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Executive Board





Greetings to all WSL Friends,

Women's Symphony League board members and chairmen—and so many of you, our new and our faithful WSL members—are hard at work making our year a great success! I cannot thank each of you enough for your endless dedication and sweet-spirited hearts. It has been an amazing experience getting to know our League's super stars that shine so brightly in our community.

We have already housed out-of-town symphony members, provided meals to the symphony, provided food and drinks for important WSL meetings, and completed endless amounts of administrative work. Plus, we are already planning for the WSL fall fundraiser, the WSL Ball, and the spring style show. The Junior Symphony League is also busy having senior portraits taken, working at the symphony and planning the Monster Bowl. It is a great season to be a part of the WSL family!

Tyler's WSL is considered one of the leading symphony support organizations in the nation because of the events we hold and the success of each. This year we are extremely honored to have Tyler WSL member, Joi Smith, serving as President of the Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras (TASO), and Cindy Kidwell serving on the League of American Orchestras' Volunteer Council. Thank you for all you do!

The new symphony season is off to a great start, and I am thrilled that we are able to enjoy each other as we learn about the unique art of classical music. Together we are enriching the cultural arts in our community and promoting the East Texas Symphony Orchestra. Our goals are met because of you! Please plan to attend as many of our exciting meetings and fundraisers as you possibly can. I promise you will have a fabulous time as we make our WSL mission a dream come true!

Sandy Bennett

2017-2018 President

WSL HARMONY INNS

Host Homes Needed! Host a musician the night prior to the ETSD symphony! Contact:

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FUND DEVELOPMENT NOTES

If you are a member of the WSL, you ARE a vital part of Fund Development!

Why? Because you represent the WSL in our community, demonstrating your support with your financial and volunteer investment.

We need more investors like you from throughout our community. If you can invest more - please do! If you know of someone who shares our passion for musical education and appreciation of the arts in East Texas - help us reach out to gain their support. From our young JSL members to our loyal WSL Sustaining members and all points in between - we are growing our investment in our community and strengthening relationships with our common goal to keep the music playing!

We have many opportunities to come together to raise funds, raise awareness and raise the bar for the WSL in the year ahead. Please make plans to support these efforts and these ladies who are leading the way:

FALL, FRESH & FRIENDSCo-Chairs - Diane Mezayek and LeAnne PriestWSL BALLCo-Chairs - Sheri Leal and Michelle MeltonSPRING INTO STYLECo-Chairs - Kim Asad and Christi Khalaf

Why do most people give? Because they are asked.

So here's the ask... please partner with Fund Development to grow our investment and to strengthen our cause! There has not been a better time in East Texas than NOW to support the WSL and the ETSO, under the direction of Richard Lee. Thank you in advance

for your consideration as sponsors, attendees and fund developers!

Jennifer Gaston





The East Texas Youth Orchestra thrives because of its dedicated young musicians and the support of donors like the Women's Symphony League of Tyler and its Junior Symphony League who both make possible the mission of ETYO.

Seating over 115 youth musicians this season, ETYO's mission is to provide exceptional musical experiences in arts education through a diverse set of programs providing performances that enrich its members and the community. In addition to its Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra, ETYO has launched its own Jazz Academy this season which will give our young musicians the opportunity to study and perform America's music...Jazz. The ETYO Concerto Competition is another new opportunity for our Symphony musicians with the final competition scheduled at Braithwaite on November 26, 2017 at 2pm.

ETYO's first season concert will be at Wise Auditorium on Sunday, October 29 at 4pm, as we launch a season of music from "Around the World". Our season opener will include music of Russia's Tchaikovsky, Mexico's Moncayo, Austria's Beethoven, Norway's Grieg, Ireland's Wagner, and more. The concert is free and open to the public.

You will also see ETYO ensembles at events throughout the community this fall. Look for us at the Rose Festival, Bergfield's Arts and Crafts Fair, Tyler's Tree Lighting, and more.

ETYO remains the premier training ground for young East Texas musicians. Thank you, WSL and JSL for your ongoing support of the musical arts in East Texas.

7777777 **Liberty Hall** Dates December 12 ETSO Holiday ETSO Family Piano recital featuring Texas **Touring Artist** Evan Mitchell June 9 – ETSO Presents Chamber

Nov. 17-18

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TASO News

Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras

The deadline to submit applications for the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition is October 31st, 2017. The competition is open to current high school students competing in piano, strings, winds and brass. Prizes include performances with the Marshall and Mesquite Symphonies.

Cash Prizes in each division:

1st- \$750

2nd \$400

3rd \$200

Information and applications are on the TASO web site at tasovolunteers.com

TASO LEAGUES RAISE OVER \$3,827,043 FOR THE ARTS!

The twenty-three Member Leagues and Volunteer Groups in TASO have raised money that benefits their orchestras for the 2016-17 concert season. Together that amounts to totals over \$3,827,043.76 for the orchestras in Texas! A special thank you to the WSL league members for contributing \$100,000 to the East Texas Symphony Orchestra.

10/7-Opening Night Jon Kimura Parker 11/11-Veterans Day Program 1/20/18-Percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie 3/24/18-Time for Three! 4/27/18-Beethoven's 9th Symphony

ETSO Dates

The Cowan Center

Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



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ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS are greatly appreciated and acknowledged promptly. This fund ensures financial stability for WSL as we fulfill our mission of supporting the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and encouraging music education in our community. Joyce Hudnall

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> http://www.wsltyler.org/ FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Women's Symphony League of Tyler.



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