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WSL Newsletter

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER - JANUARY

WSL SCHOLARSHIP

President's Letter

Fall is finally here and the WSL has already been hard at work supporting the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and local musicians! I am so proud of our efforts "Scaling New Heights"!

WSL was a sponsor for the ETSO's first concert, "Rocking to the Classics", which featured our Symphony playing with the Stanley All Star Band. Everyone in attendance agreed it was one of the most entertaining and unique concerts ever performed in Tyler.

Our first meeting was held at the lovely home of Laura Young, and featured Richard Lee, ETSO's Music Director, telling us of the concert season ahead. Our Ball Chairs, Laurie Ann Frank and Meredith Roberts, unveiled their theme for the 2017 Symphony Ball "Waltzing Through Wonderland." The imaginative, whimsical theme gives us a preview to the festivities that they are planning. It promises to be one of the most exciting and entertaining evenings of 2017! Be sure to reserve March 3rd on your calendar and join us!



By the time you receive this, we will have had an evening together at our Fall, FRESH & Friends gathering on the Fresh Patio enjoying this weather! Thanks to our chair, Heather Zimmerman, and her committee in planning this great event!

Our website continues to take shape thanks to the concerted efforts of Leigh Ann Bugg, Jill Campbell, and Barbara Powers. As is the case with many new

endeavors, this project has proven to be more involved than originally planned, and therefore, we are behind on mailing printed Handbooks to those who requested. Please bear with us as we learn to fully access all its features.

I hope, by now, everyone has attempted to log on and access the website. Online, the Handbook is available, as well as important reminders of upcoming dates of interest, and information regarding Junior Symphony League. We will have a printed copy of the WSL Handbook at all WSL events and would appreciate if you take a moment to insure your information is correct and complete. Please let us know if we need to make corrections or updates. We appreciate your patience as we perfect this wonderful new tool for the WSL!

Thank you for your support of the WSL. Keeping the music playing strengthens Tyler and the greater East Texas community! We truly are "Scaling New Heights"!

With Best Regards,
Beth Whitney
2016-2017 WSL President



The September Symphony Orchestra Concert brought new excitement to Junior Symphony League as the returning senior JSL members were joined by the new junior JSL members to serve together as greeters and ushers at the Cowan Center. The cheerful presence of JSL members always enhances the evening as the symphony patrons enjoy their concert experience.

Many thanks to Suzanne Perkins and Tammy Conflitti (senior JSL coordinators), as well as Lynda Evans and Belle Thomas (junior JSL coordina-



tors), for keeping the JSL members organized and prepared to serve. JSL members are also serving as greeters and ushers for the East Texas Youth Orchestra this season. The first ETYO concert is November 6th, and JSL will be present to help.

Monster Bowl is JSL's annual fundraiser, and it is always an evening of great fun with new

and old friends.

THANK YOU to the Monster Bowl committee with Chalease Denson, Terri Jennings, and Michelle Melton serving as chairs for the event. Also, THANK YOU

to all who made donations to the event to make the night a success.

Donations are still being accepted if you would like to make one now! Please make checks to JSL with Monster Bowl in the memo, and mail it to PO Box 6823, Tyler, 75711. All funds are donated to ETYO and Music Education.

~Sandy Baugh,
2016-2017 VP JSL



Welcome New Members!

We had our New Member Orientation at Hollytree Country Club on September 23rd. If anyone has any questions, or was not able to attend, please contact me for more information about involvement requirements and benefits!
(Email: jeradee@me.com, or by phone: 903-520-4897)

