

WSL NOTES

February 2018

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PRESENTING
THE JUNIOR SYMPHONY LEAGUE

2018
WOMEN'S
SYMPHONY
LEAGUE

Masquerade
Ball

FRIDAY,
MARCH 2, 2018

7:00 P.M.

HARVEY CONVENTION CENTER

DINNER

DANCING

LIVE MUSIC BY LIMELIGHT

BALL CHAIRS

SHERI LEAL & MICHELLE MELTON

Benefiting the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and Women's Symphony League Music Education Programs



President's Letter

It is an exciting time of year for WSL as the **Symphony Ball** approaches. The Ball Co-Chairs, Sheri Leal and Michelle Melton, are having so much fun as they plan this year's Ball with a New Orleans theme. There will be a seated dinner with gourmet food, a glitzy casino, and amazing prizes. The Senior JSL members will be presented, and there will be dancing to the band "Limelight." Also, don't miss out on your opportunity to win a Louis Vuitton duffle bag or a MacBook Pro through the Benefit Drawing. The Benefit Drawing tickets will be available at the February General Meeting and at the Symphony Ball on **March 2nd**.

Our next General Meeting will be a **Valentine Social on February 13th** at the home of Cindy Kidwell. Many thanks to Cindy and the sweet WSL members who are already planning the invitations, refreshments, and logistics for this meeting. WSL directories will be available.

The next Symphony Orchestra Concert is featuring the dynamic string trio "**Time for Three**" on **March 24th**. These 3 young musicians play with such energy and charisma that the ETSO has invited them back for another amazing concert in Tyler. Many thanks to the WSL members who are providing meals for the orchestra as they rehearse, and those members who provide a home for them to stay in while they are in Tyler. I also want to thank Stephanie Nickel, Lynda Evans, and Belle Thomas who spend countless hours leading and coordinating JSL. It is delightful to see the young men and women of JSL as they greet the patrons at the concerts.

Thank you all for your support of WSL and for keeping the music alive in Tyler!

Many Blessings,
Sandy Bennett
2017-2018 WSL President





FUND DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Research suggests that three aspects of music - its emotional resonance, its lyrical content, and its unique way of synchronizing groups of people - may have the power to invoke good deeds.

- Music may make you happier - and possibly more generous
- Music may make you more helpful and empathic
- Music may change how you spend your money
- Music may change your attitude towards people different from you
- Making and moving to music may boost cooperation and connection

Sounds like the Women's Symphony League is on the right track! And as Fund Development Chair - I am really tuned in to the "possibly more generous" aspect!

Simply put, music is good for us and our community! For the good of our community, may we continue to find the good in the music and in our community. May the music we hear invoke good deeds through our cooperation and connection through the Women's Symphony League.

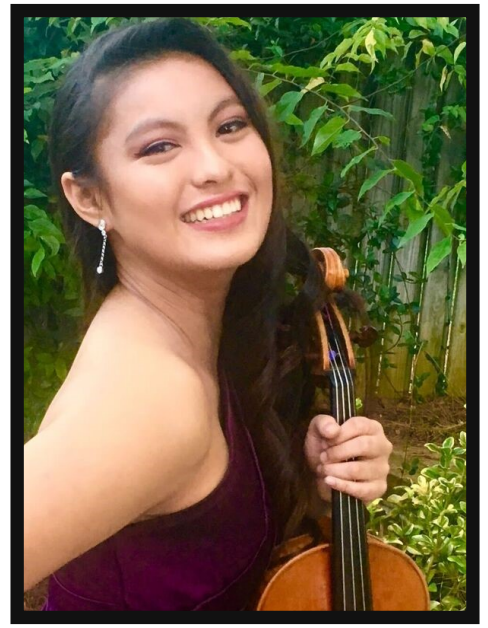
We still have opportunities to come together to raise funds, raise awareness and raise the "good" for the WSL in the year ahead. Please make plans to support these efforts and these ladies who are leading the way.

WSL BALL Co-Chairs - Sheri Leal and Michelle Melton
SPRING INTO STYLE Co-Chairs - Kim Asad and Christi Khalaf

Many of you have supported everything placed before you - whether in person, by email or by letter. It's not too late to lend your support in a myriad of ways - just say the word and we have a plan for you!

As we journey through the music - as individuals and together as a league - thank you for your continued support of the WSL. Thank you for your continued donations, thank you for your generous gift of time and thank you above all for your passion for music in our community!

Jennifer Gaston



ETYO presents

2017-2018 Concerto Winners

February 25, 2018

Anna Grace Hardin, Cello

Kenneth Knight, Cello

May 6, 2018

Johannah Carmona, Viola

ETYO will present two of its 2017-2018 Concerto Winners at the February 25th concert, 4 pm at Caldwell Auditorium.

Both the ETSO Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra will also perform classical selections and will conclude with a joint performance of a cinematic classic!

Don't miss these exceptional youth-musicians in action!

All ETSO season concerts are free and open to the public.



