



DALLAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE

◆January◆February◆March 2008 Dallas Symphony Orchestra League

DSOL HOSTS THE 22ND DEBUTANTE BALL FEBRUARY 9TH

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Presentation Ball will celebrate its 22nd anniversary year in 2008. Honorary Chairman are **Mr. and Mrs. Baron Cass III**. Festivities began last June with an announcement of the debutantes at the historical downtown Neiman Marcus store. Forty-Seven lovely Dallas young ladies were introduced that evening.

The DSOL Debutante Ball Chairman is **Gay Rekerdres**. Co-Chairmen are: **Sue John**, Chairman of Underwriting; **Kathryn Barrett**, Administration Chairman, **Sharon Ballew**, Chairman of Ball Week Events, and **Mary Baldwin**, Social Chairman. If you would like an invitation, please contact **Dana Harkey** 214.739.3494, dana-harkey@gmail.com. Ticket prices begin at \$300. All donations may be made using the insert sheets in this newsletter. Please plan to buy tickets and sit at a table with other DSOL members.

The Holiday season began with a lovely Thanksgiving buffet dinner at the Meyerson graciously underwritten by **Bank of Texas** and **Eiseman Jewels** of Northpark.

In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, the Presentation Ball Committee members repeatedly devote their many talents to the enrichment of the Ball season. The proceeds from the ball benefit the numerous outreach and



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Left to right, **Mary Baldwin**, Social Co-Chairman; **Gay Rekerdres**, Presentation Chairman; **Kathryn Barrett**, Assistant Co-Chairman; **Sharon Ballew**, Ball Week Co-Chairman; and **Sue John**, Underwriting Co-Chairman. Center, **Deborah Brown**, DSOL President.

educational programs of the DSOL. Thank you to all who have chosen and will choose to support these important outreach efforts through your underwriting gifts to this event. The general underwriting contract and the "In Honor Of" contracts are in this newsletter. Please consider a donation. Direct any underwriting questions to Sue John, 214.526.0007 or sjo449@airmail.net.

A good way to honor Debutantes, Honor Guard members and committee members is through an "In Honor Of" Donation. These dedications will be printed in the Ball program.

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Junior Symphony Ball

Sandra Hipps and **Melissa Lambourn** are chairing the 50th Annual Junior Symphony Ball to be held on Saturday, January 26 at Eddie Deen's Ranch. It is special for the high school students from the metroplex, giving them a chance to learn about planning, organizing and executing a major fundraising event.

Jewel Ball in Austin

Miss Anne August Rekerdres, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Randall Rekerdres** was the Jewel Ball Representative this year. Her escort was **Quantan Todd Tobolka**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tobolka**.

DSOL Newsletter

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A Note From the President

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League's fourth annual Prelude Concert and Luncheon was held at the Meyerson Symphony Center on November 2. Event Chairman **Susan Walker** oversaw the direction of this year's event, "The Music and Magic of Vienna" which paid tribute to the sounds and sensations of Vienna at its best. **Kanell Lontos** served as Honorary Chair. Professional ballroom dancers enhanced the magic by performing the magnificently graceful Viennese Waltz with music by famous classical composers of Vienna. A delectable lunch followed in the spacious Meyerson lobby and was accented by a tableside fashion presentation by Escada. New Music Director-Designate **Jaap van Zweden** made a surprise appearance at the luncheon. Susan and her committee members provided a very memorable luncheon!

The Maestro van Zweden led the DSO in electrifying performances for two weekends with his own repertoire of dazzling moves. It was his first appearance since being named the DSO's future music director nine months ago, and the results had music critic **Scott Cantrell** proclaiming the orchestra was "absolutely transformed" and that the standing ovations were "barely adequate praise."

