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"Always a symphony, never a solo!"

Sitkovetsky and Brubeck will speak at February General Luncheon Meeting

Do mark your calendar for the Wednesday, February 21 General Membership Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Greensboro Country Club. You'll not want to miss it.

Greensboro Symphony Orchestra's Conductor Dmitry Sitkovetsky with Chris Brubeck, a member of Masterworks and Chamber guest artist the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, will talk about Bach and Brubeck.

Recipient of the Barbara Cone Award will be revealed and the election of officers will be held. The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate for the 2018-2019 Greensboro Symphony Guild year:

President: Laura Green President-Elect: Vanessa Skenes VP Education: Kristie Smith VP Fundraising: Wimberly Jessup VP Operations: Ronda Szymanski VP Marketing/Publicity: Pam Smith Secretary: Nancye Milam Treasurer: Cindy Stark Past President: Linda Hiatt

Be sure to get your luncheon reservation in by the deadline and don't forget to indicate your menu choice: 1) Winter Salad with roasted Brussels sprouts, apples, black pepper-horseradish dressing, artisan greens, toasted walnuts and seared salmon, or 2) Maple & Thyme Chicken Breast, roasted butternut squash, kale and new potatoes with maple-apple gastrique.

Planning the event are **Dianne Pusch** and her committee: **Peggy Lowe**, **Sherri** Hill, **Rhonda Bentz**, **Cathy Nosek** and **Donna Camp**.

Date set for Super Sale interest party

Here we go again! It's time to get ready for one of our largest fundraisers of the year, Super Sale! We're so excited to be storing our items as well as hosting the Sale in our new location, Revolution Mill. It's going to be a great venue and we're looking forward to everyone's participation to make this Sale the best ever!

April 21 will be the date, with our Preview Party set for Friday night, April 20. We have lots of ideas to make the Sale run smoothly but we are looking for many volunteers to make this a success.



We will need cashiers and workers for Saturday, folks to continue picking up donations, setting up merchandise for the sale, pricing, publicity, etc. *We will be hosting a Super Sale Interest Party at the home of Andrea Knupp on Tuesday, January 30, at 5:00.* Please come and let us know how you would like to help. RSVP to Andrea (find contact information in Guild directory). If you're new to the Guild, come and hear our plans for a great Sale. We welcome your help and hope to see you at our organizational meeting the end of January.

Thanks in advance for considering how you can help with the Sale. This is a large part of our income for the year and we need you!

Many thanks from Andrea Knupp, Elizabeth Craft, Vanessa Skenes, Karen Hundgen and Leslie Meadows

Message from the President

LINDA HIATT



O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind? —Percy Bysshe Shelley

In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move. —Henry Rollins

The winter solstice, and the holiday season, has come and gone. Oh, how I have relished evenings by the fire and the slower pace of life for a few weeks. A new year has dawned, full of hope and potential. What are you plotting and planning for the new year and coming spring? After a short respite from Guild activities, we are back at it with so much

"movement," fun and meaningful work to look forward to. First, I extend so much heartfelt thanks to our Annual Education Campaign Co-Chairs, **Frances Vinoski** and **Karen Claypool**, and VP of Education, **Kristie Smith**. Due to their poking and prodding and your generosity, we have over \$7,000 in the campaign. The Executive Committee has agreed that these funds will be directed to fund two projects. Details will be announced at the February luncheon.

Our January general membership meeting and Simply Social was held on January 17 at Darryl's, one of the many restaurants under the umbrella of Kick Ass Concepts, a loyal Guild corporate sponsor. A banner crowd of over 60 members enjoyed a celebratory glass of champagne and delicious appetizers provided by Darryl's. Door prize winners were Debbie Faircloth and Judy Jay. Huge thanks to our Hospitality Meetings Chair, Laura Kilmartin, and her committee: Joan Stevenson, Rhonda Barrett and Debbie Johnson.

Congratulations and a huge thanks to our 2018-2019 slate of officers who were introduced at this meeting (see page 1). I know they will find their service to the Guild rewarding. We all owe deep gratitude to those who say "yes" when asked to step up into a leadership role, so when you see these women, please thank them.

February is right around the corner and I am looking forward to the Symphony's fundraiser, Name That Tune, on February 10, at the Greensboro Country Club. We will be testing our knowledge of the Rat Pack—this is a party for a good cause you do not want to miss! You can purchase tickets on the Symphony website.

