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Get Your Dancing Shoes Ready!



Mark your calendars,
invite your friends,
and get ready for a
new, fun, social event,
Swaying to the Music!

**Important:
Reservations must
be made by
November 9**

Dance The Night Away At The Symphony Guild's *Swaying to the Music*

*Learn dance steps to the Waltz and the Swing
from Fred Astaire professionals
Dance exhibition by Honorary Chair Carolyn Woodruff
and her dance partner, Alosha Anatoliy*



FRED ASTAIRE
FRANCHISED DANCE STUDIOS.

*Light Hors d'oeuvres, Beer and Wine
Raffle and Door Prizes*

*Friends, family and neighbors welcome!
Dance partner not required!*

Leather-soled or dress shoes preferred

*\$25 person may be paid online at gsoguild.org
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Kim Littrell

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 2016

7:00PM - 10:00PM

FRED ASTAIRE DANCE STUDIOS

1500 MILL STREET, SUITE 105

**KIM LITTRELL AND LINDSEY GOODSTAT, CO-CHAIRS;
CAROLYN WOODRUFF, HONORARY CHAIR**

Note from the President



Sharon Kasica

October has already been an exciting month full of music, volunteerism and social events, with more to come. On September 29th, the Guild co-sponsored the opening night Masterworks Concert, "War and Peace Reimagined", with a special performance by violin soloist Maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky, accompanied by the UNCG Symphony Orchestra. The Guild was recognized by Daniel Crupi and Lisa Crawford with a framed copy of the beautiful Playbill Cover. Prior to the start of the concert, Community Outreach Co-Chairs **Andrea Alemani** and **Kathie Amato**, Membership Development Vice-Chair **Julene Valitutto** and a group of Guild volunteers did a wonderful job manning a Guild information table and serving as Guild Hosts for the well-attended Maestro's Terrace.

On October 3rd and 4th, the Music in the Middle concerts were a great success. Chair **Ronda Szymanski** and Vice-Chair, **Pam Pegram** did an outstanding job organizing and leading a group of twenty-four Guild volunteers each day, ensuring thousands of seventh grade students arrived and departed safely from Grimsley High School auditorium.

On October 12th, our General Membership Meeting and first New Member Social was held at **Pam Stearns'** beautiful estate home. Pam generously catered the event, offering delicious cuisine and a fun signature cocktail. Program Chair **Andrea Knupp** arranged the program with our new Corporate Sponsor, Dillard's, who provided a sneak preview fashion show of their new products lines that will be showcased at the Dillard's VIP Grand Opening event. Guests also enjoyed surprise raffle items and gifts.

On October 20th, the Guild Guys held their first "Simply Social" at Pig Pounder Brewery. The Simply Social Hosts, **Ken Kasica**, **Mark Littrell**, **Mark Holt** and **Robert Green** planned a fun night, featuring tasty Pig Pounder craft beer and bar food, while enjoying the Miami at Virginia Tech football game with new and old friends. The night was highly enjoyed by all who attended.

By now, all Guild members should have received their invitation to the Dillard's VIP Grand Opening on October 26th at the Four Seasons Shopping Center. The Guild will be the featured non-profit to benefit from the opening night sales proceeds. Dillard's VIP Event Chair, **Dianne Pusch**, and Dillard's Consultant, **Betsy Craft** have assured me this event will also be a wonderful Community Outreach opportunity for the Guild since all the "VIP's of Greensboro" are invited to attend. We will be sure to have plenty of the new Community Outreach brochures on hand that night! Guild members are highly encouraged to attend to ensure we continue our relationship with Dillard's for years to come. If you need to ride-share with another Guild member, please contact Volunteer Chair, **Vanessa Skenes**. Valet parking and shuttle service in the parking lot will be available at no charge.

Mark your calendars! November is also a busy month for the Guild. On Saturday, November 5th our Symphony Debutantes will be recognized and honored. On November 9th, our General Membership Meeting will be held at **Laura Green's** home. The program will feature **Carolyn Woodruff**, who will be promoting our next fundraiser, "Swaying to the Music", Co-Chaired by **Kim Littrell** and **Lindsey Goodstat**. The event will be on November 12th, 7:00 p.m., at Fred Astaire Studios, 1500 Mill Street. Guests will enjoy a performance by Carolyn Woodruff and have the opportunity to learn the Waltz and Swing Dance, while enjoying cocktails, delicious food and a chance to win a variety of great door prizes. Tickets are only \$25 and space is limited, so purchase your tickets on our website today! Last but not least, please try to attend the GSYO concert on November 20th, 4:00 p.m., at the Greensboro Day School. It really is a wonderful opportunity to see our "work in action", with these talented students.