A new era has begun for the DSO! I look forward to supporting you in another outstanding year for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

Deborah Brown
DSOL President



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DSO Launches Annual Fund Drive

June 8, 2007, marked the launch of the Dallas Symphony Association's 2008 Annual Fund. With a goal of \$8.1 Million the Annual Fund campaign has gotten off to a terrific start under the leadership of this year's Development Chair, **Brad Todd**. The Annual Fund Campaign volunteer leadership, which is made up primarily of Board of Governors and League members, includes **Brad Todd, Gregg Ballew, Pat Reddy, Phil Drayer, Barbara Sypult, and Linda McFarland**. The strategies for the campaign include an increased focus on stewardship across all donor levels, rebuilding the corporate segment by building relationships with decision makers and aligning asks with the corporation's goals and needs, focusing on acquisition campaign for new major donors to the DSO, year-round telefunding campaign, and an expanded volunteer effort. To date, the campaign has raised 24% of its goal and is projected to reach 50% of the goal by January 1, 2008.



2008 Juanita Miller Concerto Competition January 12

The Juanita Miller Concerto Competition will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 12th in the Caruth Auditorium at SMU's Owen Art Center. In 1997, **Juanita** and **Henry S. Miller** provided the initial underwriting and subsequent gifts to fund this youth competition, which now bears her name. It was their dedication, vision, and generosity and devotion to music that led to the establishment of this statewide youth competition for outstanding high school musicians. In this twelfth year of hosting the competition, TASO continues to employ a professional approach for selecting the winners by choosing outstanding judges from across the country. **Harriett Gibbs** will host the judge's attending the competition. Contact Harriett, 214.528.4441, harriettgibbs@charter.net if you would like to help.

Program Teas

One of the DSOL favorite programs each year is hearing the outstanding new musicians of the Dallas Symphony. **Ellen Rose**, principal violinist of the orchestra and representative to our League, will MC this program so you can learn the background of the musicians and something about their personalities. It is always interesting to know more about the artists of the DSO and hope you will support them by attending the February 27th program and tea at the Edgemere. Come and bring a guest. Also, anyone interested in touring the newest part of the Edgemere is welcome to

take an escorted tour after the tea. Please notify us of a reservation change so the catering number can be adjusted. Thank you! Please RSVP to **Mrs. Michael E. Murphy, (Nancy)**, njmurphy@comcast.net, or call 972.473.8678.

Wells Fargo and Lone Star Park Announced as Sponsors of the 2008 Annual Dallas Symphony Derby

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Derby Committee, honorary chairmen **Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Potter** along with **Bernice G. Meyerson** are proud to announce Wells Fargo as the Title Sponsor and Lone Star Park as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2008 Wells Fargo Dallas Symphony Derby. DSOL Derby Chair **Jackie Boyd** welcomed Derby honorary chairmen, underwriters, sponsors and committee chairmen to the reception that officially kicked off the planning and arrangements for the 2008 Derby. The 2008 Wells Fargo Dallas Symphony Derby will take place on Sunday, April 13, at Lone Star Park. For over ten years, this event has raised funds enabling the Dallas Symphony Orchestra to support a variety of community engagement and educational programs such as the Cecil and Ida M. Green Youth Concert Series. Each year these concerts bring more than 40,000 DFW-area students to the Meyerson Symphony Center. Wells Fargo the Title Sponsor for a third consecutive year. Presenting Sponsor Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie has supported the Derby from its inception and will do so again in 2008.

Welcome New Members

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News & Notes

Our sympathy is extended to **Sandy Secor** on the loss of her father, **James R. Jones**, **Jaclyn Braddy** on the loss of her father-in-law, the family of **Nannette Hasty Davis** on her loss, **Anne Kniffen** on the loss of her husband **Bob Bruyere**, **Beth Walthall** on the loss of her father, **Archylou Dickie** on the loss of her son and **Anita Kelley** on the loss of her sister. Get well wishes are extended to **Mrytha Grossman's** husband **Arthur** in the hospital for several weeks, **Michelle Anderson** on her recent surgery and **Susan Vaughan's** husband **Bill** is still very ill. **Gay Rekerdres** is recovering from arthroscopic surgery, to **Nita Harkey** who is housebound and may start chemo soon, to **Rita Duncan** whose husband **James** is in the ICU, To **Roberta Corbett's** husband **Tom** who has had more surgery and to **Reggie Austin** who had day surgery. Please send information to **Julie Nelson**, Corresponding Secretary, julie.f.nelson@sbcglobal.net

