

# COLORADO SPRINGS PHILHARMONIC GUILD

**Newsletter**

April 2017

Proudly supporting  
the Colorado Springs  
Philharmonic.

## Letter from the President:

Greetings,

As I begin the last few months as your Guild President, I cannot help but reflect on the accomplishments that this Board has achieved over the past few years.

Beginning in 2014, through our fundraising efforts, we have more than doubled our contributions to the Philharmonic over each of the previous 10 years.

Also beginning in 2014, we have increased our contributions to the winners of the Youth Symphony Solo Competition Scholarship Award to \$2100 per year up from \$1700.

We completed a strategic plan which we review each year with new board members in order to familiarize them with the plan and to measure our goals as they apply to our mission of support for the Philharmonic and Youth Symphony.

We have revised our By-laws to simplify them and bring them more up to date and in line with current guild policies and procedures.

We have changed the name of the organization from the Colorado Springs Symphonic Guild to the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild in order to emphasize our mission of support to the Philharmonic.

We have updated our brand to more closely align with that of the Philharmonic and have hired a graphic designer to help with our marketing materials, newsletter and membership directory.

We have changed our membership meeting schedule to include some evening meetings so that those members who are not available in the morning are able to join us. We have also included several catered meetings at various venues each year so that we do not have to rely solely on members to provide meeting refreshments.

We have increased our social media outreach with regular Facebook , website and email updates, as well as automating our membership database. We have also added online membership and event registration.

We have invested in professional signage for the Pikes Peak Center lobby and other guild sponsored events as well as professional name tags for our board members.

We have hired a CPA to do our taxes and keep us out of trouble with the IRS.

In addition to our three signature fundraising events, we have added a Mother's Day Brunch to the lineup. While not a major fundraiser, it has proven to be a lovely and very popular event with the general public as well as with our members and their families.

While we have lost a few members, which is to be expected, we have welcomed far more than we have said good bye to. Membership is up over 100 and we continue to welcome new members almost every month.

While we have grown and accomplished much over the past few years, there is so much more to be done. I encourage each of you to become involved in whatever way is comfortable and rewarding to you. I urge you to thank the outgoing board of directors for all their work and to welcome the incoming board of directors.

It has been my honor and privilege to lead this organization for the past two years. I am proud of all that we have been able to accomplish and pledge to continue my support through the foreseeable future.

Most sincerely,

Roslyn Block, President

Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild

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# SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CSPG EVENTS

- **April 11 Board Meeting** 2PM *Philharmonic Office*
- **April 19 Membership Meeting** 5PM *The Warehouse- see page 7 for details*
- **May 7 New Member Reception** 12-2pm *Cheyenne Mountain Country Club- see page 4 for details*
- **May 9 Board Meeting** 2PM *Philharmonic Office*
- **May 14 Mothers Day Brunch** 11am-2pm *Pinery at the Hill*
- **May 19 Membership Meeting** 5:30PM *Gold Hill Mesa Clubhouse*

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.cphilharmonic.org](http://guild.cphilharmonic.org). If you have any questions, you may email our Meeting and Program Chairperson, Linda Johnson at [ljfoots@gmail.com](mailto:ljfoots@gmail.com)

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## COLORADO SPRINGS PHILHARMONIC SCHEDULE

**Hindemith: Mathis der Mahler**  
April 15 Vanguard

**Mahler 6**  
April 22-23 Masterworks

**Texas Tenors**  
May 5-6 Pops

**Carmina Burana**  
May 20-21 Masterworks

*The 2016-17 season is sponsored by:*

El Pomar Foundation  
Penrose-St. Francis Health System  
The Mary K. Chapman Foundation  
Al and Leigh Buettner Family Foundation  
The Mining Exchange

**Remember –Season tickets are 50% off for new subscribers!**

For season ticket information, contact The Philharmonic offices at 719-575-9632.