Warmest Regards,
Sharon Kasica



Who and Why?

This lovely dance couple is a hint of what's on the program for our General Membership meeting on November 9th at the home of **Laura Green**.

Carolyn Woodruff, talented dancer and Honorary Chair of "Swaying to the Music" will present the program, a prelude to the new, fun social event and fund raiser that's coming up on November 12th.

Guests are welcome, so invite a friend and plan to come see what it's all about. The meeting will start at 5:30, with wine and hors d'oeuvres planned by Hospitality Chairs **Joan Stevenson** and **Rhonda Barrett**.

It will be a great opportunity to visit with Guild friends—something we always enjoy! So don't forget November 9th at 5:30 p.m.

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 2017 luncheon. The deadline for submitting nominations for this award is January 15, 2017. Contact **Melissa Tankersley** by email or call her to obtain a nomination form.

—Melissa Tankersley



Everybody loves Fink's Night

Fink's Jewelers is having a social for Guild members and their guests on Tuesday, November 17th, at 1951 Battleground Avenue. This is Fink's third year to sponsor the event. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is for couples and singles.

Josephine's Catering will partner to provide delicious hors d'oeuvres and Fink's will give away a \$500 John Hardy bracelet to a lucky winner.



josephine's
catering

Everybody loves Fink's night. If you are new to the Guild, you'll not want to miss it, so be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend. Enjoy wine/beer and delicious food while you mingle with Guild friends and guests. While there, take a look at Fink's beautiful jewelry. You just might find some wonderful ideas for holiday gift giving. Watch the mail for your invitation. For more information, you may contact **Joan Stevenson**, Hospitality Chair.

Rhonda Barrett is Hospitality Vice Chair.



Fink's Night 2015



*The Greensboro Symphony Guild
requests the pleasure of your company at
the Presentation of
The Symphony Debutantes
followed by Dinner and the Ball
in their honor*

*Wednesday, the twenty-eighth of December
Two thousand and sixteen
at half after seven o'clock in the evening
The Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons
Greensboro, North Carolina*

Cocktail reception at half after six o'clock

Black tie

Spreading the Word about Our Role in Music Education

We all love sharing the great news about the Guild and the impact we have on music education in the local area. With that in mind, the Community Relations Committee is in the process of updating our presentation, "The Guild at a Glance: Noteworthy Contributions to Music Education," and scheduling spring 2017 speaker dates with local civic organizations, religious institutions, and community clubs. We would love to give this informative, 15 minute talk to the groups that are important to our members. So, please give us your suggestions of the places you would like to see us presenting. Please contact **Kathie Amato** or **Andrea Alemanni** with your recommendations. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

—Andrea Alemanni,
Kathie Amato

GSYO Musicians Young, Smart, Talented

GSYO auditions are over and you know what that means. Many young musicians were chosen to remain or become part of an orchestra ensemble. The focus of this article by Barbara Sanders is on those talented students.

LISTEN TO ME! I am one of 140 smart and talented young musicians chosen for your 2016-2017 Greensboro Youth Symphony Orchestra.

KNOW MY DEDICATION!! Music is important to me. I travel from as far as, Chapel Hill, Cary, Southern Virginia, Northern Davidson County and Winston Salem to be part of the Greensboro Youth Symphony Orchestra.

I will use my participation in the Orchestra as an important reference on my college resume.

SEE ME! Although I am small, only Third Grade, I am the youngest musician chosen at the auditions and you may find me playing with either the Youth Philharmonic or Youth Camerata Ensembles. We are grouped by our playing level and our success at our auditions, not by our ages.

BE SURPRISED! I am a part of three Ensembles which are going to really SURPRISE people at the November concert.

ENJOY! Be part of a great afternoon of entertainment showcasing our young talent on Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 at Greensboro Day School.

Music Education Transforms Lives

Support our young musicians with
your presence at
**The Greensboro Symphony
Youth Orchestra Concert**
Sunday, November 20
4:00 p.m.
at Greensboro Day School
—FREE—
Open to the public

Over 5,000 seventh graders experienced Music in the Middle

The 2016 Music in the Middle concerts, held at Grimsley High School Auditorium on October 3 & 4, were a huge success. Thirty-six Greensboro Symphony Guild volunteers, working in collaboration with the Greensboro Symphony and Guilford County Schools, together assisted, inspired, educated and entertained over 5,000 Guilford County 7th graders. Nate Beversluis conducted *Brass Attacks*, featuring works by Copland, Torelli, Mozart, Beethoven, Wagner and Bruckner.