I'm also excited about our February luncheon meeting where we will have our Maestro, Dimtry Sitkovetsky, as our speaker, along with Chris Brubeck, a member of the Masterworks and Chamber guest artist Brubeck Brothers Quartet. They will be talking about Bach and Brubeck! Make sure to get your reservations in on time and please bring a guest!

We have so much to look forward to: more GSYO concerts, Let's Get Shamrocked, elementary school concerts, Super Sale, socials, our tennis tournament and more! Stay tuned!

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February 10 Jickets available on the Symphony website

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Help needed for Elementary Concerts!

Guild-supported Elementary School concerts are just around the corner: Monday, March 26 – Thursday, March 29 and Thursday, April 11.

Fun theme

"Animals: Then, Now, and Imagined!" is the theme this year, and it will feature "Flight of the Bumblebee", Gershwin's "Walking the Dog", Resphighi's "The Birds", and Elgar "Wild Bears".

Students' compositions

In addition, there will be a segment with student compositions. Students will create 15 to 30 second melodies/themes. Teachers will record and send in audio recordings of these melodies. Dr. Alejandro Rutty at UNCG and his students will orchestrate student melodies into two-minute miniatures for orchestra. The Greensboro Symphony will then play two or three student works per concert. The goal is to feature compositions where the student composers might be in attendance at each of the performances, If so, the student or students will be invited to sing or play their original melody, followed by the orchestral performance. An audio file excerpt might be played through the sound system if the students are not present or if live performance is not feasible. If there are more submissions than are able to be included, Dr. Rutty and Dr. Feldman (GSO principal guest conductor) will choose the submissions that best fit this project.

YouTube

Examples of this type of project can be viewed on YouTube by looking up Dr. Rutty and the program title, "Hey, Mozart!"

Please sign up!

Concerts will again be at Grimsley High School. Parking is easy and students enter through fewer doors, resulting in an efficient process and a very manageable volunteer experience. The time commitment is from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Please check your calendars and plan to help us at least one morning. If you didn't sign up at the January membership meeting, be on the lookout for SignUp Genius as another way to sign up. Or you may contact **Lori Holt**.



40th Anniversary Symphony Presentation Ball

The Sheraton Four Seasons Imperial Ballroom was the setting for the 40th Anniversary Symphony Presentation Ball on December 28. Twenty beautiful young women, ambassadors of our symphony orchestra during their debutante season, took their traditional bow to **Peggy Hamilton**, our 2017 Honorary Chair.

Volunteers worked tirelessly to create a set featuring lovely column and drape designs sprinkled with holiday trees. Clusters of poinsettias, in our signature peach color accented and dotted the set and ballroom. This beautiful setting was the backdrop as the Debutantes were presented to family, friends, and Guild members. **Mark Littrell** served as Master of Ceremonies and **Deborah Faircloth** was the 2017 Symphony Presentation Ball Chair. The musicians from the GSO and Youth Orchestra provided ensemble music during the cocktail hour and Presentation. The evening was capped off with dinner and dancing to the music of the U.B.U. Band.

The Selection Committee of the 2018 Ball will soon be extending invitations to young ladies who are currently college freshmen. If you wish to recommend a potential 2018 Debutante, please contact **Beverly Wright**.



In appreciation

The events of the season and the extraordinary 2017 Symphony Presentation Ball would not have been possible without the dedication of the members of the Presentation Ball Committee. I extend my sincere thanks to the following Guild members who made the events and the Ball exceptional in every way. Please know that you made unforgettable memories for 20 very fortunate young ladies!

Gratefully yours, Debbie Faircloth, Presentation Ball Chair

2017 Presentation Ball Committee

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2017 Education Campaign Sets Record

Through the generous donations of many Guild members, the 2017 Education Campaign has exceeded our goal and set a record in giving. We are pleased to announce the campaign has ended and raised \$7,065. The Guild Executive Board has approved two projects which will benefit from this year's Campaign proceeds. Details will be announced at the February luncheon and will be published in the March Guild Horn.

Listed below are the names of those members who participated in this year's campaign. We thank you for your contribution to the highly successful 2017 Education Campaign.

