

# DSOL

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## 24th DSOL DEBUTANTE PRESENTATION BALL, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

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The 24th Presentation Ball will be held at the Morton H. Meyerson on February 6th, 2010. Chairman, **Shelley Tims** announced that 30 Debutantes will be presented that evening. The Debutante fall season wrapped up a myriad of events - from Caribbean to Camo themed parties, including store events at Neiman Marcus, Carolina Herrera and Priscilla of Boston. **Ellen Terry**, Honorary Chair, provided a beautiful venue on Dorset for the Announcement party, the official kick-off for season of Debutante events.

The DSOL will have another opportunity to welcome the 2010 Debutantes, Honor Guard and their families at the Thanksgiving Party, November 25th in the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. A Holiday Party hosted by **Skye** and **William Brewer** will kick off the Holiday events and those that lead to the Presentation Ball. If you are interested in attending the Presentation Ball please call or email and an invitation will be mailed to you.

The DSOL Presentation Ball is one of the many DSOL events that helps to fund the Outreach and Education of the DSO. The Dallas Symphony Orchestra's education programs seek to enhance the understanding and experience of classical music for all. The wide range of programming offers learning experiences for youth and adults who wish to know the art form at every level, with a focus on developing new artists and audiences for the future.

**Young Strings** exists to discover, develop and promote the musical talents of outstanding young minority string players with the long-term goal of providing students the resources and skills necessary to pursue professional music careers. Targeting African-American and Latino students, the program seeks to increase the multi-cultural diversity of American orchestras as well as broaden community ownership of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Over 27,000 people have attended Young Strings performances.

**Family Concerts** encourage families to start the tradition of concert attendance with their children by offering a lively introduction to the orchestra and its music in kid-friendly performances of familiar and exhilarating repertoire.

**The Cecil and Ida GreenYouth Concerts** develop and present programs that introduce children to the orchestra in a positive way by incorporating great repertoire into each program, providing connections to the classroom curriculum supporting the current school music curriculum and allowing for audience participation as much as possible. Over 31,000 students and teachers attend, representing over 548 schools.

**The Symphony YES!** program creates an intimate and informal environment for students in grades K-8 and their teachers in which musicians introduce instruments, perform a variety of repertoire, and interact with their audience.

# From the President



## Note from the President

Congratulations are in order to **Diane Brierley** and **Karen Dealy** and their Prelude Luncheon Committee as well as a large Thank you to **Geraldine "Tincy" Miller** for being our Honorary Chairman. The event was "one- of –a-kind". The event included treats for the ears and feast for the eyes with music by DSO Concertmaster **Emanuel Borok** and his prized student **Laura Liu**, fashions by **Carolina Herrera** and the Meyerson dressed in colors of white, pumpkin and gray with centerpieces of edible cakes from Le Gateau Bakery.

The first two Parties of Note event were held and the committee has several events unfolding in the next few months. If you have not registered for the winter/spring lineup of unique events, please go to the website or call **Kathy Penney** for more information. You won't want to miss then. Thank to you this wonderful committee under the direction of **Sharon Barbee** and to **Dee** and **Charles Wyly** for their support of the DSOL.

The DSOL's largest event is coming soon - the twenty-fourth Presentation Ball will be held Saturday, February 6th. **Shelley Tims** and her wonderful committee are creating a very special evening. There will be no host tables for our league members. Dress up in your best and join thirty ladies as they make their bows. A special thanks to all of the 2010 Debutante Parents, Honor Guard members, Assembly members and Presentation Ball Committee for a wonderful and very special debutante year.

As we enter the Holiday Seasons and all that it brings, please look ahead to January and beyond. We will be having several volunteer opportunities including: the Season Ticket Campaign, the Symphony Derby and the Youth Concerts. Please call the chairman listed in your directory or you can go to our website [www.dallasymphonyleague.com](http://www.dallasymphonyleague.com) to find that information. They would love to hear from you.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays to each of you and your families. I look forward to seeing you all in this New Year!

