

DSOL

Dallas Symphony Orchestra League

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Dallas Symphony 2008-2009 Season Ticket Sales

Beginning Monday, February 23, 2009 DSOL volunteers will join with other Symphony volunteers to call for season ticket renewals. This is a two-week project and we need volunteers to call, to donate items for our daily door prizes, or to provide snacks each day.

Last year more than 60 volunteers helped the Season Ticket Campaign raise \$1.3 million in renewals. Contact **Susan Fisk** to volunteer, 972.934.0754 or email Fisk4@aol.com, or FAX 972.716.0076 to volunteer for one or more shifts. The DSO staff provides training, you are calling current subscribers, significant prizes are awarded to those making the most renewals, and there will be a very special pre-party for volunteers. 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. And we have fun, so please join us! Season ticket dates are Monday, February 23 through Saturday, Saturday, February 28 and Monday, March 2 through Saturday, March 7.

Workers come to the Meyerson for morning and early evening shifts, and times and commitments are flexible.

Musician Luncheon Volunteers Needed

We are calling for volunteers to serve lunch with **Lisa Laughlin** to our DSO musicians on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Details will follow, but we need about 4 or 5 ladies to help. This is a small and excellent way to make a difference to our musicians and to become more involved in the League. Please contact **Lisa Laughlin**, lilaughlin@yahoo.com, or call 214.369.8418 to volunteer.

Free Parking at One Arts Plaza

One Arts Plaza is running a shuttle from One Arts through the Arts District (making a stop in front of the Meyerson). It runs Thursday – Saturday from 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. (except December 25th). The shuttle picks up just east of the 7-eleven at One Arts Plaza and drops off in front of the Meyerson. The dates that the shuttle runs change month to month, but a schedule and some details are available at www.oneartsplaza.com. Parking at One Arts is \$4 for valet and \$2 for self parking. One Arts Plaza would love to hear any feedback that you get from patrons, so

please pass any comments to **Martha Hinojosa** at mhinojosa@billingsleyco.com.

Parties of Note Success

The Up Close and Classical "An Evening with Mort Meyerson", held at **Faye Brigg's** beautiful home, was a fabulous success with over 80 in attendance. The festive Fall inspired dinner prepared by the Up Close and Classical chefs was outstanding, as were Mr. Meyerson's personal insights about the building of the Meyerson. What a fabulous evening! Thanks to **Kathy Cothrum**, Party Chair, and **Sharon Walker**, Parties of Note Chair, for a terrific job.

Historic Swiss Avenue

The Innovators of the DSOL invite you to celebrate the season with us in a private home on Historic Swiss Avenue on Thursday, December 18, 2008 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an elegant evening with festive food, champagne and wine, and friendship.

Cost is \$35.00 for both members and guests. For more details or to RSVP contact Tina Hurley at 214-651-5299 or by email at tina.hurley@haynesboone.com or visit www.dsolinnovators.com

From the President

With the cooling temperatures and the gorgeous Fall colors, I hope this finds each of you enjoying this beautiful season in Dallas. We have so much to be thankful for living in this vibrant city where the Arts are abounding despite the difficulties our nation is experiencing. I was so happy to read in **Robert Miller's** column in the Dallas Morning News that **Tincy Miller** and **Hal Brierley** have been named recipients of this year's TACA Award. But even more thrilled, as they both have been involved for so many years in the Dallas Symphony Association. Tincy actually started our largest fundraiser, the Presentation Ball, and Hal currently is serving as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the DSA. How commendable are they and our great Dallas Symphony!

The fiscal year seems to have a tremendous pair of wings, as time is flying!. We have had two wonderful Board of Directors' Meetings planned by our Board Meeting Chairman, **Roberta Corbett** and Day Chairmen, **Pam Brock** and **Sandy Petruska**. **Sharon Barbee**, Vice President of Arrangements, **Kay Weeks**, Tea Chairman, and **Nancy Bierman**, Day Chairman, planned and executed a beautiful Joint General Membership Meeting of the DSOL and Elan Circle November 12, and no one was disappointed with the first time ever "up close" program with **Maestro Jaap van Zweden** and **Victor Marshall** diligently organized by Program Chairman, **Gloria Stroud**.

Our first Parties of Note, "Taste of Texas", under the direction of Parties of Note Chairman, **Sharon Walker**, and her Co-Chairmen, **Pat McLaughlin**, **Dixie Marshall** and **Gail Vesladahl**, was a giant success with over seventy in attendance at **Charlotte Kimberlin's** unique Texas-style home. **Wendy Hansen**, with the assistance of **Susan Scullin**, entertained over forty new members at the New Member - New Member Referral Luncheon in the Hansen's beautiful home with a terrace luncheon. All of the Executive Board were on hand to welcome the new members and present the Orientation Program.