-Co-Chairs, Frances Vinoski, Karen Claypool

Nancy & Don Bogard Joanna & Steve Bright Barbara Carter. in memory of Jeanne Hassell Martha & John Chandler, in memory of Walter Faison and Anne Bodner Louann Clarke, in memory of Joy Morrison and Anne Bodner Karen & Jeff Claypool Elizabeth Craft, in memory of James H. Craft Mary C. Danahy Joan Dilworth Pam & Alan Duncan Debbie & Keith Faircloth, in honor of the 2017 Symphony Debutantes and Honorary Chair, Peggy Hamilton **Mary Fisher** Peggy Follin **Deborah Friedman** Jeanette & William Giddings, Jr., in memory of Jeanne Hassell Olivia & Len Gillespie, in memory of Louella and Harry Wagner Laura & Robert Green, in honor of Linda Hiatt Carolyn Gribnau, in honor of her nephew Dean Gribnau Peggy & David Hamilton, in honor of Anne & Jonathan Smith Sherry Harris, in honor of Glorine Luper Sarah Hearn vonFoerster, in memory of Dr. Phillip Morgan Linda Hiatt & Peter Reichard, in honor of the 2017-2018 GSG Executive Board and Frances Vinoski Lori & Mark Holt Kim & Bob Jones, in honor of their children; Elizabeth Berry, Patrick Jones & **Bobby Jones** Kathy & Joseph Joyce **Robin Kallam Sharon Kasica** Jo Kennedy

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COMING UP! TANGER OUTLET POPS CONCERT

Piano Men Friday, February 16 8:00 p.m. Westover Church, Greensboro



Guild members support GSYO fall concert

The musicians of the GSYO have been working hard since September and it really shows. The Guild members who attended their Fall Concert on November 19th were treated to an exciting and spirited performance. The Guild members are pictured above *(l-r)*: Suzy Walker, Ronda Szymanski, Vanessa Skenes, Judy Jay, Joanna Bright, Linda Hiatt, Kristie Smith, Laura Green, Mary Elizabeth Irvin, Richard & Julene Valitutto (not pictured: Brenda Macfadden, Debbie Morgan, Rosemary Reed.

Winter concert scheduled for March

The next Youth Orchestra performance will be **Sunday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium**. The concert is free and open to the public. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a Sunday afternoon of lovely music while supporting our young musicians!

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FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

- 5 **Executive Committee Meeting**, 12:00 p.m. at the home of Kristie Smith.
- 7 **Due Date** for submitting items for the **March Guild Horn**.
- 8 Full Board Meeting at the home of Kristie Smith, 6:30 p.m., Social; 7:00 p.m. Meeting.
- **10** Name That Tune, 7:00 p.m. Greensboro Country Club.
- 16 Tanger Outlet Pops Concert, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., at Westover Church. Piano Men! Don't miss the music of greats Elton John and Billy Joel with a 5-piece band and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra for a Valentine's weekend you won't forget.
- 21 General Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Meeting at Greensboro Country Club. Program: Greensboro Symphony Orchestra's Conductor Dmitry Sitkovetsky with Chris Brubeck, a member of Masterworks and Chamber guest artist the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, will talk about Bach and Brubeck; Barbara Cone award presentation. Chair, Dianne Pusch; Committee: Peggy Lowe, Sherri Hill, Rhonda Bentz, Cathy Nosek, Donna Camp.
- 22 Tanger Outlets Masterworks Concert, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium. Featuring the Brubeck Brothers Quartet and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra performing Bach Chorale BWV 147 (Transcription by Leopold Stokowski); Dave Brubeck Brandenburg Gate; Bach Brandenburg Concerto #3; Chris Brubeck variations on a theme by Bach; Chris Brubeck Concerto for bass, trombone, and orchestra; and Dave Brubeck In Your Own Sweet Way/Koto Song/Blue Rondo a La Turk/Take Five.
- 23 Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky & Friends Chamber Concert, Friday, 8:00 p.m., UNCG School of Music Recital Hall. Featuring the Brubeck Brothers Quartet performing Dave Brubeck Piano pieces + Bach Prelude; Bach Trio Sonata from Musical Offering; Chris Brubeck Crescent City Suite for Woodwind Quintet and drums; Dunes at Dawn from Vignettes for Nonet featuring Wind Quintet and Brubeck Quartet.
- 24 Tanger Outlets Masterworks Concert, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium. Featuring the Brubeck Brothers Quartet and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra performing Bach Chorale BWV 147 (Transcription by Leopold Stokowski); Dave Brubeck Brandenburg Gate; Bach Brandenburg Concerto #3; Chris Brubeck variations on a theme by Bach; Chris Brubeck Concerto for bass, trombone, and orchestra; and Dave Brubeck In Your Own Sweet Way/Koto Song/Blue Rondo a La Turk/Take Five.