~Jeradee Zips, New Member Liaison

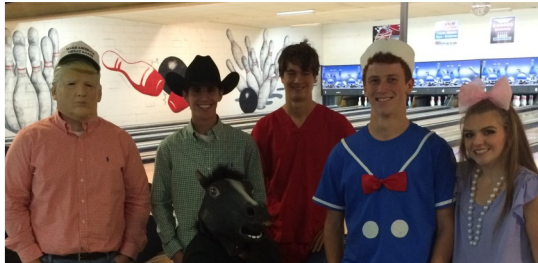
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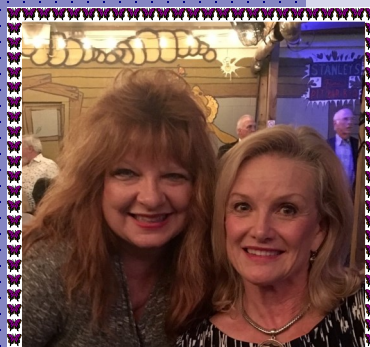
Current Actives: 277

New Actives: 53

Associates: 114

Leigh Ann Bugg (Membership VP) would also like to thank those New Actives who have already completed their required service on the Symphony Concert Host Committee! It is a neat privilege to serve these musicians through this effort; thank you for keeping them nourished so they can nourish our souls with their gift of music!





Save the Date!



“Spring into Style”
join us for
a WSL Spring Style Show
April 4, 2017
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Heavy Hors D’oeuvres Wine and Beer
La Piazza Shopping Center
Tickets \$50/person
Melinda Bates and Sherri Caton, co-chairs



UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

QUEEN OF HEARTS

\$10,000 AND UP

10 Ball Tickets
Full Page Photo in Ball Program
Ball Program Recognition
5 x 7 Ball Evening Photograph
Name Listed in Invitation

ALICE

\$5,000 AND UP

8 Ball Tickets
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\$3,000 AND UP

6 Ball Tickets
Ball Program Recognition
5 x 7 Ball Evening Photograph

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\$1,500 AND UP

4 Ball Tickets
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\$750 AND UP

2 Ball Tickets
Ball Program Recognition

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1 Ball Ticket
Ball Program Recognition

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\$3000

PHOTOBOOTH (2) (2-SOLD!)

\$3000 ea

SILENT AUCTION BID SHEETS

\$2500

DESSERT / COFFEE BAR

\$2500

SENIOR GIFTS

\$2500

CANDY BAR (SOLD!)

\$2000

KARAOKE (SOLD!)

\$2000

JSL FLOWERS - GIRLS (SOLD!)

\$1500

VALET PARKING (SOLD!)

\$1500

JSL MOM & DAD FLOWERS

\$1000

SECURITY

\$1000

All sponsorships receive same benefits as underwriting levels with the addition of prominently placed sign recognition the evening of the Ball. Items in red denote opportunities for Corporate Logos on printed materials.

Mark Your Calendar: WSL Ball 3/3/17





Fund Development Notes:

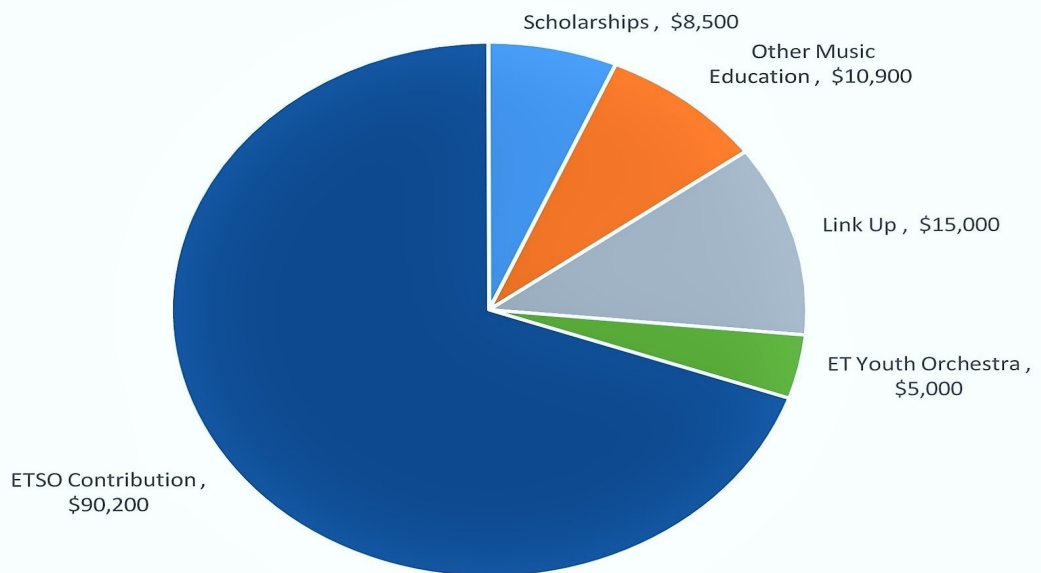
We have evaluated how WSL funds are used, as well as how we raise them. I wanted to share this chart with you (thanks to Stan Frank) to help you see a visual picture of where all the money goes. This helps drive home how important sponsorships, attendance at fundraisers, and involving friends becomes for events. Together, we make a great impact on our community! The dues we pay into WSL for membership are used as operating budget only; we do not use funds raised for administrative expenses. This is amazing: we give away all we raise! We have put together three diverse fund raising events that are sure to appeal to all: casual dining at our **Fall, FRESH & Friends**, dancing the night away at **The Ball**, or seeing the latest fashions come down the runway at the **Spring Style Show!** Hope to see you there!