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## 2016-17 COLORADO SPRINGS PHILHARMONIC GUILD LEADERSHIP

Roslyn Block, President

Janis Cross, Treasurer

Anne Young, Corresponding Secretary

Linda Johnson, Programs

Annabel Widney, Backstage Hospitality

Lars Gronhagen, Vice President

Mary Ellis, Recording Secretary

Pamela Street, Membership

Elizabeth Leslie, Scholarship

Patti Layman, Bavarian Dinner Chair

**Contact Roslyn Block 719-247-8686 or Lars Gronhagen 972-369-2027  
to inquire about volunteer opportunities.**

# MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH-A SPECIAL TREAT! SPACE IS LIMITED-RESERVE NOW!

In 2016, the Guild held our first ever Mother's Day Brunch at the Pinery at the Hill. We received so many positive comments and praise that we decided to make it an annual affair. The setting and wonderful buffet brunch at the Pinery make it a perfect place to honor mom. Avoid the crowds at the hotels, resorts and country clubs and plan to join your Philharmonic friends at our exclusive Mother's Day event. This year, we have added live jazz to the menu and as always, we will have a special treat for all the moms in the house! The event sold out last year, so make your reservations early! Visit our website at [guild.csphilharmonic.org](http://guild.csphilharmonic.org) to make your reservations on line or call 247-8686 for information or to reserve over the phone.



**COLORADO SPRINGS PHILHARMONIC GUILD**  
*Mother's Day Jazz Brunch*

**Celebrate Mom with an elegant buffet and live jazz at the Pinery at the Hill**

**May 14 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.**  
Adults \$55; Children 12 and Under \$30  
Price includes all taxes and gratuities

For information and online reservations visit  
[guild.csphilharmonic.org](http://guild.csphilharmonic.org) or mail checks to  
PO Box 7584, Colorado Springs, CO 80933  
Phone: 719-247-8686

Music sponsored by Janis Cross  
**RAYMOND JAMES**

## ADULT BRUNCH BUFFET:

Sweetwater Applewood Smoked Bacon, Link Sausage

Assorted Sweet Breads and Danishes

Cream Cheese Blintzes Strawberry Coulis

Three Cheese Scrambled Eggs

Potatoes O'Brien W/Garlic, Onions, Sweet Peppers

Fresh Fruit Served with Granola and Yogurt

French Toast Sticks and Syrup

Berry & Bleu Salad Bleu Cheese, Candied Walnuts, Fresh Berries, Agave Champagne Vinaigrette

Lox Stations Salmon, Red Onion, Capers, Chopped Egg, Fresh Dill Cream Cheese, Assorted Bagels

Pinery Rib Roast (GF) Burgundy-Mushroom Rosemary Au Jus Served with Creamy Horseradish Aioli

## KIDS BRUNCH BUFFET (2-12 years old)

Applewood Smoked Bacon

Fresh Fruit

Mac and Cheese Station Assorted Toppings

French Toast Sticks and Syrup

Potatoes O'Brien w/Garlic, Onions, Sweet Peppers

Three Cheese Scrambled Eggs

## DESSERT

Assortment of the Sweet Bites: Cheesecake, Fleur de Sel Brownie, Lemon Bar, Raspberry Crumble Assorted Mousse Shooters Chocolate, Lemon, Tiramisu

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING



*Lars Gronhagen with Mary T. and Victor Thacker*

A lovely time was had by all during the March 15th membership meeting at MacKenzie Place. The morning began with social time and a continental breakfast. Following the business meeting and musical program, we had a wonderful lunch provided again by MacKenzie Place! We cannot say enough about our hosts and their hospitality.

Sarah Ford, the principal horn of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic provided the musical portion of the meeting. Sarah moved here from the Northeast and we are so happy that she and her musical skills have found a

place in the Philharmonic. Sarah played several pieces for us showing the versatility of the French horn and the ability of the performer.

Special thanks go out to Melody Shaw, restaurant manager, and hosts Mary T. and Victor Thacker, Guild members who reside at Mackenzie Place. MacKenzie Place's website is [www.mackenzieplace.com](http://www.mackenzieplace.com) if you would like to view the entire living complex.

