

COLORADO SPRINGS PHILHARMONIC GUILD

Newsletter

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Letter from the President:

Greetings and Happy New Year!

2016 was a very good year for the Philharmonic Guild. We welcomed 14 new members, had 8 terrific membership meetings and held four successful fundraisers fulfilling our mission to the Philharmonic and Youth Symphony. Sadly, we said good bye to long time guild members, Gerda Nickels, Evie Stark and Mary Weiger.

One of my hopes for 2017, as I close out my term, is to hopefully see more of you at our monthly gatherings. If you have not been attending the monthly meetings, you are missing out on the opportunity to socialize with other music loving members and definitely missing out on good food and stimulating entertainment. Our January meeting will be at the lovely Penrose Club at the World Arena-definitely a favorite venue of ours, so please plan to attend and as always, your guests are welcome.

Another hope is that more of you will become more actively involved in board and fundraising activities. Please let us know if you have a desire to serve on the board or on any of our committees. We welcome your participation and look forward to new energy and new ideas.

The 90th Season Gala activities are energizing the musicians, staff, volunteers, season subscribers, donors and sponsors of the Philharmonic. We are all looking forward to the Gala event to be held at the Broadmoor and to the performance by Yo-Yo Ma on the evening following the Gala. If you have not secured tickets, you might want to get your name on a wait list as the events are sold out at this time.

Here's to an exciting, healthy, happy and prosperous new year to us all!

Most sincerely,

Roslyn Block, President
Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild



Members Charlie Warren, Mary Koepp, Nora Durham, Lars Gronhagen, Sharon Kling and Judy Warren prepare the Nutcracker Boutique

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CSPG EVENTS

- **January 18** 9:30AM *Membership Meeting* - Penrose Club at the World Arena (see page 7 for details)
- **February 7** 2:00PM *Board Meeting* - Philharmonic Office Plaza of the Rockies, 111 South Tejon Street, Suite 305
- **February 15** 9:30AM *Membership Meeting* - Graner Music - 4460 Barnes Road
- **March 7** 2:00PM *Board meeting* - Philharmonic Office
- **March 15** TBD *Membership Meeting* - Mackenzie Place 1605 Elm Creek View (details to follow)
- **April 11** 2:00PM *Board Meeting* - Philharmonic Office
- **April 19** 5:00PM *Membership Meeting* - The Warehouse hosted by the Colorado Springs Philharmonic (details to follow)

We are very appreciative of our Philharmonic Guild members and have made every effort to make our membership gatherings exciting and varied. We look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings. Look for updates and full details for these meetings via email and our website: guild.cspphilharmonic.org. If you have any questions, you may email our Meeting and Program Chairperson, Linda Johnson at ljtoots@gmail.com

COLORADO SPRINGS PHILHARMONIC WINTER SCHEDULE

Beethoven and Tchaikovsky

January 21-22 Masterworks

90th Season Gala

February 23, Broadmoor Hotel

007: The Music of James Bond

March 3-4 Pops

Peer Gynt

March 18-19 Masterworks

Divas of the Sixties

February 10-11 Pops

90th Season Gala Concert feat. Yo-Yo Ma

February 24

Dvorak: New World Symphony

March 11-Vanguard

Swing, Swing, Swing

March 31-April 1 Pops

YOU'RE INVITED-PLEASE RSVP!

We are trying something new here at the Guild and request that you help us out! When planning our monthly meetings, we have been guessing on the amount of refreshments our members should prepare or how much we should order for our catered meetings. Sometimes we have way too much food and sometimes we run out. In an attempt to plan for the right amount of food as well as the right amount of tables and chairs, we will be sending each member with an email address an Evite (invitation via email) seven to ten days prior to each meeting. If you open the Evite and let us know if you will be attending, we can more accurately plan for our meetings to insure that the refreshments and room set up will be appropriate for the number of people planning to attend. You can also indicate on the evite if you plan to bring a guest-which we highly encourage! If you do not have an email address on file, or if you prefer a phone call, let us know and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

MAESTRO CIRCLE MEMBERS CIRCLE THE GLOBE

by Pamela Street

One of the greatest advantages of being a Maestro Circle member is joining members of the group for international and domestic travel. To date, we have traveled to Germany and Czech Republic (2013), Chicago (2014), Spain (2015) and San Francisco (2016).