Our second Parties of Note, the Prelude Concert Luncheon and Fashion Presentation by **Terri Ives**, chaired by **Joanie Stephens**, was also a great success with over 150 in attendance. **Bobby Gonzales'** violin performance was stellar, and the fashion presentation with sixteen League members that modeled Terri's equisite designs was quite a fan pleaser. The third Parties of Note, chaired by **Kathy Cothrum**, was an Up Close & Classical evening with **Mort Meyerson** held in **Faye Brigg's** beautiful home with over eighty in attendance. Mr. Meyerson gave an intriguing presentation of his personal insights during the building of our great symphony hall.

We have also had our first series of the Cecil and Ida Green Youth Concerts entitled "The Beat Goes On" with over 15,000 children attending. **Annell Williams** and **Kathryn Barrett** are doing a great job. What an extraordinary service to our community!

The Presentation Ball is proceeding beautifully under the direction of Chairman **Kristina Whitcomb**. The traditional Thanksgiving Party at the Meyerson with the presentation of the forty-six gorgeous debts was a delightful evening for all and the upcoming holiday parties are highly anticipated. The Wells Fargo Symphony Derby, chaired by **Marena Gault**, had its successful Announcement Party at Go Fish. And, the fifty-first Junior Symphony Ball, chaired by **Leslie Melson** and **Adrienne Strodel**, is in full swing with this event scheduled for January 31st at Eddie Dean's.

I have so many gracious members to thank for getting this 2008-2009 year off to a great start. Several are past presidents such as **Sharon Ballew**, **Deborah Brown**, **Harriett Gibbs**, and **Heather Moore**. Their leadership advice has been invaluable. And, **Nancy McThompson**, Director of Volunteers Services, and her new Assistant, **Kerry Stevens**, have provided a firm foundation for leading this League of talented women. I only hope that I have the opportunity to let each of you know personally how much I appreciate what you have done to make this year such a delight.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Rosie Gatlin
DSOL President





In The News

Top, **Nancy McThompson**, DSO Director of Volunteer Services; **Joanie Stephens**, 2008 Prelude Concert and Luncheon Chairman; **Linda DeFee**, Fashion Show Liasion; and **Sharon Walker**, DSOL President-Elect. Left, **Rosemary Gatlin** DSOL President with **Dan Gatlin** at "A Taste of Texas" Party of Note; Botton left, **Missy Bauer**, 5th Vice President of Membership; Susan Scullin, New Member Luncheon Party Chair and **Wendy Hansen**, Home Hostess.





Top left, Guests at the “Taste of Texas”, **Nancy Shamburger, Will Cureton and Pam Brock**. Top Right, “Taste of Texas” Party Chairmen, **Pat McLaughlin, Dixie Marshall and Gail Vesledahl**. Left, New Members of the DSOL **Carol Aberle, Susan Griffin and Susan Hall** at the Luncheon hosted by **Wendy Hansen**. Bottom left, New Members **Marilyn Halla, Frances Howie and Ann Blomeyer**, DSOL Treasurer. Bottom Right, Park Cities Prime Chef **Alex Aguilar** with **Charlotte Kimberlin**, “Taste of Texas” Party Hostess.



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C A L E N D A R

December 2008

Saturday, Dec. 13

Deck the Hall

Holiday Concert for youth, Elan Circle
Meyerson Symphony Center

Monday, Dec. 15

Newsletter Deadline

January 2009

Sunday, Jan. 11

Salon Series with Gary Levinson DSO

Tuesday, Jan. 13

DSOL Board Meeting, 4914 Brookview (75220)

Saturday, Jan. 17

Juanita Miller Concerto Competition

Thursday, Jan. 29

Affaire De Champagne, Innovators

Saturday, Jan. 31

Junior Symphony Ball, Eddie Deen's Ranch

February 2009

Saturday, Feb. 7

2009 DSOL Debutante Presentation Ball

Meyerson Symphony Center

Sunday, Feb. 8

Salon Series with Gary Levinson DSO

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Outstanding New Musicians of the DSO, Park Cities Hilton

Feb. 23-28

Volunteer Season Ticket Campaign

March 2009

March 2-7

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Friday, March 7

Friedlander Competition

Friday, March 7

Neiman Marcus-TACA Silver Cup Awards Luncheon

DSOL Gift Ideas

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. Please contact **Shelley Mason** at 6584 Axton Lane, Dallas, 75214, Phone: 469-855-1473, Email: shelleyma@twpc.com for a form. Tribute Gifts in Memory Of and In Honor Of may be made by sending the form on page 171 of your yearbook to Dallas Symphony Association Tribute Gifts Program, 2301 Flora St., Schelgel Administrative Suites, Dallas, TX 75201 or call **Reggie Austin** DSOL Gifts and Tribute Chairman, 972-960-2238 for information.

News & Notes

Congratulations to **Gina Hebner** on her recent marriage to **Stephen D. Burau**, to **E.V. Liland** on her marriage to **Dr. Scott Davidson**, and Condolences to **Susan Vaughan** on the loss of her beloved husband, **William**. Condolences also to **Betty Secker** on the loss of her husband, **Fred**. Get well wishes to **Mary Beth Bel**, past DSOL member. Please contact **Nancy Bierman**, nsbierman@sbcglobal.net with information.

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