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LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

Volunteer Sign Up Made Easy—

Be on the look out this Guild year for e-mails from **SignUpGenius**.

SignUpGenius is an online site that **Vanessa Skenes**, Volunteer Coordinator, and **Kelly Pusch**, Volunteer Technical Support Chair, will be using to reach out to and organize volunteers for different events throughout the year. We hope it will be easy for everyone to use.

We are looking forward to reaching out to our members and spreading the word about all of our fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities this year.

—Vanessa Skenes

Fundraiser at Greensboro's hottest new venue will have a lot to see, hear, taste and enjoy



The Greensboro Symphony Guild presents *Feast & Follies* on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the hottest new outdoor venue, LeBauer City Park, in downtown Greensboro! *Feast & Follies* will be the first major event in LeBauer City Park and you will not want to miss it!

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an exciting silent auction, decadent hors d'oeuvres and

open bar. At 8:00 p.m., a seated dinner will be catered by Southern Roots followed by an incredible night of collaborative performances featuring the Greensboro Ballet, the Greensboro Opera, Daniel and Caroline Crupi, and the Giannini Brass. This will be the first time these organizations and vocalists have performed together at the same venue.

The Greensboro Opera will perform excerpts from Bizet's *Carmen*, featuring mezzo-soprano Sandra Piques Eddy from the NYC Metropolitan Opera. In advance of the January production of *Carmen* by the Greensboro Opera, Ms. Eddy is pleased to visit Greensboro for this pre-production event after her triumph in last August's *Cinderella*. Ms. Eddy will be joined by Metropolitan Opera baritone David Pershall as Escamillo, along with local favorites Donald Hartmann (Zuniga) and Stephanie Foley Davis (Mercedes)—all under the leadership of Artistic Director David Holley.

The Greensboro Ballet, our community's professional ballet company and school, will then perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a happy tale about love, crossed lovers, forest changes, magic spells and, of course, Puck. The Ballet will

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Mezzo-soprano Sandra Piques Eddy
from NYC Metropolitan Opera



Singers, Caroline Crupi and Daniel Crupi.
Daniel is COO of Greensboro Symphony

Membership Luncheon to kick off 2016-2017 Season

We are very excited to have our first General Guild Luncheon planned, as we know it's an agenda we know you will enjoy.

When: Sept. 14, 2016, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Greensboro Country Club

Our program features David Holley, Greensboro Opera's Artistic Director, who will share the history of the Greensboro Opera. He will be followed by a Greensboro Opera performance preview for the *Feast and Follies* event. As well, the Bravo Award will be presented.

You will be receiving a Guild Postcard shortly, but may get ahead in your planning by sending your reservations to Linda Baker. Reservations and payment may also be made at the Guild website, www.gsoguild.org.

—Dianne Pusch

Note from the President



Sharon Kasica

It is with tremendous excitement that we begin a new season. The Guild believes “Music Matters” because we have seen how music education impacts lives in our community. Thus, our 2016-2017 theme is **Music Education Transforms Lives**.

This year we will strive to grow the Guild through strategic promotion activities. We began with a drive to attract more Active Couples and men. We now have 54 Active Couples, which includes 24 new men members! To help strengthen bonds in the Guild, two *Guild Guys Simply Socials* are planned: “Football & Friends” on October 20th at the Marshall Free House and “Baseball & Beer” next April. Also, two *Guild Gals Simply Socials* are planned: “Cheers” on September 13th at Gia’s and “Wine Styles Tasting” next April. Watch for details and plan to bring a friend!

The year’s focus will be on outreach and collaboration. The Community Relations and Membership Committees will work closely to educate the public about our work, utilizing social media and a new tri-fold brochure that will be distributed throughout our community. Last but not least, we will launch a new membership logo and tagline that will be incorporated into the brochure and onto our website. Donated billboards will once again promote our events and the Guild.

Our first fundraising event, **Feast and Follies** will be held in the newly opened LeBauer Park on **September 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Co-Chairs **Betsy Craft** and **Linda Hiatt** and their committees were busy this summer working to make this an extraordinary event, as revealed in the wonderful details on the previous page.

I am pleased to share that we have record-breaking Corporate Sponsorship this year, thanks to the hard work of **Sherri Hill** and her committee, **Frances Vinoski**, **Betsy Craft**, **Linda Hiatt** and **Ashley Nosek**. Our top level corporate sponsors will be invited to Guild luncheons, meetings and events, where their support will be recognized. At our September luncheon, please welcome representatives from Flow Buick-GMC, who will display their new line of luxury vehicles. We will also welcome David Kriegsman with Kriegsman’s—The Luxury Outerwear Store, who will show off new product lines modeled by a few lucky Guild members.