**Sharon Walker**, DSOL President



## Standing Ovation

Special thanks to: Carmaleta Whiteley, Karen Dealy, Diane Brierley, Deborah Brown, Marsha French, Joyce Sanders, Kathy Penny, Giana DePaul, Nancy Labadie, Ramona Jones, Mary Jo Lincicome, Jana Shafer, Harriet Gibbs, Carol Ronchetti, Wendy Hanson, Dixie Marshall, Allison Hardin, Marion Moore, Mary Ann Hyde, Faye Gould, Dean Kadesky, Jo Anne McCullough, Jane Beard, Reggie Austin, Marilyn Hailey, Helen Roberts, Ida Louise Clark, Beth Averitt, C'leste Huck, Marguerite Plumbo, Dot Splawn, Florence Secrest, Sharon Barbee, Susan Hulick, Jaclyn Braddy, Jill Goldberg, Susan Vaughn, Patricia Armstrong, Anne Blomeyer, Melanie Evanko, Sandy Secor, Joanie Stephens, Valerie Kavanaugh, Beth Walthall, Paula Scofield, Kathrine Smithie, Sandy Watson, Marena Gault, Megan Meyercord, Barbara Averitt, Shelley Tims and her whole committee!

## DSOL Newsletter

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## RSVP to Board Meetings

RSVP to Board meetings to Linda Willis, [lcw0116@verizon.net](mailto:lcw0116@verizon.net) or call 214-469-3399.

## Directory Corrections or Additions

Please send these to **Nancy McThompson**, [NMcThompson@DalSym.com](mailto:NMcThompson@DalSym.com).

# In The News



## Prelude Music and Fashion

Pictured top left: Meyerson Lobby at the Prelude piano performance by DSOL member **Robin Green**.

## Debutante Events

Top Middle: **Sarah Esserman, Madeline Lewis, Janie Robertson** (Assembly President), **Elizabeth Ygartua, Channy Ronchetti** and **Carly Bender**.

Top Right: **Krystal Schlegel**

Lower Row Left: **Emilee Hefflefinger, Stephanie Dona** and **Meredith Perry**.

Lower Row Middle: **Joanne Haggar, Alicia Nicoud, Samantha Chavez** and **Franci Rooney**.

Lower Right: **Tracy Diers, Katie Lemon** and **Janie Bruyere**.

## NEWS & NOTES

Condolences to **Janie Paleschic** in the loss of her father **Peter Paleschic** and her mother-in-law, **Doris Taylor**; to **Dorothy Kennington** in the loss of her husband **David Kennington**; to the family of member **Catherine Elizabeth Brackbill**; to **Patsy Donosky** in the loss of husband **David Donosky**; to **Sydney Reid-Hedge** and her husband **Joel** on the death of Sydney's mother, **Mary Reid-Esch**.

Best wishes to **Missy** and hope for speedy recovery to husband **Dick Bauer**; Best wishes to **Susan Scullin** recovering from foot surgery; Congratulations to **Sharon Walker** in the birth of her first grandchild.

Please contact **Anne Blomeyer** with news and notes on the DSOL membership, 214-522-7386, [anniessong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anniessong@sbcglobal.net).

# Special Events

## Holiday Donation Ideas

Tis the Season to give generously. Please consider donations to the DSOL Debutante Ball In Honor Of current Debutantes, Honor guard members, committee members or DSOL members. A donation form can be found on the DSOL website.

Gifts and Tributes can be given as directed gifts to the Dallas Symphony Association Endowment, Janet S. Friedlander Competition for Young Strings, the "Music and Merit" Endowment Fund. Donations can be sent to: Dallas Symphony Association Tribute Gifts Program, 2301 Flora St., Schlegel Administrative Suites, Dallas 75201. For more information you can call **Christina Neuser**, DSA Endowment Campaign Coordinator, 214-871-4013 or **Reggie Austin**, DSOL Gifts and Tributes Chairman, 972-960-2238. You could also consider donating to the Red Violin Program or becoming a Stradivarius Patron of the DSO. Information on this can be found on the DSO website.