16th Friedlander Competition

The DSOL Friedlander Competition for Young Strings will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the League in memory of DSO musician **Janet Friedlander**, the competition is dedicated to support the Young Strings program, and is open to Finale Division Young Strings students in good standing. The competition provides an opportunity for students to compete for scholarships to assist them in funding college tuition, summer study, or even the purchase of a new instrument.

Cash amounts of the prizes awarded through the competition will be \$100 for first prize, \$700 for second place and \$500 for third. The \$1000 Dr. **Eugene Bonelli** Scholarship will be awarded to the highest placing junior. Scholarships will be paid directly to

the appropriate institution at the direction of the student and their teacher. Small achievement awards for Overture Division students will also be awarded at the Spring Recital, based upon the recommendation of their teachers. **Susan Vaughan**, **Cindy Jishi**, and new Board Member **Susan Hulick** will chair the event.

Access Dallas Symphony

The Access Dallas Symphony committee is chaired by **Eleanor Casey**. Two tickets are offered to each concert for the visually impaired or blind person and a companion. Thanks to the committee, many visually impaired and blind people have had the joy of listening to the finest music performed at the Meyerson. If you can help call please volunteer your time by calling 972.233.1472 or e-mail eleanorcasey@aol.com.

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WELLS FARGO DALLAS SYMPHONY DERBY

Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie

Join the Eleventh Annual DERBY Celebration!

Clarice Tinsley, FOX 4 News - Celebrity Chairman

Mrs. Brudus Meyerson - Honorary Chairman

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Potter - Honorary Chairmen

Sunday, April 13, 2008

11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy an ongoing buffet, Thoroughbred racing and a live and silent auction with your family, friends, clients or employees in the beautiful Silks dining room overlooking the finish line.

Individual Tickets are \$150 and above. Tables are available for purchase.

For tickets or tables, contact Jackie Boyd Chairman, at 214.363.1878 or jboyd@lscgroup.net.



TACA Neiman Marcus Silver Cup Awards Luncheon

The TACA Neiman Marcus Silver Cup Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 6. This year's recipients are former Chairman and current Board of Governor **Brad Todd** and **Elaine Agather**, a past Debutante mom. They each have contributed so much to the DSO as well as in many other aspects of the community. Call **Nell Broughton** 214.526.7324 for information. Tickets start at \$100. The DSO is a recipient of TACA funds.

Youth Concerts

Last season the Dallas Symphony played 24 concerts for over 40,000 school children. League members were instrumental in seating them and ensuring that they had an enjoyable experience. Youth Concerts Chairman **Anne Bell** needs volunteers for each of the upcoming concert dates. Feb. 5, 6, 12, 19 and April 1, 2, 15, 16. The season started with a series of concerts featuring **Mary Preston** on the Lay Family organ, giving the students background information as well as an electrifying organ performance. Please call Anne Bell 972.233.7556 to volunteer, or e-mail her at jonahbell@aol.com,

The Recipe for Music (preK-2) includes Stravinsky's Firebird, Khatchaturian's Sabre Dance, and Gershwin's Cuban Overture. A "chef" mixes the ingredients of melody, rhythm, and harmony to produce the music will be presented February 5th, 6th and the 12th and 13th.. *I Am a Musician* (grades 3-6) Various musicians will introduce themselves and their instruments by playing favorite

pieces. Some of the extremely talented musicians from the DSO's Young Strings program will play with the orchestra. This program will be presented in April.

An important change this year is that the concerts each date will be at 10 and 11:30. We know that you will want to help us to build the future audience of the DSO.

