 1421 Westover Terrace.
- 5 **Full Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at the home of **Nancy Bogard**.
- 6 **Masterworks Concert**, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Dana Auditorium; "Heroes & Villains" follows the 2014-15 theme of Breaking Bad's Chemistry in Music. Join us as we examine the fine line between heroes and villains with pianist Igor Kamenz.
- 7 **Deadline** for submitting items for December Guild Horn.
- 8 **Masterworks Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium; "Heroes & Villains" follows the 2014-15 theme of Breaking Bad's Chemistry in Music. Join us as we examine the fine line between heroes and villains with pianist Igor Kamenz.
- 9 **Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends Chamber Concert**, Sunday, 3:00 p.m., at UNCG School of Music, Theatre and Dance Recital Hall. Listen to the sounds of Igor Kamenz on piano and conductor Dmitry Sitkovetsky on violin as they perform renditions of Scarlatti and Beethoven, as well as Prokofiev Sonata No. 1 for violin & piano.
- 12 **General Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at the home of **Leslie Scirratt**; Program: Wendy & Scott Rawls; **Joan Stevenson**, Chair; **Rhonda Barrett**, Vice Chair.
- 14 **New Member Couples Social**, Friday, 5:30 p.m. at the home of **Carol Bohrer**. **Lex Kulman**, Chair; **Ronda Szymanski**, Vice Chair.
- 18 **Holiday Tea**, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. at Starmount Country Club, for Debs, their mothers and two significant others. Debs arrive at 3:00 for photos.
- 23 **Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Concert**, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. at Odell Auditorium, Greensboro College.