The General Membership Meeting and New Member Social on October 12th at **Pam Stearns’** beautiful estate home will feature, “A New Beginning at Dillard’s Fashion Preview”. Be sure to attend for a preview of the new fashions that will be available at the **Dillard’s VIP Grand Opening Event on October 26th**. This event, chaired by **Dianne Pusch**, is by invitation only. All Guild members will receive an invitation by mail and are encouraged to attend to show our appreciation. Valet parking will be available.

We have planned a series of **Musical Socials** throughout the year to engage members, guests and the community.

- **Swaying to the Music**, on November 12, at 7:00 p.m., will be held at Fred Astaire Studios.
- **An Elevated Evening-A Tasting of Wine, Beer and Art** on February 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. will be at Roy and Vanessa Carroll’s spectacular Center Point Ballroom.
- **Let’s Get Shamrocked** on March 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m. will be held at the Greensboro Historical Museum.
- **Love & Tennis Tournament** on May 4, 2017 will be at Starmount Forest Country Club

Please mark your calendars for our 39th Annual **Symphony Presentation Ball**, where twenty beautiful, accomplished young ladies will be presented on **December 28th**. As always, a magical night has been planned by Chair **Laura Wolf**, along with Honorary Chair **Sylvia Vanore** and their committee. This is a signature event for the Guild that should not be missed.

For more information about our upcoming events, refer to the 2016-2017 Calendar in your Guild Directory or visit our website at www.gsoguild.org. I look forward to our new initiatives this year and working alongside our wonderful Guild members who understand *Music Matters* in our community.

Warmest Regards,
Sharon Kasica



Collaborative performances to be featured at **Feast & Follies** include **Giannini Brass (top)** and **Greensboro Ballet**.

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present the confusion, lightheartedness and ultimate logical conclusion of romance among the mystical, supernatural beings in the forest.

The performances will conclude with Daniel Crupi, COO of the Greensboro Symphony, and Caroline Crupi singing a Broadway medley followed by a rousing performance by the Giannini Brass.

After dinner, wonderful desserts and coffee will be served and guests can dance to the music of DJ Prez Parks.

This is going to be a wonderful evening! Event tickets (\$100) will be on sale on the Guild website, gsoguild.org, until September 14. Raffle tickets (\$50 each or 3 for \$100) may also be purchased online. Raffle items include a David Yurman diamond pendant necklace donated by Finks, a ladies sheared mink coat donated by Kriegsman, and a Dillard’s \$1000 shopping spree.

The Guild would like to thank Guild members who have already contributed over \$14,500 to help us reach our individual sponsorship goal. We are also pleased to announce that we have reached our corporate sponsorship goal for this event!

—Pam Smith

Guild Gals' Simply Social

Relax and enjoy a fun, informal evening at "Cheers", a Guild Gals' Simply Social, on Tuesday, September 13th, 5:30 p.m., at Gia's, 1941 New Garden Road. Let's celebrate the beginning of a new Symphony Season, enjoy fellowship of longtime Guild friends and make new Guild friends. Mark your calendar and plan to be there!

Guild to co-sponsor GSO opening night concert and co-host Maestro's Terrace

On September 29th, the Guild will co-sponsor the GSO's opening night concert, "War and Peace Reimagined", featuring Dmitry Sitkovetsky on violin and Kevin Gerald conducting the UNCG Symphony Orchestra. The Guild's Community Relations and Membership Committees will co-host Maestro's Terrace reception, with the GSO.

For this Opening Night event, Corporate Sponsors and prospective new members will receive an invitation to the GSO concert and to the Maestro's Terrace reception. Each invitation will include GSO ticket vouchers for those who wish to attend. If you would like to assist with hosting or have suggestions/questions, please contact **Andrea Alemanni**.

—Andrea Alemanni

SOVA to focus on team work and strengthening from the inside out

Anyone relying on a volunteer workforce knows it's imperative that their team work well together. That's why SOVA (Southeastern Orchestra Volunteer Association) chose "All Aboard! Strengthening Your Organization from the Inside Out" as the theme for Roundtable 2016. Destination: historic Salisbury, NC, where SOVA members will explore ways of effective volunteer management. Date: Monday, October 17—Wednesday, October 19. If you are interested and wish to have more information, contact **Kim Jones**.