Season Ticket Renewal Campaign

Dallas Symphony 2008-2009 Season Ticket Sales

For two weeks starting Feb 25 through March 1, a phone bank filled with volunteers from the from the Symphony League, the Innovators and the Junior Group will operate at the Meyerson. Once again volunteers for the Dallas Symphony Association have a unique opportunity to support its world class orchestra. This is a two- week project and already 26 people have signed up. More volunteers are needed so please contact **Susan Fisk** at 972.934.0754 or by email at Fisk4@aol.com or by FAX, 972.716.0076 to volunteer for one or more shifts. If you are unable to work an entire shift, you may volunteer for a partial shift of two hours or more. The DSO provides training, you are calling current subscribers, prizes are awarded, and there will be a very special pre-party for volunteers at the Valley House Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden located at 6616 Spring Valley Road. We have a lot of fun, so join us! Most important, we are providing a great service to the DSO: there are no paid telemarketers—just our callers who are true symphony supporters. Last year's campaign was very successful and greatly appreciated by the DSO.

Board Meetings

Please arrive for coffee by 10:00 a.m. so the meeting can start at 10:20 a.m.

Invitations or reminders will be mailed for Board meetings. The next board meeting is January 8th at 9441 Hollow Way. The meeting Hostess is **Mrs. Warren Katz**. The last Board Meeting will be held March 11th at 11332 Woodford, **Mrs. Michael Halloran** is the Hostess for this meeting.

Please RSVP to **Lynda Willis** lcw0116@verizon.net



Did You Know?

Meet the Musician: Mitta Angell. She joined the Dallas Symphony in 1965. She is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College with a double major in violin and piano. She taught piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music and violin at the Cleveland Music School Settlement. She has performed as a piano soloist with the Dallas Symphony, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, Fine Arts Chamber Players, Music in the Mountains in Durango, Colorado; and as a viola soloist with the Dallas Bach Society, Dallas Chamber Orchestra and Hubbard Chamber Music Series. In 2001 she was appointed Assistant Artistic Director of the Dallas Chamber Music Society. She often plays second keyboard with the DSO as well.

She was inspired by her parents to become musicians. She says, "I'm very lucky because I love playing in an orchestra. I can't think of anything I would rather do." Mitta also used to ride and show Arabian horses, but now she knits, reads and gardens.



1. Prelude Luncheon, **Deborah Brown**, DSOL President, **Jaap van Zweden**, Music Director Designate and **Kanell Lontos**, Honorary Luncheon Chair, and **Susan Walker**, Prelude Chair. 2. New Member Coffee, **Pam Brock**, **Cynthia Holloway** and **Teresa Clarke**. 3. Youth Concerts, **Sabrina Bell**, **Anne Bell** Chairman, and **Pauline Uloth**. 4. **Dan and RoseMary Gatlin**, DSOL President Elect at Parties of Note - Autumn Pipe Dreams. 5. Parties of Note- Autumn Pipedreams, **Kathryn Voreis**, **Barbara Bradfield**, and **Richard Voreis**. 6. Parties of Note at the Ritz Carleton, **Janet Nylund** and **Pat McLaughlin**.

DSOL website www.dallassymphonyleague.com.



Élan Circle Hosts Savor the Symphony March 29

Élan Circle's Savor the Symphony will be held on Saturday, March 29 at the Hotel Crescent Court. Title Sponsors are **Bickel & Brewer Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brewer III** and the **Hotel Crescent Court, A Rosewood Hotel**. Program sponsor is **Mrs. Faye C. Briggs. Jennifer Burns** is event Chairman.

Innovators Affaire de Champagne

The Innovators will hold their annual Affaire de Champagne on Thursday, January 31, a gala event hosted by the elegant City Club in downtown Dallas. The Affaire de Champagne will be a grand and musical evening raising funds for the Young Strings program. Tickets are \$65.00 with Patron Level \$125.00. For more event information, contact **Ken Flower**, Affaire Chair at 214.288.7739, or kennethjflower@gmail.com.

Parties of Note nearly sold out!

