

DSOL

Dallas Symphony Orchestra League

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DSOL Hosted 23rd Debutante Ball February 7th

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Presentation Ball celebrated its 23rd anniversary year in 2009. Honorary Chairman were **Mr. and Mrs. David Donosky**. Festivities began last June with an announcement of the debutantes at the historical downtown Neiman Marcus store. Forty-six lovely Dallas young ladies were introduced that evening.

The DSOL Debutante Ball Chairman was **Kristina Bush Whitcomb**, Co-Chairmen were: **Shelley Mason**, Underwriting Chairman; **Bunny Cotten**, Merchandise Chairman, **Susan Tucker, MD**, Ball Week Events Chairman, **Sandy Smith**, Summer Social Chairman, and **Ginger Sager**, Fall Social Chairman. The proceeds from the ball benefit the numerous outreach and educational programs of the DSOL. Thank you to all who have chosen to support these important outreach efforts through your underwriting gifts to this event.

Mark Your Calendars and Get Ready To Shop!

The DSOL has received a special honor and opportunity this year. The stores at Highland Park Village along with D Magazine have selected us to be the sole beneficiary of their jointly spon-



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2009 Debutante Ball Co-chairmen, *Susan Tucker, MD, Shelley Mason, Bunny Cotten*, Chairman *Kristina Whitcomb*, DSOL President *Rosemary Gatlin* and *Ginger Sager*. Not pictured is *Sandy Smith*.

sored event -- Shop for the Symphony! On March 28, 2009 between noon and 6 p.m. a portion of all sales at Highland Park Village stores will be donated to the League. Our own DSO musicians and Young String players will be present to entertain shoppers and remind us all why we're there -- to raise money to keep the music

playing. So mark your calendar for March 28. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to *Shop for the Symphony at Highland Park Village*. Can't attend but would still like to donate? Go to the League's website (www.dallassymphonyleague.com), find the Shop for the Symphony article and press "click here to make your donation final".

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting:

March 10, 10856 Strait Lane Circle
RSVP to Lynda Willis, lcw0116@verizon.net

Program Tea and General Meeting

April 15, 2009

Chee-Yun Kim, Violinist

Northwood Golf Club, Program starts 1:30 p.m.

From the President

Happy New Year to all of you wonderful DSO League members!

As we begin this new year of 2009, it is obvious the blessings that abound. Even with the difficult economic challenges, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League continues to thrive. All so apparent with the quick pace that began immediately in January with a record attendance at the Board Meeting hosted by **Mrs. Richard Stafford** at her beautiful home on Brookview. **Roberta Corbett**, Board Meeting Chair, and **Becky Todd**, Day Chair, did an outstanding job. And, then the Valentine's General Membership Meeting, chaired by **Kay Weeks**, at the Park Cities Hilton, again, was so well attended. Program Chairman **Gloria Stroud** and her assistant **Lynn Hill** had a most interesting and entertaining program while presenting **Ellen Rose** with an award for her 18 years of dedicated service. Many thanks to the entire Board and General Membership for such outstanding support at the foundation level of our organization.

January was also a busy month for the fundraising events. The Presentation Ball with **Kristina Whitcomb** as Chairman was at the height of its preparation working toward the final Week of the Ball, chaired by **Susan Tucker, MD**. Congratulations to Kristina and Susan as well as the other Ball Co-Chairman, **Bunny Cotten, Shelley Mason, Ginger Sager**, and **Sandy Smith** for a flawless and fabulous event held February 7 in the Meyerson with forty-five beautiful debutantes making their bows. A special thank you to Assembly Officers, **Channing Cass, Caroline Krause** and **Janie Robertson** along, with Honor Guard President, **Brad Voreis** for the outstanding leadership of their organizations and the contributions to this year's Presentation Ball.

Also, January was a busy month for the 51st Junior Symphony Ball with **Leslie Melson** and **Adrienne Strodel**, leading their committee of mothers as well as teenagers with a "sold-out" event of 1600 at "Texas on My Mind" held at Eddie Dean's on January 31. A giant thank you to Leslie and Adrienne and to the other hundred plus parents that chaperoned this seventeen-school event.

And, Parties of Note continued with a new event, the Salon Series with our own **Gary Levinson** playing the DSO's Stradivarius. Thanks to Chairman **Sharon Walker**, Salon Series Chairman **Nancy Labadie** and the outstanding committee that cooks for the Up Close and Classical evenings for these two unique, delightful evenings.

The Texas Association of Symphony Orchestras held its Board Meeting in Dallas in January and hosted the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition. A special thanks to **Kathryn Voreis** who served as our DSOL Chairman for this competition and to **Heather Moore** and **Deborah Brown** for their outstanding contributions. And, the Cecil and Ida Green Youth Concert Series, chaired by **Annell Williams** and **Kathryn Barrett**, had four wonderful concerts, "Clowning Around with the Symphony", during February. A giant thank you to all of you who volunteered as ushers!

