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Simply Social!

Join us on

Thursday, September 7

5:30 p.m. at

GIA: Eat. Drink. Listen

1941 New Garden Road
for an informal gathering to
welcome a new symphony season
and reconnect with Guild friends.

Hosts: Linda Hiatt & Laura Green.



*"Always a symphony,
never a solo!"*

Can you feel it?

The Excitement is in the Air!

Cajun Carnival

Jazz 
All Night Long

Feast & Follies gala event, **Cajun Carnival**, will be welcoming you on the Great Lawn of LeBauer City Park on October 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Highlight of the evening will be the entertainment, an exciting **JAZZ** showcase featuring local middle school, high school and college musicians!



There will be unique silent auction items for you to bid on and fabulous raffle prizes from our sponsors for you to dream of winning. We have:

- A lovely David Yurman sterling silver, 18k extra-large oval link necklace, donated by **Fink's Jewelers**
- A beautiful Black Mink Sections 30" Vest with a Natural Rex Chinchilla Color Collar, reversible to Marine Blue Quilted Rainwear, donated by **Kriegsman—the Luxury Outerwear Store**
- A custom-designed 20 rose garden, to include an irrigation system and 6 months maintenance, donated by **Witherspoon Rose Culture**



The evening will begin with beer and wine and delicious hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and our jazz music showcase. It will be another special evening for all of our guests. You don't want to miss it! Gala and raffle tickets may be purchased online at: www.gsoguild.org or by check, mailed to: Greensboro Symphony Guild, PO Box 10408, Greensboro, NC 27404.

Message from the President

LINDA HIATT



*"There comes a time when autumn asks,
'What have you been doing all summer?'"*

-Anonymous

So, what have you been doing all summer?! I hope you had ample opportunity to rest, recharge, read a few good books and spend time with those you love, as I have. Although I will have to say that I anticipate my summer next year will be more relaxing!

We begin a new year as advocates for music education with the theme **"Always a symphony, never a solo!"** Just as the individual members of our talented Greensboro Symphony Orchestra and Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra work together to produce consonance and harmony, so too do we as a Guild. It takes a full symphony of time and talents to produce the wonderful events and programs that allow us to involve thousands of Triad area residents of all ages in the joy, beauty and continued learning through exposure to music.

Many of us in the Guild have been busy over the summer "writing" our symphony. In between trips to the beach, mountains and various other parts of the world we have secured our 2017-2018 sponsors (see page 7), recruited wonderful programs for luncheons and membership meetings, picked up donations for Super Sale, and finalized a calendar chock full of fun events. By the time you read this, we will be finalizing plans for our welcome back social, our first executive committee and board meetings and our first luncheon. Here are some other quick highlights of other things to look forward to this year. Please refer to the directory or our website, www.gsoguild.org for full details on the year.

Our fall fundraiser will feature a return to LeBauer Park for **Feast and Follies** with a new twist. Mark your calendars now for October 7 and an opportunity to join us for **Cajun Carnival**, a wonderful evening of **jazz**, delicious food, dancing, and of course, a chance to win our raffle and silent auction items! Co-chairs **Judy Jay** and **Jody Clayton** have been working hard all summer to plan another magical evening in downtown Greensboro. Read more about Feast & Follies on page 1.

On April 21, 2018, we will have a reprise of our wonderful and fun **Super Sale**. Start saving all of your gently used items for a great event! Our **Let's Get Shamrocked event and Love and Music Tennis Tournament** will return as well as several **Simply Social** events highlighting some of our generous sponsors, such as Fink's, Josephine's and UBS in November and Kriegsman-The Luxury Outerwear Store in December. And of course, our delicious membership luncheons at the Greensboro Country Club and general membership meetings in the homes of members will provide meaningful programs and time to enjoy each other's company. So many opportunities for you to contribute to our Guild symphony!

I am excited about sharing this year with you. I hope when asked you will say "yes" to taking your part in our beautiful Guild symphony.

Best,

Linda

Welcome Wimberly!