—Kim Jones

Smoothing the way thru GSYO auditions

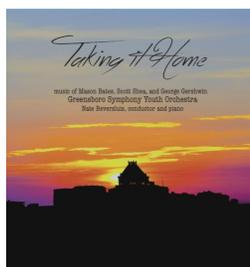
She made it! They chose her!" It was a gorgeous fall day and I was waiting at the cross country finish line for my granddaughters, when I turned to see the young mother with the beaming face calling to me. I remembered her from just a few weeks before. Patiently waiting, holding her daughter's music book, sheet music and violin case on her lap, yet clearly anxious. Our audition committee was there to help in any way we could. **Becky Thomas** had helped check the young applicant in. As I had walked our young musician down the long hall from the warm up room to the audition room, we talked a bit about her school and music experience. **Rosemary Reed**, in her warm and comforting way, would introduce her to Nate Beversluis and the other Symphony member judges. On my way back to the warm up room I tried to reassure her waiting Mom. All these interactions were brief, yet made enough of an impression, that even after several weeks this Mom recognized me and wanted me to know that her daughter's audition had been a success.

This is what the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Auditions Committee does. We try 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.

Committee Members: **Barbara Sanders, Rosemary Reed, Becky Thomas**;
Audition Volunteers: **Brooke Fields, Olivia Gillespie, Sarah HearnsvonFoerster, Genevieve Leach, Deborah Morgan, Dianne Pusch, Nancy Wells and Lori Wilson**.

—Barbara Sanders



Special Promotion: 16 in 16!

August marked the one-year anniversary of the CD Release for "Taking it Home" the GSYO's first studio album. To celebrate, the CD is on sale for just \$16 through the end of the 2016 GSYO auditions on September 11. CDs are available online through CDBaby.com and the Greensboro Symphony office during regular business hours.

Music in the Middle, a fun, valuable volunteer job

Greetings Guild members! Are you looking for a simple, fun and highly valuable way to volunteer with the GSO Guild this fall?

Come join us for the Music in the Middle concerts at Grimsley High School on October 3rd and 4th. These concerts are performed by the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra for Guilford County 7th graders. Twenty-five volunteers are needed each day to assist students as they enter and exit the auditorium for the concerts. Volunteers are needed from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each day.

Music in the Middle is a one-time volunteer commitment, but please feel free to volunteer both days, if you like. If you are new to the Guild, this is a wonderful way to meet other Guild members. It is also a fantastic opportunity for all Guild members to experience the wonder and generosity of our Symphony and the fruits of our GSO Guild and our mission.

If you are available to volunteer, please contact **Ronda Szymanski**. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the Fall Luncheon. I look forward to spending these two very important mornings with you at the Music in the Middle concerts this fall. Thanks in advance for your support and participation in this valuable GSO Guild program! Remember – Music Matters!

—Ronda Szymanski

Debutante Season in Full Swing—

from luncheon to picnic to lake party and painting

Since the collegiate spring semester concluded in early May, the 2016 Greensboro Symphony Debutantes have enjoyed an exciting season featuring a variety of activities.

The summer began with a Mother/Daughter luncheon on May 17 at Greensboro Country Club hosted by the Symphony Guild and coordinated by members **Pam Hoxworth, Patrice Newman, Katharine Byerly, Sandra Ennever, and Linda Lee**. The debbs were treated to dinner on May 19 at the lovely home of Honorary Chair **Sylvia Vanore**, assisted by **Suellen Milton, Lori Holt, Karen Jacobs, and Donna Richardson**.

Deb dads joined in on the fun at Tuxedo Evening on May 24 and were warmly greeted at VIP Formals by **Suellen Milton, Kathleen Kilmartin, and Laura Smith**. On Sunday, June 5, the Guild welcomed the Deb family members to a covered dish picnic at Christ United Methodist church. Participating Guild members included **Julene Valitutto, Andrea Alemani, Kathy Joyce, Cathy Nosek, Kathie Amato and Janet Reynolds-Priddy**.

The debutantes gathered at the beautiful Lake Tillery home of the Tice family on July 17 for a day of swimming, sun and boating fun. The Macphail, Midgett, Seifert, Tice and Wood families hosted the event. The debbs showed their artistic talents at the Paint Your Perch party where they decorated stools for use at the Symphony Presentation Ball in December. The party, held on July 23, was hosted by the Lingard (Adornetto), Boudreau, Norris, Phillips, Small and Williams families at Sweet Tea Studio.

The debbs and their parents will enjoy a Night at the Symphony on November 5. The debbs will be recognized prior to the concert.



Laura Wolf, Sylvia Vanore,
Debbie Faircloth

Symphony debutantes collect musical instruments

The Greensboro Symphony Guild's commitment to music education in the Piedmont Triad community is shared by our 2016 Symphony Debutantes as well.