A huge thank you to all of the Greensboro Symphony Guild volunteers who participated: Lynn Alexander, Nancy Beaver, Liz Blackwell, Joanna Bright, Mary Ellen Burke, Barbara Carter, Phyllis Citron, Pamela Duncan, Amy Froneberger, Elizabeth Fryman, Laura Green, Sarah Hearn vonFoerster, Linda Hiatt, Lori Holt, Sharon Kasica, Andrea Knupp, Kim Littrell, Lisa Lloyd, Brenda Macfadden, Mimi Morton, Ginny Nelson, Pam Pegram, Renay Pugh, Dianne Pusch, Rosemary Reed, Vanessa Skenes, Mary Fran Schickedantz, Karen Smith, Pam Smith, Joan Stevenson, Cindy Stark, Melissa Tankersley, Shirley Trager, Penny Wadsley, Nancy Wells and Lori Wilson. You were phenomenal!

Thank you also to Lisa Crawford and Peter Zlotnick who worked behind the scenes in the planning and implementation of the event. And of course, thank you to Nate Beversluis and the Greensboro Symphony musicians who gave four wonderful performances over the two days.

And more thanks, addressed to our Guild from Nathan Street, Art Education Coordinator of Guilford County Schools:

"I would also like to ask Peter Zlotnick with the Symphony to pass our thanks to the Symphony Guild for their support and assistance. These ladies are always remarkable in their work and service. It is a pleasure to call them friends and partners of GCS Arts as is the Greensboro Symphony. We are most fortunate to have all of these components come together each year to make a beautifully operational machine. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all."

A testimony that the mission of the Greensboro Symphony Guild and our work in the community makes a difference in the lives of the students of Guilford County. Truly, Music Matters!

—Ronda Szymanski



Music in the Middle Volunteers

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Please keep your directory updated with contact information for any new members who joined after the directory was printed.



Cam Current

Amy & Stan Froneberger

Robyn and James Hale

Jill and Greg Hare

Sally Millikin

Janet & Danny Priddy

Jean and Myron Rayvis

Albert B. Rives

Connie Shorter

Kim Smir & Dr. Bassam Numan Sarah

Sarah Faircloth Smith

Vicki W. Steck

Shirley & Kenneth Trager



The following spouses have joined and are now Active Couples:

John Alexander (Lynn)

Perry Cornelius (Polly)

Keith Faircloth (Debbie)

Robert Green (Laura)

David Hewitt (Cindi)

Mark Holt (Lori)

Bill Richardson (Donna)

Rob Skenes (Vanessa)

Chris Szymanski (Ronda)

Bill Tankersley (Melissa)

Richard Vanore (Sylvia)

Gary Wolf (Laura)



Friends make great new members! Please invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to Guild events. We will personally follow up with any guests or potential new members, will answer their questions and invite them to join. Please pass their names to one of us on the Membership committee: **Karen Hundgen, Donna Richardson or Julene Valitutto**. We will take care of contacting them and will recognize all new members with a welcome packet and small gift.

—Julene Valitutto

Annual Education Campaign needs your help



Frances Vinoski & Nancy Bogard

2016-2017 Annual Education

Campaign Chairs

We are nearing the end of our Annual Education Campaign (ends December 31st) and we are running short of our budgeted goal set at \$5,000. We are grateful to have received **\$4,335** so far with only **43** Guild members participating. Won't you consider being part of our 100% Guild participation goal and raising our donation for our education programs? Think, what could we accomplish with 100% Guild participation?

Additional funds needed

These funds will help cover the unmet needs of the GSO education programs. Without them, there will be fewer scholarships awarded for summer camp/music lessons, as well as, limited funds available for the High School Partnership Programs (\$2,000 per school) we have worked so hard to promote. Our Guild budget only allows for limited scholarships which were set up many years ago when costs were less demanding. Rising costs (i.e., approx. \$60/hour for music lessons) make these additional funds all the more necessary. These additional funds are part of those awarded for needs based GSYO tuition and needs based music lessons. Throughout the year, parents may incur financial hardships which could require their child leave the GSYO program. Our funds help pay their remaining tuitions (\$250/\$125) to keep them playing the entire year. Our funds also help pay for music lessons for a child who is struggling to keep up. Extra lessons can turn a struggling musician into a self confident one with a bright future.

If you have already donated, our sincere thanks for helping us reach our goals. However, if time has slipped away and it's been on your list of things to do, please consider writing your check today. You can send your donation to the Guild office (P.O. Box 10408, Greensboro, NC 27404).

Music Matters!

Each and every Guild member is needed to make a difference. It is why we joined this Guild, to make a difference in music education in our community. We can do it together; won't you consider being a part of this year's Annual Education Campaign and make the difference for a young musician.