On November 2, thirty-one of us checked in the famous Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco. Maestro Thomas Wilson, who with CEO Nathan Newbrough hosts the domestic trips, met with us for a very thorough overview of our first, fantastic musical event, Yuja Wang performing Chopin in the Davies Symphony Hall, which was built the same year as our own Pikes Peak Center. This amazing pianist was backed by the 105-year-old San Francisco Symphony, conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas.

The next day we divided into two smaller groups with guides to tour one of the largest museums dedicated to modern and contemporary art within the United States – the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Philharmonic Director of Advancement, Catherine Creppon, made sure we had plenty of time to enjoy lunch at the Museum and time afterwards for touring and shopping on our own.

The third day was free to do as we wished, or, two excursions were offered – a visit to Sausalito or a cruise from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Bay Bridge. That evening, we were treated to a multi-course dinner downstairs at the Boulevard Restaurant, a beautiful setting for a toast by Board Chair, Bob Allen Street – to our leaders Thomas, Nathan, wife Marie, and Catherine, and along with warm thanks – to Maestro Circle attendees.

On our last day, many of us went to Golden Gate Park where we toured the world renowned deYoung Museum. That evening Thomas made sure we were fully prepared for the new staging of Verdi's Aida in the War Memorial Opera House. Opera lover or not, this was a remarkable staging and musical treat for all.

Our entire time together went smoothly and enjoyably, setting the tone in no small way by a pre-departure party hosted by Margot Lane and John Frances in their lovely home.

Allow me to encourage music lovers to join the Maestro Circle and enjoy all the great benefits!

NUTCRACKER BOUTIQUE ROCKS!

by Lars G. Gronhagen

The 2016 Nutcracker Boutique once again proved to be a favorite among Guild members, volunteers and patrons. The 21st Annual fundraiser, where hundreds of Nutcrackers and ballerina themed items were sold during the Thanksgiving weekend Philharmonic performances of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker netted over \$8100 for the Philharmonic- the second-highest amount in the history of the event. Volunteers from the Guild, Philharmonic Staff and SAI sisters (an alumni group of former music college majors) manned the sales tables with smooth expertise during four (4) performances.

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Following the success of the 2015 boutique and knowing we had previously run out of items, additional inventory was purchased for the 2016 event. Also, for the first time, sales of original German made Steinbach nutcrackers proved to be popular and profitable. The sales tables in both locations were extremely busy before the show, at intermission and even afterward. If you have never seen the level of activity, you would be simply



Brisk Sales at Nutcracker Boutique

astonished! We are continually examining ways to improve upon the purchasing methods, as well as displaying, managing, selling, and packaging stock. Congratulations and thank you to all who lent their time and energy to this very festive and rewarding event.

BAVARIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 7th Annual Bavarian Dinner and Auction returned by popular demand to the Briarhurst Manor on December 7, 2016 and did not disappoint! Guests were greeted by Guild members and Philharmonic staff and treated to passed hors' d'oeuvres and complimentary glühwein as they browsed the extensive silent auction displayed throughout the beautifully decorated Manor.

The gourmet dinner and dessert, excellently prepared and served by Briarhurst staff, was delicious and received rave reviews by the 130 guests in attendance. Guests also raved about the beautiful table decorations, the quality of the silent and live auction items and the wonderful Bavarian entertainment provided by Dan and Kim Christian. Nathan Newbrough, CEO of the Philharmonic, once

again was the auctioneer of the live auction. Lucky winners of the live auction items will attend the 90th Season gala at the Broadmoor and the Yo-Yo Ma Gala concert, spend a week in Hawaii, and a week in Park City, Utah. The event netted over \$20,000 in support of the Philharmonic.

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Entertainment by Dan & Kim Christian

*Dinner Guests Enjoying Seasonal Food,
Wine and Music*



Special thanks to the event committee: Ros Block, Lars Gronhagen, Patti Layman, Nancy Price, Pamela Street and Annabel Widney as well as the Philharmonic staff and numerous Guild volunteers who made the event possible. We also thank all of our Guild members who generously donated or obtained items for the silent and live auctions. Also, a very special thank you goes out to Herman Tiemens of the Tiemens Foundation and Wells Fargo Private Banking for their sponsorship of the event.

Auction Co-chairs Nancy Price and Patti Layman

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE PHIL

By Catherine Creppon

As we enter 2017, the Colorado Springs Philharmonic is busy preparing for the 2017-18 concert season. While it promises to be filled with show stopping Pops, thrilling Masterworks and intriguing Vanguard, we have a few extra surprises up our sleeves. But, they must remain under wraps until the season announcement on January 21 at the open of the Beethoven and Tchaikovsky concert.