I feel extraordinarily blessed having the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of talented women. There are so many of you working behind the scenes to expedite these enormous projects this organization accomplishes. I want all of you to know that you are truly appreciated. It is your outstanding commitment that makes the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League so strong that even a bleak economy has little effect. And finally, I would err greatly if I did not mention **Nancy McThompson** and **Kerry Stevens** and the unending support provided by their dedication to our efforts.

With heartfelt gratitude and extreme excitement for finishing this year on a high note,

Rosie Gatlin, DSOL President



Wells Fargo Symphony Derby

The Wells Fargo Dallas Symphony Derby at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie is rounding the corner toward the Sunday, April 26 finish line. If you have an Auction item, contact Arrangements Chairman **Becky Renard**, or e-mail her at BeckyRenard@BeckyRenard.com or Derby Chairman **Marena Gault** at MarenaG@sbcglobal.net. So, run like the wind to enter the 2009 Derby race! Honorary Derby Chairs are **Dr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Moore. Heather Moore** is a past DSOL President, current President of AMSOV and is the Symphony Assembly Liaison.

Remembering the Symphony in your Estate Planning

For the past twenty years, the Hans Kreissig Society has recognized supporters who have made an estate gift to ensure the Symphony's artistic excellence and community. Initiatives continue into the future. We invite you to join your friends and include the Symphony in your plans through a gift to The Dallas Symphony Foundation.

These gifts are essential to building a strong endowment (with nearly 100 permanent named funds) that generates income to complement ticket sales and annual contributions. The Dallas Symphony Foundation, established in 1976 as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, manages the Endowment. The Foundation's board of directors sets and reviews the policies for investing and managing the funds to provide income

and fortify the Orchestra's financial security. We are happy to discuss the tax advantages of planned gifts and/or assist you and your advisors in any way possible. Please contact **Christopher Minnes**, Director of Endowment and Planned Giving, at 214-871-4079 or c.minnes@dalsym.com.

Bylaws change

This Bylaws change was approved by the DSOL membership on January 13, 2009. The current

sentence in bylaws Article V Section 2 will be changed FROM: The League shall pay the airfare, lodging and the registration fee to national and state symphony conferences for the President and the President Elect.

Change TO:

"The League shall pay transportation, lodging and the registration fee to symphony conferences for the outgoing President as of May 31st, President as of June 1st and the President elect as of June 1st."

Pull on your Boots and Scoot on Over to
Horchow Hall in
The Meyerson Symphony Center
for a
Bar B Que Lunch honoring
The beloved musicians of the
Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
12:30 p.m.

\$15 per person
Please mail checks payable to DSOL to:
Lisa Laughlin
7502 Villanova, Dallas, Texas 75225

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to **Gina and Steve Burau** on their new daughter. Get well wishes to **Sharon Popham**. Condolences to the family of **Charles Seay**, and to **Susan and Blakely Hull** on the loss of her husband and Blakely's father **Dick**. Blakely was a 2009 DSOL Debutante.

Please contact **Nancy Bierman** with news and notes on the DSOL membership, 214.357.6401, nsbierman@sbcglobal.net.

DSO Musician Spotlight, Ellen Rose

Ellen Rose joined the Dallas Symphony Orchestra as principal violist in 1980. A graduate of The Juilliard School, Rose has performed with Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman and Yo-Yo Ma in chamber concerts and has appeared as a soloist in South America. She served on the Aspen Music Festival faculty from 1989-2002 and currently teaches at Southern Methodist University. Rose can be heard on two CDs on the Centaur Records label. She has given master classes at The Juilliard School, Cleveland Institute of Music and The Manhattan School of Music. She has written two books: "Viola Excerpts Plus" and "Extreme Viola". She is a recipient of the Aspen and Tanglewood Fellowships and a Juilliard School Naumberg Award in viola. She also works with Children's Medical Center of Dallas to help raise money for the children's cancer unit.

The Red Violin Program

The Red Violin Program was established on September 25, 2008 to assist the Young Strings Organization of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Through the Innovators of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League (DSOL), the Red Violin Program provides sponsored instruments for Young Strings students.

Sponsorships are 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. Sponsor benefits include a listing of the sponsor's name in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Playbill, naming rights of the violin

(for example, "The Laura B. Park Violin"), 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, including the Innovators' Behind the Scenes concerts, which feature a Young Strings student performance.

Instruments sponsored remain the property of and are insured by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. 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. For more information or questions, please contact: **Deanna Sanchez**, Program Chair, 940-390-0793, Sanchez_deanna2@hotmail.com.