We would like to thank the following members for their recent donations:

Martha Chandler,

In Honor of Stephanie Cordick

Brenda Macfadden

Fray Metcalfe

Ann Mueller,

In Appreciation for the mentorship of Debbie Faircloth

Rosemary Reed

Thank you for your participation,

Frances Vinoski

Nancy Bogard

Co-Chairs

THANK YOU
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Thank you,

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—a very special evening

The stars and the weather gods aligned to produce a beautiful night for Feast & Follies on the Great Lawn of LeBauer City Park on September 24. Nearly 250 guests enjoyed wonderful appetizers, wine and beer as they perused over 70 silent auction items and purchased raffle tickets for a David Yurman necklace (courtesy of Fink's), a fur coat (courtesy of Kreigsman) and a \$1000 shopping spree (courtesy of Dillard's)!

As the sun went down, a dinner feast was served family style at beautifully appointed tables. The lights were dimmed and a wonderful showcase of Greensboro arts proceeded to fascinate not only Feast & Follies sponsors, hosts and guests, but the entire population in this beautiful public park. That evening, moms, dads, grandparents and children ringed the lawn and enjoyed performances by New York Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Sandra Piques-Eddy singing the title role from *Carmen* with an ensemble from Greensboro Opera, the Greensboro Ballet performing a portion of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Daniel and Caroline Crupi singing a medley of Broadway songs and Gianinni Brass ending the show with Sousa and *Moon River*!

After dinner, lucky winners were drawn for raffle prizes. Congratulations to Guild members **Debbie Faircloth** who won the David Yurman necklace and **Kim Littrell** who won the fur coat. Guest Tim Hansen won the \$1000 Dillard's shopping spree. The silent auction was successful, exceeding its goal of \$10,000.

The celebration continued on the dance floor to old-school vinyl spun by Prez Parks.

It was a special evening that could not have been possible without the Feast & Follies committee, our corporate sponsors, hosts and Guild members.

Many, many thanks!

Linda Hiatt and Betsy Craft

Feast & Follies Co-Chairs



President Sharon Kasica (ctr.), with Feast and Follies Co-Chairs, Linda Hiatt and Betsy Craft.



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Music Matters!

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 **Executive Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Stearns Financial Services, Executive Board Room, 324 W. Wendover Ave, Suite 204, Greensboro, NC 27408
- 2 **Full Board Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. (**BACH's LUNCH**) Stearns Financial Services, General Board Room, 324 W. Wendover Ave, Suite 140, Greensboro, NC 27408
- 3 **Tanger Outlets Masterworks Concert**, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium. "Magic of Mozart" features Debra Reuter-Pivetta on Flute performing Mozart Overture to Magic Flute, Mozart Flute Concerto No. 1, and Mozart Symphony No. 39 K543.
- 4 **Rice Toyota Sitkovetsky and Friends Chamber Concert**, Friday, 8:00 p.m. at UNCG School of Music, Theatre and Dance Recital Hall. Debra Reuter-Pivetta on flute performing Mozart Wind Serenade K.388 C minor for 8 winds and Mozart Flute Quartet.
- 5 **Tanger Outlets Masterworks Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. at Dana Auditorium. "Magic of Mozart" features Debra Reuter-Pivetta on flute performing Mozart Overture to Magic Flute, Mozart Flute Concerto No. 1, and Mozart Symphony No. 39 K543. **Presentation Ball Night at the Symphony. Guild Contemporaries will join the GSO's young professionals' Vivace group for an evening of music with an After Party.**
- 7 **Deadline** for submitting items for December Guild Horn
- 9 **General Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at the home of Laura Green. Program: Guild Sponsor, Carolyn Woodruff, will present a prelude to the Fred Astaire Dance Studio evening, "Swaying to the Music". Hospitality Chair: Joan Stevenson; Vice Chair: Rhonda Barrett.
- 12 **Musicale Social: "Swaying to the Music"**, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at Fred Astaire Dance Studios, 1500 Mill Street, Suite 105. Honorary Chair: Carolyn Woodruff; Chair: Lindsey Goodstat; Vice Chair: Kim Littrell.
- 17 **FINK'S Night**, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. hosted by Fink's Jewelers at Fink's, 1951 Battleground Ave. Hospitality Chair, Joan Stevenson; Vice Chair, Rhonda Barrett.
- 19 **Greensboro Symphony Pops Concert**, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., at Westover Church. "The Texas Tenors: Back for the Holidays" featuring the Three Tenors and the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. The number one vocal group in the history of "America's Got Talent" brings holiday cheer in a fun-filled show that is guaranteed to warm your heart!
- 20 **Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Concert**, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. at Greensboro Day School. FREE & open to the public.