## Red Violin Program

The Red Violin Program was founded in 2008 to provide string instruments to students in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Young Strings Organization through the Innovators of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League. Children in the Young Strings program are provided with the sponsored instrument and receive lessons and performance opportunities. The Young Strings program of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra assists over 150 minority students from the Dallas area metroplex. Sponsorships are currently for three years, beginning from the date of the sponsorship. A one-

time payment is made, and benefits continue throughout the duration of three years. (This year will be the last opportunity for a three-year sponsorship; next fiscal year the sponsorship duration will be for two years only.) Sponsor benefits include a listing of the sponsor's name in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Playbill, and semi-annual reports including a biography of the current student as well as a history of the violin and former students. Sponsors will receive the Young Strings performance calendar, and are encouraged to attend selected concerts and receptions where the instrument is being played. An annual Red Violin Program Sponsor Party is held to recognize the sponsors and their generosity. In addition, a Red Violin Program Certificate will be given to sponsors upon full receipt of payment, along with a DVD copy of the film, The Red Violin.

Instruments range from the 1/4 Size for beginning students to fine instruments appropriate for the College Level. Sponsoring a Red Violin Program instrument is an investment that will not only benefit a young person with a much needed instrument, but will also provide the student with a great love of music and a lifelong appreciation for the Arts! Contact **Deanna Sanchez**, Program Chair, 940-390-0793 for more information or visit the DSO website to discover more about the Young Strings Program: <http://www.dallassymphony.com>.

## 21st Anniversary of Deck the Hall

On Saturday, December 12, 2009, join us for our 21st annual Deck the Hall children's holiday concert at the Meyerson Symphony Center! This wonderful

event for the whole family will feature a special Breakfast with Santa, lobby entertainment, pictures with Santa, and headline entertainment by Emmy award winning the **Biscuit Brothers** and the **Booker T. Washington High School Orchestra**. Approximately 2,000 children and adults are expected to attend. The Emcee is WFAA anchor **Shelly Slater**. Deck the Hall will be at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

Ticket Prices are Breakfast - \$50 adults, \$25 children under 10; Concert - \$15 - \$45. Attire for the event is Festive Holiday. Co-Chairs: are **DeeDee Bailey**, **Kristin Baker** and **Lindsey Harrison**. For information contact **Kristin Baker**, 214-208-8297. The proceeds of the event will benefit the Education and Community Engagement Programs of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.



Laura Liu and Concertmaster Emanuel Borok at the Prelude Luncheon.

# Prelude & Parties of Note



## An Evening with Jaap van Zweden

**Dee and Charles Wyly** hosted **Jaap van Zweden** and his wife **Aaltje** in their home for a cocktail buffet on November 28th. Jaap van Zweden is now in his second season as the Music Director of the DSO. Maestro van Zweden told about his experiences with the DSO and his passion and love of music.

This evening is part of the Parties of Note Series for the DSOL. On February 7, 2010 **Bruce Patti**, a violinist with the DSO since 1982 will perform An Evening of Heart Warming Strings. Lawry's Prime Rib Executive Chef **Matt Melton** will prepare and serve a buffet diner before the private concert in a Highland Park home. This event is limited to 70 guests and is \$100 per person. On March 10 Up Close and Classical will salute **Victor Marshall**. The cost for this event is \$60 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting **Kathy Penny**, 972-380-6511, or by e-mail, [k.penny@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.penny@sbcglobal.net). Parties of Note chairman is **Sharon Barbee**.



Top, Charles Wyly, Aaltje van Zweden, Dee Wyly and Jaap van Zweden at the Evening with Jaap van Zweden in their home. Center, Sharon Barbee, Chair of Parties of Note, Roberta Corbett, Doug Adams President of the DSO and Sharon Walker, DSOL President. Bottom, Chair Diane Brierly, Sharon Walker, DSOL President and Chair Karen Dealy at the Prelude Luncheon.

The Prelude Luncheon celebrated the Art of Music and Fashion. Honorary chair was **Geraldine 'Tincy Miller'**. Chairmen **Diane Brierley** and **Karen Dealy** chaired Prelude. A wonderful concert was performed by Emanuel Borok, Concertmaster of the DSO and Carolina Herrera of Highland Park Village provided the fashions.



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# C A L E N D A R

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## January 2010

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10 Program Tea, Northwood Club

22-March 6 Season Ticket Campaign