Betsy Craft has had to step back from her role as Vice President of Fund Raising for 2017-18. We are happy to welcome **Wimberly Jessup** in that role.

Wimberly has been a member of the Guild since 2008 and has participated in various Guild activities over her years of membership. She also had a daughter who was a Guild Deb in 2014. We thank Wimberly for her willingness to serve the Guild and welcome her to our Executive Committee.

Earth, Wind, Fire... and Middle School Concerts?

It's not a 1970's flashback to the band, but the dynamic theme of this year's **Middle School Concerts: The Elements** – Earth, Wind, Fire, Air and Space, will be performed by the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra at Grimsley High School, **October 18-19**. Volunteers are needed from **8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

It takes at least 25 volunteers each day to assist students as they enter and exit the auditorium. This is a great way to meet Guild members, renew friendships, and maybe grab lunch together as your reward.

If you are available to volunteer, please contact **Melissa Tankersley** or **Pam Pegram**. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the Fall Luncheon, or you can sign up online using Sign Up Genius. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this valuable Guild program.

Community Outreach with Nat Greene Kiwanis

On July 13th, Guild members Debbie Faircloth, Nancye Milam and Pam Smith had the opportunity to meet with the Nat Greene Kiwanis Club to discuss the mission and programs of the Greensboro Symphony Guild.

As Presentation Ball Chair, Debbie was invited to share insight into the Guild's sponsorship of the Symphony Presentation Ball by Stan Park, Nat Greene Kiwanis President. Stan's daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Park, is a current debutante. Debbie gave an excellent education about the history and experiences provided to Greensboro area young women as a Symphony Guild debutante, as well as all of the programs sponsored and supported by the Guild.

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Coming this fall "Guild 101"

Are you new to the Guild and want to learn more about the Guild and all the great ways to be more involved? Or maybe you have been a Guild member for a while but have never felt as connected as you would like to be. Guild 101 is for you! We will have an opportunity to take 30 minutes to learn about the Guild's mission, meet other Guild members, and learn about all of the Guild's events and how to participate.

Please let **Julene Valitutto**, Membership Chair, know if you would like to attend. Our first Guild 101 is being planned, and currently we are anticipating it will take place in September. Stay tuned for the date, time and location.

Also, for Guild members who would like to help a new member to feel welcome and a part of the Guild, we are seeking Guild **Mentors** to partner with our new members. If you are interested in this mentoring opportunity, please email Julene, as well. We will also set up a Sign Up Genius to make volunteering a snap!

Julene can be reached at: julene@homeismyoffice.com

New location in store for Super Sale!

"The only constant in life is change!!!" Here's our new motto for the 2018 Super Sale! While we are thrilled to once again be offering this fun and exciting fund raiser to the Guild's repertoire, we will have a new location for 2018!

We are certainly grateful to Bill Black Chevrolet for hosting us for the past several years. Not only have they generously provided us with storage space throughout the year, Bill Black has also been the location for many prior Super Sale events. However, we have recently learned that the building housing us is to be sold and we have "lost our lease"!

We have, however, with great help from President Linda Hiatt, secured a new location for both storage and the Spring Sale! We are thrilled to announce that the 2018 Sale will now be held at the newly renovated and expanding Revolution Mills, 1200 Revolution Mill Drive, Greensboro 27405. This new location will provide us with expanded clean, accessible storage for the year and a wonderful new venue for the sale. We are sure that all will be pleased with this change and we look forward to continuing our Super Sale tradition with renewed energy!

"Lost Our Lease" mini sale

In an effort to move as little of our current storage as possible, we will be holding a September "Lost Our Lease" mini sale. On the selected (TBD) Saturday, we will move those items of furniture, housewares, rugs, clothing, etc. in our current holdings, and hold a small Sale at Bill Black. As time is short, we would like to elicit help from all Guild members to come help bring out items from the storage rooms into the main showroom. We will also need help pricing and setting up, although this will be a less formal setup than in the Spring. Please watch for additional information regarding exact date and help needed. We will need all of us to ensure a successful mini fundraiser!