You may not know that our subscribers account for a large part of the Philharmonic's budget. And subscribers tend to become our most loyal donors. It's a fact, subscription sales help ensure that the Philharmonic remains a vital part of the community.

As a Philharmonic guild member, I would ask you to do six things this subscription season.

First, if you are a season ticket holder, I ask you to renew your subscription early. If you renew by February 10 you will receive a Phil for Friends pass to bring a guest to a concert for free. If you're not a season ticket holder, we ask you to become a regular part of our audience as a subscriber.

Second, consider upgrading your seats. Many subscribers are surprised by the minimal cost associated with upgrading to a closer seat. Maybe you're in the balcony, and always thought about moving down to the orchestra to get into the action. Season ticket renewal is the time to request that move.

Third, add another series to your subscription. Maybe you're a die-hard Masterworks subscriber. Then we're sure you'll love adding a Leigh and Al Buettner Vanguard performance subscription to your order. Plus, if you're brand new to a series, you'll receive half-off what it would cost a single-ticket buyer.

Fourth, if you're not a season subscriber. We ask you to support the orchestra in this way. Your service with the Guild is important, but nothing can help us more than having a vibrant and committed audience.

Fifth, become a Super Subscriber and enjoy behind-the-scenes adventures while supporting musical excellence, thrilling programming, and education for thousands of young people. By contributing \$100 or more Super Subscribers enjoy priority in seating decisions before non-donors; exclusive invitations to Philharmonic special events; a members-only open rehearsal and backstage tour; and acknowledgement in Philharmonic program books.

Finally, invite a friend or another couple to become a subscriber at 50% off in their first year and you'll enjoy concerts all the more!

GUILD AND YOUTH SYMPHONY UPDATE

By Elizabeth Leslie

One of the missions of the Philharmonic Guild is to raise donations in support of the winners of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Young Artist Solo Competition. Our board has pledged to donate \$2100 in scholarship awards to the winners of the competition. We raise these funds during our membership meetings and at our events. To date, we have collected \$786 – about a third of the way to our goal for 2016-17. We appreciate this financial endorsement very much and cannot thank our members enough for their kindness and generosity to this worthy cause!

The Colorado Springs Youth Symphony is the most advanced full orchestra and the flagship of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association. In even numbered years, the students participate in an international tour and went to Europe in summer 2016. Some of these tours have included Japan, Bulgaria, Istanbul, Turkey, China, Australia, and Eastern Europe. Gary Nicholson is the conductor and if you have ever been to one of their concerts, you know the level of excellence of these performances. This year's Young Artist Solo Competition will be held on Saturday, January 14th at Packard Hall on the CC campus from 9:00 a.m. through noon. The public and parents

are not allowed during this event, but Guild members are traditionally invited since the Guild is so generous with the awards for the winners. There are some "rules" for us when we listen in and whoever is at the desk can brief you when you arrive. Thanks again to all members who generously support our next generation of classical musicians!



2016 Young Artist Solo Competition Award Winners

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome our newest members, Marilyn (Skip) Boehm, Judith McKay, Herman Tiemens and Sally von Breton.

We look forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

Pamela Street - Membership Chairman



New Member Sally von Breton with Naamah Afrayem and Pamela Street

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2016, prepared by Janis Cross, Treasurer

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| Admin checking account | \$6,063.44 |
| Scholarship Savings | \$3,169.60 |
| Scholarship CDs | \$3,130.69 |
| Fundraising Checking | \$34,216.78 |
| Patty Clark Savings | \$5,003.89 |
| Total Cash | \$51,584.40 |

The amount in the Fundraising account includes income from Peachy Party, Nutcracker and Bavarian Dinner that has not yet been disbursed to the Philharmonic. The Philharmonic has requested the donations from all fundraisers be paid in one check at the end of the season.

* NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January's meeting of the Guild will take place at the beautiful Penrose Club in the World Arena. The morning breakfast buffet meeting will begin at 9:30 am on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Last year's meeting in January 2016 was a huge success so we do look forward to another great time this January as well! We will be privileged to hear Cathy Staton Hanson, principal violist, from the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. We look forward to her performance! And we heard a rumor that our Maestro may also be in attendance! The Penrose Club can be entered by going to the parking lot on the west side of the World Arena and entering through the Club House door. The address is 3185 Venetucci Blvd. There is a receptionist at the entrance who will guide you to the stairway or elevator down one floor to the Club. See you on the 18th!

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