~Catherine Harrison, VP fund development

A note from our VP of Finance, Kim

Park:

Please notate the WSL member name on all payments as to prevent unnecessary time figuring out which member's account to credit!



The purpose of the WSL is to provide major funding for the ETSO and to promote musical education and arts appreciation in the greater East Texas area. All net proceeds from the annual WSL Ball are in support of these endeavors. It takes approximately \$60,000 to place the ETSO on stage at Cowan Center for a performance. Last year, the WSL contributed over \$129,000 to the ETSO programming. The WSL also provides major support for the Tyler Youth Orchestra, the Jazz Spectacular and Family Concert at Liberty Hall, and the Link Up Concert. Additionally over \$8,000 in musical scholarships were awarded last year to deserving young musicians. We appreciate your serious consideration of this important endeavor! Please join us in helping keep the music playing for all!

ETSO Events

The 2016/2017 Subscription Series continues on November 12 with **2016 Grammy® Award winning violinist Augustin Hadelich**. Considered one of the greatest violinists performing today, Hadelich will play music of Mozart. Also on the program, work by Mozart's musical rival, Antonio Salieri, and the rarely heard, but powerful Fourth Symphony of Beethoven. The concert is at 7:30 pm at the UT Tyler Cowan Center. Tickets start at \$15 and are available online (visit ETSO.org) or by calling 903-566-7424.



The following weekend, the ETSO presents the **2016 Jazz Spectacular at Liberty Hall**. This annual collaboration with Tyler Junior College features the TJC Jazz Band and a special guest artist. The 2016 guest is acclaimed trumpeter Allen Vizzutti. The Jazz Spectacular includes masterclasses with Vizzutti on November 17 and 18, and a public concert on **Saturday, September 19, at 7:30 pm at Liberty Hall**. This will be a great event for anyone who enjoys jazz. Tickets are just \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Contact the ETSO office at 903-526-3876 or visit ETSO.org for more info.

The great music making continues in the New Year with the third subscription concert of the season, **January 14, 7:30 pm, at the UT Tyler Cowan Center**. Titled *Uniquely American*, this concert will give you the rare chance to see the **American music icon Béla Fleck** live in concert here in Tyler. With Richard Lee and ETSO, he will perform his concerto for banjo and orchestra, "The Impostor." Also on the program are Aaron Copland's lively "Buckaroo Holiday" and Edward Elgar's "Enigma" Variations. Tickets start at \$15 and are available online (ETSO.org) or by calling 903-566-7424.



Also coming up early in the New Year, the ETSO present the family concert, **Beethoven's Wig, Friday, February 3, 2017, 7:00 pm at Liberty Hall**. Sponsored in part by the Women's Symphony League, this family-friendly program features creative new takes on favorite classical works. It's perfect for the young and the young-at-heart. Tickets will be available through the ETSO office and online at www.ETSO.org.