Coordinated by debutante Isabel Seifert, the group is collecting gently used instruments in good working order from family members, neighbors, and friends to donate to the Guilford County Schools orchestras and bands—and invites Symphony Guild members to join in on their efforts! Instruments ranging from recorders to violins to horns to flutes, clarinets to drums, guitars and pianos are accepted. Donations will be taken until November 25 (date of Holiday Tea).

For more information contact Presentation Ball Chair **Laura Wolf**. Drop off location is 523 Woodland Drive. To arrange a drop off time contact Michelle Seifert.

—Debbie Faircloth



A few debbs pose for photo



Guild member Vanessa Skenes
and daughter Lauren



Deb moms get to know each other

Annual Education Campaign

Let's Do It Again!!



Frances Vinoski & Nancy Bogard
2016-2017 Annual Education
Campaign Chairs

Last year we set a goal of \$5,000 for the newly created Annual Education Campaign, and our membership raised a total of \$6,821. This shows what we can do when we work together. Last year's donations supported a third High School Partnership Program, additional GSYO needs based tuitions and new scholarships, awarded to deserving GSYO students.

Additional funds were given to the Youth Orchestra for their performance at UNCW in Wilmington, assuring all students would be able to participate in this regional trip and final concert. 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 designated by the GSO that have arisen through the combined effects of rising costs and increased demand. Funds will once again go to support a range of activities, including scholarships, needs based tuitions, summer music camp, private music lessons, and an additional High School Partnership Program. All activities funded through the Annual Education Campaign will be selected by Guild leadership, with all monies raised going directly to meet those specified area of needs.

The campaign runs from May thru December. Many of you have already sent a donation with your renewal form earlier this year and we thank each one of you for your participation. There is still plenty of time to send a donation. Just mail your check to: Greensboro Symphony Guild, P.O. Box 10408, Greensboro, NC 27404.

Can you imagine what could be accomplished with 100% Guild participation and the number of young musicians' lives we could impact. No amount is too large or small; it's the right amount for you. Please consider giving to this year's campaign, and keep the momentum going for our education programs. Please contact either **Frances Vinoski** or **Nancy Bogard**, should you have any questions.

The following list recognizes donations made as of August 1st. Once again, we deeply appreciate the participation of individuals noted here. Our thanks go out to each of you.

—Nancy Bogard, Frances Vinoski

Nancy Bogard
Barbara Carter, *In Honor of Hal B. Phillips*
Louann Clarke, *In Memory of Joy Morrison*
Elizabeth Craft, *In Honor of Tim Hucks*
Joan Dilworth
Pam Duncan, *In Honor of Molly Duncan*
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In Memory of Jim Morton
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Sharon and Ken Kasica



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Many thanks to our 2016-2017

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The significant contribution made by our Collaborative Partners to our fall fundraising event, Feast and Follies, helped to ensure the events success and greatly benefitted music education in our community. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity and time to make Feast and Follies so spectacular.



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SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

- 1 **Executive Board Meeting**, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. at Stearns Financial Services, Executive Board Room, Suite 204, 324 W. Wendover Ave, Greensboro, NC 27408
- 1 **Full Board Meeting**, Thursday, 11:30 a.m. (**BACH's LUNCH**) Stearns Financial Services, General Board Room, 324 W. Wendover Ave, Suite 140, Greensboro, NC 27408
- 7 **Deadline** for submitting items for October Guild Horn.
- 9, 10 **Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra Auditions, UNC-G School of Music.** Barbara Sanders, Chair; Rosemary
11 Reed, and Becky Thomas, Vice-Chairs
- 13 **Guild Gals' Simply Social**, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. at **Gia's**, 1941 New Garden Road, for an informal gathering to welcome a new Symphony Season and get together with Guild friends.
- 14 **General Luncheon Meeting**, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at Greensboro Country Club; Program: David Holley, Greensboro Opera's Artistic Director, will share the history of the Greensboro Opera, followed by a Greensboro Opera performance preview for the **Feast and Follies'** event; Bravo Award presentation. Chair, Dianne Pusch; Vice Chairs: April Parker, Peggy Lowe and Renay Pugh.
- 24 **Feast and Follies**, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. at LeBauer City Park amphitheatre and great lawn, 208 North Davie Street. Co-Chairs, Betsy Craft and Linda Hiatt. (In the event of inclement weather, Feast and Follies will be held at the UNCG School of Music.)
- 29 **Tanger Outlets Masterworks Concert**, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. at UNCG Auditorium. "War and Peace Reimagined" features Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin, Kevin Gerald, conductor, and UNCG Symphony Orchestra performing Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1. Dmitry Sitkovetsky, conductor with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra performing Shostakovich Symphony No. 8.