13th Annual Juanita Miller Concerto Competition

The 13th annual Juanita Miller was held in Dallas on January 17th at SMU's Caruth Auditorium. TASO hosted the competition for 33 contestants throughout Texas. The first place winners were **Sahun Hong**, Piano Division; **Laura Liu**, Strings Division (violin); and **Eric Choi**, Winds Division (alto saxophone). The Grand Prize was awarded to **Sahun Hong** who is an accomplished 14 year old from Ft. Worth. His performance piece was Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, I. Allegro con brio by Beethoven.

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 dedi-

cation, 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. **Kathryn Voreis** served as our DSOL Chairman for this competition

Season Ticket Campaign

For two weeks starting Feb 23 through March 7, 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 more volunteers are needed so please contact **Susan Fisk** at 972.934.0754 or by email at Fisk4@aol.com or by FAX, 972-71-0076 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 We have a lot of fun, so join us! More importantly, you are providing a great service to the DSO. In addition to bringing in \$1.3 million in subscriptions last year, our callers raised an additional \$46,000 for the Association's Annual Fund campaign. There are no paid telemarketers, just our callers -- true symphony supporters who save the DSA \$350,000.

CALENDAR

February 2009

Feb. 23-28

Volunteer Season Ticket Campaign

March

March 2-7

Volunteer Season Ticket Campaign

March 3

Shop for the Symphony, Highland Park Village, kick-off party

March 6

Neiman Marcus-TACA Silver Cup Awards Luncheon, Hilton Anatole

March 7

Friedlander Competition

March 10

Board Meeting, 10856 Strait Lane Circle

March 28

Shop for the Symphony, Highland Park Village

April

April 1

Parties of Note, Magical Musical Tour

April 1

Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon, Meyerson

April 8-9; 14; 28

Youth Concerts

April 15

Program Tea, Northwood Club

April 16-19

TASO Conference, Abilene

April 25

Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition, Caruth Auditorium

April 26

Wells Fargo Dallas Symphony Derby at Lone Star Park

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Shop for the Symphony

Saturday, March 28, 2009
12 to 6 p.m.

HIGHLAND PARK VILLAGE

{ An all-day shopping event benefiting
The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League }

HIGHLAND PARK VILLAGE
www.hpvillage.com

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In The News



Top left, **Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Moore**, Honorary Dallas Symphony Wells Fargo Derby Chairmen with **Doug Adams**, President of the Dallas Symphony.

Left, **Rose Mary Gatlin**, DSOL President with **Janet Medlin**, homeowner and **Nancy Labadie**, Event Chairman for the Salon Series at the concert in the Medlin home.



Bottom left: **Rose Mary Gatlin**, DSOL President with **Kristina Whitcomb**, 2009 DSOL Debutante Ball Chairman at the mother-daughter luncheon at the Adolphus.

Top left, **Gloria Stroud** with **Ellen Rose**, DSO Principal Violist.

Top right, **Linda DeFee**, Wealth Management Consultant with Wells Fargo; **Steve Burau** and **Gina Burau**, Derby Auction Committee member and former Derby Chairman.

Middle right, **Marena Gault**, 2009 Derby Chairman, with husband **Roger Gault**.

Far right, **Robin Green** with **Nancy McThompson**, DSO Director of Volunteer Services.

Bottom right, **Deborah Brown** with **Kay** and **Peter Weeks** at the DSO Wells Fargo Derby Kick-off party.



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Volunteer

Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.

Our DSA volunteer organizations are the envy of many orchestra communities. "How do you accomplish all that you do?" is a question I'm asked at almost every conference I attend. My answer is always the same, "We have a collective vision of what we want our organization to achieve and we have volunteers willing to do whatever is necessary to make that vision a reality."

Central to achieving what we do is, of course, our volunteer leadership. Each year many of you volunteer to serve as an officer, chair an event or work on a committee.

We appreciate each and every one of you who do so and we want to do everything possible to make sure you have the resources to succeed. Towards that end, we are planning a Leadership Development session this Spring.

Whether you have already committed to a leadership position in the League this year or are just thinking about doing so at some point in the future, we invite you to be part of this Leadership session. You will hear more about each of our volunteer organizations, what their visions for the future are and how they plan to achieve them. In addition, members of the DSO staff will introduce themselves, explain what they do and how they and their departments can assist each of you with your fundraising, service or education projects. Staff and volunteer leaders will be present to

answer any questions you might have and tell you about the various conference opportunities available through your volunteer organization. Our session will conclude with a tour of the Meyerson followed by a networking opportunity where you can enjoy refreshments as you connect with other DSA volunteers.

If you have already committed to a leadership position in the League for next year, you will automatically receive an invitation to this session. If you have not yet committed to a leadership position for next year but would like to hear more about how your interests and skills might fit in the League's goals this year or in the future, please contact **Nancy McThompson** at 214.871.4004.



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