Mark your calendars

The Spring Sale will remain on April 21, 2018, with the Preview Party to be held on April 20. Make sure to mark your calendars for another great event! And contact any of the Chairs to volunteer to help! Chairs are: **Andrea Knupp, Vanessa Skenes, Elizabeth Craft, Karen Hundgen.**



SOUTHEASTERN ORCHESTRA VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION



SOVA
Roundtable

13th Annual Conference

**CHART YOUR
COURSE**

Did you know that there are other organizations in our region engaged in the same work as we are, namely raising funds to support their community symphony? The Southeastern Orchestra Volunteer Association (SOVA) brings all these organizations together to exchange ideas and resources, promote volunteer expertise, and offer strategies for success, including a toolbox of resources and skills.

Each fall, SOVA sponsors a Roundtable, a conference featuring keynote speakers and breakout sessions. The 13th Annual Roundtable, with the theme "Navigate Your Course," will be held in Charleston, SC, October 8-10, 2017. **Ronda Szymanski**, as our Guild's SOVA representative, will attend the Roundtable with **Linda Hiatt** and **Laura Green**. Any Greensboro Symphony Guild member is encouraged to join SOVA and attend the Roundtable. For more information, visit www.sovaonline.org.

The Roundtable rotates among the SOVA member cities and the 2018 Roundtable will be hosted in Greensboro! This is a return to Greensboro as we hosted the Roundtable in 2009 with leadership from **Suzy Walker** and **Frances Vinoski**. The 2018 Roundtable will be chaired by Linda Hiatt because she will need something to do!

Look for more information to come and opportunities for you to assist in welcoming our southeastern sister organizations to Greensboro.

GSYO auditions, a rewarding experience!

I love my job! This is a rare opportunity to take a peek at some of the personalities of these Youth Orchestra Applicants. Just as every orchestra is composed of musicians who have taken diverse roads to achieve their career goals, so it is with these accomplished youngsters.

At the auditions, in the brief time we see these exceptional children, we can catch a glimpse of the fun and thought they put into their music and where it might take them.

The Bassoonist and his date. He brought his college girlfriend with him to his audition and she insisted she had taught him all he knew about playing as she plays the same instrument and had played with the Youth Symphony the year before.

Another Bassoonist arrives every year with assorted hair color and in combat boots. His self assurance is born not just from confidence in his playing ability but from immense pride in his antique instrument which had been gifted to him from a favorite uncle.

The Harpist arrives and it takes two people to even move her instrument through the door. What do you say to your child when she says she would like to take up Harp playing? Do you have to buy a new car, a lift?

One of the musicians, who was a rising high school freshman, explained to me that although her siblings and friends were going on to public school, she was going to continue home schooling as she would not have enough time to play her beloved flute if she was in school.

There is also abundant parental support from the families who drive their children to practice from as far away as southern Virginia, Davidson County, Winston Salem, or Cary.

Often we see the encouragement coming from a sibling who has herself been through the audition process, and we see families where more than one child is involved with the Orchestra. Encouragement can also come from just feeling a presence as with the young man who waited for his brother's audition from his wheelchair.

The Youth Orchestra Auditions Committee tries to smooth the way for the young applicants through the audition process. The students, ages 6-18 must audition every year regardless of their previous Orchestra assignment. They will be competing for placement in one or more of five GSYO ensembles.

The effort is coordinated by GSO Education Manager Peter Zlotnick and the wonderful Guild volunteers who will welcome, guide and assist these young musicians.

Barbara Sanders, GSYO Auditions Chair



Music Matters!