These events in exclusive private homes will seated an elegant dinner followed by a musical program. Parties of Note is Sponsored by **Bessemer Trust**. For reservations contact **Michelle Mew**, 4814 Purdue - Dallas TX 75209, mmew1111@aol.com, or 214.904.0611.

Hollywood Nights. On January 10, 2008 a special evening of cocktails, dinner and a performance of show tunes will take place in a very exclusive home located on Strait Lane. Our own Superpops Conductor, **Richard Kaufman** will be in attendance to introduce and tell about the music being played by pianist **Steven Harlos**. Don't miss this very interest-

ing peek into the Hollywood scene. Hollywood Nights is chaired by **Deborah Laza**. The cost is \$250 per person, Hollywood Chic/Cocktail Attire.

Up Close and Classical With Conductor Peter Oundjian. On Wednesday, February 20, join us in the wonderful home of **Mr. and Mrs. Phin Stubbs** for a special evening with conductor **Peter Oundjian**. A dynamic presence in the orchestral world, Mr. Oundjian continues to make his mark as one of today's most exciting faces on the conducting scene. The strong bond forged with the musicians and community of Toronto continues through his second season as Music Director of the Toronto Symphony. Join **Victor Marshall** and **Peter Oundjian** for this magical evening. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. followed by the program. **Wendy Hansen** and **Joanie Stephens** are Chairmen for the event. \$50 for DSOL members, \$100 for non DSOL members. Only a few spaces left!

A Night on the French Riviera. On April 17 guests will be invited to another wonderful home with gorgeous gardens and a bandshell! Join us for a beautiful spring evening starting with cocktails in the garden and around the pool, followed by a gourmet meal accompanied with fine wines. Chairmen, **Susan Scullin** and **Linda DeFee** have a wonderful evening planned for you at this elegant French style home. In addition, special musical entertainment will be provided. You will feel as if you are on the French Riviera for this special evening. \$250 per person, Cocktail Attire.

Gifts and Tribute Opportunities

Gifts can be made to the Janet S. Friedlander Competition for Young Strings, "Music and Merit" Endowment Fund, In Memory of, In Honor of, or for a special occasion. Please mail donations to the Dallas Symphony Association Tribute Gifts Program. Checks can be sent to **Reggie Austin**, 5665 Arapaho Road, #1815, Dallas 75248, or call 972.960.2238 for more information on gift and tribute opportunities.

Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon

Please join the DSOL Board members for a luncheon celebrating the Members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday, April 9, 2007 in the Opus Restaurant at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Secure your reservation by mailing a check in the amount of \$35.00 to: **Michelle Mew**, 4814 Purdue, Dallas, Texas, 75209, or 214.904.0755 for more information



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January 2008

- 8 **Board Meeting**
Home of Mrs. Warren Katz
9441 Hollow Way (*Mapsco 25N*)
- 12 **Juanita Miller Concerto Competition**
- 26 **Junior Symphony Ball**, Eddie Deen's Ranch

February 2008

- 5-6 **DSO Youth Concerts**
- 9 **Symphony League Presentation Ball**
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center
- 12,19 **DSO Youth Concerts**
- 27 **General Membership Meeting**
Outstanding Musicians of the DSO
Edgemere (*Mapsco 25U*)
Program: 1:30 p.m.
- 25-31 **Volunteer Season Ticket Campaign**

March 2008

- 3-8 **Volunteer Season Ticket Campaign**
- 6 **TACA Neiman Marcus Silver Cup Awards Luncheon**
- 8 **Friedlander Competition for Young Strings**
- 11 **Board Meeting**
Mrs. Michael Halloran
11332 Woodford (*Mapsco 24L*)

April 2008

- 1-2 **DSO Youth Concerts**
- 13 Wells Fargo/DSO Derby, Lone Star Park
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Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas
Brook Hollow Golf Club (*Mapsco 33L*)
Program: 1:30 p.m.
- 15,16 **DSO Youth Concerts**