ETSO

February 10 – Family Concert in Liberty Hall

February 13 – Link Up! At Caldwell Auditorium

March 24 – Time for Three at The Cowan Center

April 7 – Film Screening at Liberty Hall

April 28 -Beethoven's 9th at The Cowan Center



Juanita Miller Concerto Competition Winners 2018

Grand Prize - Vatsal Vemuri

1st Place Piano - Vatsal Vemuri (Dallas, 9th)

1st Place Winds-Brass (Flute) - Smirithi Upadhyayala (Coppell, 10th)

1st Place Strings (Violin) - Nikki Naghavi (Frisco, 11th)

All Winners

Piano

1st Place Vatsal Vemuri (Dallas, 9th)

2nd Place Shaun Orth (McKinney, 12th)

3rd Place Nathaniel Zhang (Sugarland, 12th)

Hon Mention Claire Chiang (Plano, 9th)

Hon Mention Jinzi Amy Danjul (Frisco, 9th)

Strings

1st Place Nikki Naghavi - Violin (Frisco, 11th)

2nd Place Kevin Chan - Violin (Houston, 11th)

3rd Place Yong Ha Sung - Viola (Flower Mound, 12th)

Hon Mention Karah Cruse - Violin (Roanoke, 11th)

Hon Mention Claire Druffner - Cello (Dallas, 9th)

Winds-Brass

1st Place Smirithi Upadhyayala - Flute (Coppell 10th)

2nd Place Subee Kim - Flute (Plano 10th)

3rd Place LeAnn Lee - Flute (Plano 11th)

Hon Mention Michelle Zhu - Oboe (Plano, 9th)

WSL HARMONY INNS

Host Homes Needed!

Host a musician the night
prior to the ETSO symphony!

Contact:
Sherrill_Echols@hotmail.com



WSL MEMBERSHIP ALERT:

Thank you to all who have chosen to donate to the WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE ENDOWMENT FUND this year. Our fund balance has increased, but we continue to need to reach a more substantial goal. PLEASE REMEMBER to use the WSL Endowment Fund as a special way to honor or remember friends and family. Your gifts assist WSL as we support music and culture in Tyler and East Texas.

GREAT CARE is taken to acknowledge all gifts thoughtfully and promptly.

**THANK YOU,
JOYCE HUDNALL**

THE WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE

invites you to

Spring into Style

STYLE SHOW

APRIL 26TH

5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SWANN PLAZA

Style Show by Spinout
and Mary V's

Mark your calendar for
an evening of fashion
and fun in support of the
Women's Symphony League
of Tyler!

*For event details, sponsorship
opportunities, and reservations,
please visit wslyler.org
or call 903-360-8058.*



The Women's Symphony League invites you to "Stroll Through the Streets of New Orleans" at the Masquerade Ball. Friday, March 2, 2018 Harvey Convention Center 7:00p.m. To register simply text **WSL2018 to the number 41444** and you will be texted a link to purchase Ball Tickets online.

Dinner provided by Willowbrook Country Club, Dancing to Limelight Band, Wine & Spirit Pull, Casino with a DJ, Jewel Boxes, Photo Booth, Candy Bar

Benefit Drawing- MacBook Pro and a Louis Vuitton Keepall Duffel

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We still have a few sponsorship opportunities available. Thank you for considering donating to the ball.

We appreciate all of your support.

Sheri Leal and Michelle Melton Ball Co-Chairs



The East Texas Symphony Orchestra just performed it's third concert of the season with Dame Evelyn Glennie on Saturday, February 20. Dame Evelyn performed living composer Jennifer Higdon's Percussion Concert, utilizing over 25 instruments on stage. The concert concluded with Bruckner's massive Symphony No. 7 which included the addition of 4 Wagner Tubas and additional string players, bringing the number of musicians on stage to 72! If you missed this concert, you surely won't want to miss the next one on March 24 featuring Time For Three! This concert is sure to be a sell-out so get your tickets now!

On February 10, members of ETSO will perform a Family Concert at 1pm in Liberty Hall. This performance will feature two pieces of music with narrator and imagery and will be perfect for little ones. *Beagles' Day Out* is a rhyming story about 2 beagles who seize on a moment of carelessness by their owner to run out the front door, enjoy fun adventures, ultimately realize they are hopelessly lost, and then make their way home for a joyful reunion. The second piece, "The Town Musicians" is based on the Brothers Grimm fable "The Bremen Town Musicians." Tickets are \$5 for children 5 and under and \$10 for everyone 6 and up! Order tickets at <https://etsofamilyconcert.eventbrite.com>.

On February 13, ETSO partners up with local schools to present *Link Up - The Orchestra Moves*. This national program guides students and teachers in grades 3-5 in an exploration of orchestral repertoire, through extensive, standards-based, integrated and interactive curriculum materials created by the education experts of Carnegie Hall. Classroom preparation culminates in an interactive orchestral concert with Richard Lee and the ETSO in which students sing, play instruments, and participate in coordinated movement activities from their seats, with select student groups appearing on stage with ETSO. *The Orchestra Moves* focuses on concepts such as pitch, rhythm and dynamics, along with how music moves one emotionally and physically. The program uses both well-known classical repertoire and original works composed for the series. Concerts will be at 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm at Caldwell Auditorium. Limited seating is available to the public for \$5 at the door. Over 3,000 students from TISD and surrounding schools will be in attendance!

Vanessa Gardner

Executive Director, ETSO

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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