The Greensboro Symphony Guild General Luncheon Meeting

Greensboro Country Club

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM

• *Program: Dreaming of Maria by Andrea Bocelli,
choreographed by Taliat Tarsinov, and performed by Carolyn
Woodruff & Alosha Anatoliy.*

Choice of Entrée: Summer Salad Fried Green Tomato Salad, Avocado, Applewood Smoked Bacon., Country Ham, Crispy Tobacco Onions, Cherry Tomatoes, Vidalia Onion, Amish Cheddar, BBQ Vinaigrette or Braised Chicken Crepe with Caramelized Onions, Swiss Cheese, Country Ham, Spinach, Fresh Parsley, Sherry Mushroom Sauce, Both entrees include tea, coffee, assorted rolls and dessert.

Price is \$24.00 per person—guests welcome
(Please be sure to include their name)

Cash wine bar for \$6.00 per glass

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE:

Friday, September 15, 2017

Remember to give us your entrée choice!

Please make your payment on-line
at www.gsoguild.org or send a check to:

Donna Camp -C/O GSO Guild

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Debutant Season in Full Swing— *from Guild-sponsored events to summer parties*

Since the Presentation Ball Committee kickoff in early April, the 2017 Symphony Debutantes and their families have enjoyed an exciting season featuring a variety of activities.

The Mothers' Wine and Cheese on April 25 was hosted by Past Presentation Ball Chair **Rebecca Schlosser** at her beautiful home with the assistance of Event Chair **Andrea Knupp**, **Karen Claypool**, **Sandra Ennever** and **Dianne Pusch**, and provided a perfect way for the new mothers to meet each other and gain an introduction to a very special year ahead.

The Mother Daughter Luncheon was held on May 16 at the Greensboro Country Club and orchestrated by Past Presentation Ball Chair and Event Chair **Kristie Smith** and members **Sandra Ennever** and **Ann Mueller**. The debutantes were treated to a dinner buffet and informal meeting on May 18 at the lovely home of Immediate Past Ball Chair and Event Chair **Laura Wolf**, assisted by **Christine Brennan**, **Gina Lucas**, **Cindy Stark** and **Gail Williams**.

Debutante dads joined in on the fun at Tuxedo Evening on May 23 and were warmly greeted by Past Presentation Ball Chair and Event Chair **Suelen Milton**, **JoAnna Bright**, **Margaret Cooley** and **Kathleen Kilmartin**. On June 4, the families were welcomed to the beautiful and spacious home of **Dennis** and **Pam Stearns** who so generously hosted the annual Family Picnic, complete with a performance by the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Honors Quartet, catering by The Painted Plate and special desserts by Delicious Bakery. In addition to Pam, participating Guild members included Event Chair **Dianne Pusch**, **Kathy Joyce**, **Laura Kilmartin**, **Cathy Nosek**, **Kelly Pusch**, **Janet Reynolds-Priddy**, **Julene Valitutto** and **Frances Vinoski**.

The debutantes enjoyed a Barre/Pilates party on June 3 at the Greensboro Country Club hosted by the Diaz, Meadows, Sands (Clem), Stoehr (Ellison) and Winstead families. The debs demonstrated their artistic talents at the Petit Fours and Pottery party at the Mad Platter where they made commemorative mugs. This event, held on June 21, was hosted by the Hawkins and Ingram families. The debs also prepared for the December 28 Presentation Ball by decorating stools at the Paint Your Perch party on July 29. This traditional event was hosted by the Parrish and Wilson families at Sweet Tea Studio.

In addition, Presentation Ball Chair **Debbie Faircloth**, along with Marketing Council Vice President **Pam Smith** and Community Relations Co-Chair **Nancy Milam**, attended the Nat Greene Kiwanis Club on July 13 at Starmount Forest Country Club. Using the Guild power point presentation and some prepared remarks, the group discussed the Symphony Guild's mission, history, purpose and upcoming events as well as highlighted the Presentation Ball's 40th Anniversary. Debutante Dad and Kiwanis officer Stan Park had extended the invitation.

Upcoming fall events include the Mothers' Planning Evening in September, the Fall Tea and Dads' Barbecue in October, A Night at the Symphony, where the debutantes will be recognized prior to the concert, and the Holiday Tea in November. The 40th Symphony Presentation Ball will be held Thursday, December 28.