Finally, the **ETSO School Concert is set for Tuesday, January 31, 2017**. The orchestra is presenting **The Orchestra Sings** from the Carnegie Hall Weill Music Institute Link Up series. Supported by the WSL, the school concert program brings together students from TISD and surrounding public and private schools for a participatory concert with Richard Lee and the ETSO. The performances at Caldwell Auditorium are the culmination of classroom work that has been going on since the start of the school year. It is a truly inspirational experience for those attending.



ETYO Events...

So

Many Accolades...

Dear Women's Symphony League of Tyler

Thank you so much for granting me the Music Merit Scholarship. It is an honor to have been selected as a recipient.

I have decided to attend West Texas A&M University next year to major in flute performance. I am very excited to pursue my dream of playing professionally in a symphony.

I am extremely grateful for this scholarship. Having a single mother, paying for college would be next to impossible without scholarships. It is very satisfying to know that my hard work is paying off. I am motivated to continue my hard work next year, and I am determined to make my dream a reality.

Though West Texas will be a big change from what I am used to, I am excited for a new adventure. I look forward to college, and cannot wait to meet new people, learn new things, and make new memories. Thank you again for your contribution to my education.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Crozman



Betty Bower Wins TASO Award of Excellence Volunteer of the Year

Betty is a 33-year member of the WSL and has served on the ETSO Board for 28 years. For the past 9 years, she has served as the VP of Development for ETSO and has raised more than 1.5 million dollars for them. With her love of the Symphony and her volunteer spirit, it is estimated she contributes a minimum of 1,000 hours annually in service to ETSO and WSL, totaling over 30,000 hours throughout her 33 years of service. Betty will receive her award at the 50th Annual TASO State

Conference to be held in Dallas,

April 6-8, 2017.

****Congratulations, Betty! We can think of no other volunteer who is more deserving of this award!****

Don't miss the Opening Concert of the East Texas Youth Orchestra's 61st season!

Sunday, November 6, 4pm at TJC's Wise Auditorium

Come see and hear our 106 musicians performing Dvorak,

Strauss and Tchaikovsky.

For more information, check out www.etyo.org

Facebook page: East Texas Youth Orchestra.

~Jill Hardin,

Executive Director, ETYO





**Looking Ahead...School Concerts
will be Tuesday, January 31 @
9:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm;
Family Concert will be Friday,
February 3 @ 7pm at Liberty Hall!**



Endowment Corner....

WSL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WELL-SPENT

If you have ever wondered about the students to whom we award scholarships, CHECK THIS OUT:

Sylvia D'Eramo, who received the WSL College Music Student Distinguished Scholarship Award three consecutive years has recently graduated from State University of New York/Purchase College Conservatory of Music, Magna Cum Laude. As a result of her hard work and commitment, she has now been chosen by Yale University to receive a FULL Scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree in Opera Performance beginning this Fall 2016. **CONGRATULATIONS, SYLVIA and WSL for your resources and encouragement.**

~Joyce Hudnall, Endowment

WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

The purpose of the FOUNDATION is to provide monetary resources for WSL special projects and needs. The funds help ensure that financial stability for our LEAGUE is maintained at all times.

DETACH AND USE THIS FORM TO DONATE TO THE TAX EXEMPT WSL ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION:

**YOUR NAME/
ADDRESS:** _____

DATE: _____
EMAIL: _____

DONATION/HONOR/REMEMBRANCE (circle one)

HONOREE'S NAME: _____

HONOREE'S ADDRESS: (for prompt acknowledgment to them) _____

Send information to: WSL Treasurer, PO Box 6823, Tyler, Tx 75711

Thank you, JOYCE HUDNALL, ENDOWMENT CHAIR

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<http://www.wsltyler.org/>

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Please join in our mission:

"To support and promote the growth of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and to encourage music education within our community."

**If you know someone interested in joining, contact Leigh Ann Bugg, our VP of Membership:
lewisbugg@hotmail.com**