—Debbie Faircloth



Debutantes and Presentation Ball Chair, Debbie Faircloth, gather at Sweet Tea Studio in July for a Paint Your Perch party. The event was hosted by the Parrish and Wilson families.

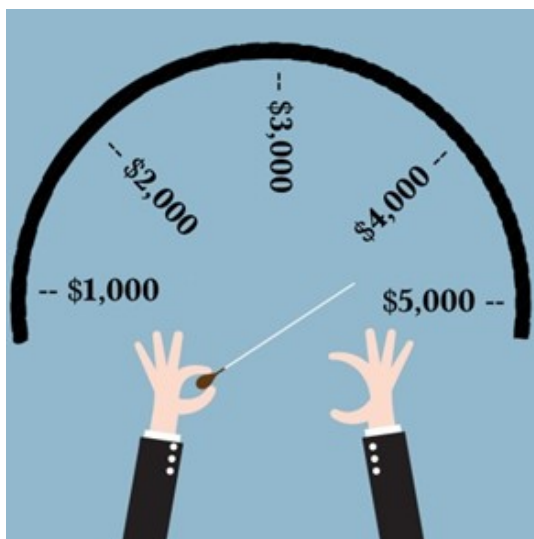


Debs concentrate on decorating stools at the Paint Your Perch party. This traditional event is held in preparation for the December 28 Presentation Ball.



Presentation Ball Chair Debbie Faircloth, with husband Keith, daughter Sarah, and son-in-law Travis. Sarah was a 2006 Symphony Debutante.

2017 Education Campaign Sets Goal



After only two months, the 2017 Education Campaign has raised \$4590. Our goal is to exceed last year's total of \$5,200. Last year's donations supported the OrKIDStra Program expansion, needs based tuition assistance, and GSYO Sectional Coaching. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our members.

This year's campaign will also be used for currently unmet education needs. All activities funded through the Annual Education Campaign will be selected by the Guild leadership. A final list of chosen activities will be announced after the campaign ends in December 2017.

Many of you have already sent a donation with your renewal form and we thank each one of you for your participation. The campaign runs through December 31 so there is still plenty of time to contribute. Please send your check made out to the *Greensboro Symphony Guild 2017 Education Campaign* to:

**Greensboro Symphony Guild
Education Campaign
P. O. Box 10408
Greensboro, N.C. 27404**

Please consider giving to this year's campaign and keep the momentum going for what has been an exciting start to the 2017 Guild year. You may contact either **Frances Vinoski** fvinoski@triad.rr.com or **Karen Claypool** kclaypool@triad.rr.com should you have any questions.

The following list recognizes donations made as of August 8, 2017. Our sincerest thanks to each of you!

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- 8,9,10 **Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Auditions**, UNCG School of Music Building. Chair, Barbara Sanders; Committee: Rosemary Reed, Judy Jay, and Becky Thomas.
- 11 **Executive Board Meeting**, 12:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Hiatt, 2505 W. Market St.
- 14 **Full Board Meeting**, Thursday at the home of Laura Green, 407 Beverly Place. 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Meeting.
- 20 **General Luncheon Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Meeting at Greensboro Country Club. Program: Carolyn Woodruff and Alosha Anatoliy will dance to *Dreaming of Marie* by Andrea Bocelli, choreographed by Taliat Tasinov; Feast & Follies preview; Bravo Award presentation. Chair, Dianne Pusch; Committee: Peggy Lowe, Sherri Hill, Rhonda Bentz, Cathy Nosek, Donna Camp.
- 28 **Tanger Outlets Masterworks Concert**, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. at the Carolina Theater. Not So Classical World Premier! A hybrid film/orchestral performance with filmmaker David Donnelly and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra performing Haydn Overture Lo speziale; Mozart Violin Concerto in G major, K.216 with Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin; Chopin Prelude No. 15 for string orchestra D flat major (transcription by Dmitry Sitkovetsky); and Borodin Symphony No. 2.
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