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## WELCOME HOME, SALLY

Long time former Guild member Sally Younge has returned to Colorado Springs and the Guild after a 20 year plus absence. Sally was President of the Symphony Guild from 1984-85 before moving to Hawaii and then to Texas. Sally and her husband Eric have moved back to Colorado Springs and have rejoined the Guild with a family membership. We are thrilled to have them back as part of the Philharmonic family.

Welcome home!



## NEW MEMBER RECEPTION-SAVE THE DATE

Did you join the Guild during 2016 or 2017? If so, you will be cordially invited to attend a new member reception and orientation at the lovely historic Cheyenne Mountain Country Club (9 Lake Ave.) On May 7, invited guests will gather at the club at 12pm for a light lunch, meet other new members and learn more about the networking and volunteer opportunities available to Guild members. Formal invitations will follow, but for now, please put this on your calendar!

## 2017 YOUTH SYMPHONY SOLO COMPETITION WINNERS

The amazing talents of the 4 winners of Youth Symphony Young Artist Solo Competition were showcased at our February membership meeting at Graner Music! In all, 25 students competed at this year's competition resulting in awards for the following finalists:

1st Place- Jory Lane, violin

2nd Place- Rebecca Park, flute

3rd Place- Ciara McGuire, violin

4th Place- Jayna Powell, cello

The Philharmonic Guild offers \$2100 per year to these winners. First place receives a \$1000 scholarship, and second and third each receive \$500 and fourth place receives \$100. We seek donations for the scholarship fund at each membership meeting and at certain events. This year, the performances inspired special gifts of \$1000 each from two of our generous members which helps to solidify our scholarship fund. We also received an additional \$1000 pledge from a third member to be applied to next year's scholarship. Thank you all so much for the incredible generosity in support of this very important Guild mission!

And a special thank you to Charlotte Baker of Graner Music for hosting us and to Linda Nicks and all the Guild members who provided refreshments for the February meeting.

The 2017 scholarship awards will be presented at the Youth Symphony annual spring concert on May 7 at 3pm at the Pikes Peak Center.



*2017 Young Artist Solo Competition winners from Left to right:  
Jayna Powell, Ciara McGuire, Rebecca Park, Jory Lane*

# PHIL KIDS ROCK!

By Bernie Brink, Outreach & Education Coordinator  
Colorado Springs Philharmonic

2016-17 has been a banner year for the Philharmonic Kids programs. We welcomed over 10,000 elementary students into the Pikes Peak Center to hear our Colorado Springs Philharmonic, many of them for the first time. Fully half of those students came from Title I low-income schools and attended for free. Overall, we saw a 16% increase in student attendance this year.



In October at our Math Meets Music show, students saw and heard the myriad of ways in which math and music are intertwined, and were mesmerized to see geometry in action with special guests, the Ormao Dance Company. In February, students had a uniquely thrilling opportunity to play along with the orchestra at our Link Up concert, The Orchestra Rocks, and were captivated by a thrilling encore performed with the Harrison High School drumline.

Our Philharmonic Kids programs are not exclusive to the concert hall. For the first time, we now have the resources to develop our own classroom curriculum to enhance and support our kids' concerts. Further, the Link Up program, developed by Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute, is supported by a year-long curriculum that is flexible enough to be supplementary, and robust enough to be primary. We are proud that these incredible resources are offered to all schools absolutely free!

But our involvement in the classroom goes even deeper. We rely on talented volunteers, our Philharmonic Docents, to shepherd these programs, meet our community's students, and spark their excitement for orchestral music. Our docents meet near the beginning of each academic semester to learn about an upcoming Phil Kids concert, develop related lesson plans, and discuss teaching techniques. Then, they are recruited to visit participating classrooms and prepare students for their concert experience. If you are interested in becoming a Philharmonic Docent, please contact Bernie Brink, at [bernie@csphilharmonic.org](mailto:bernie@csphilharmonic.org).

We have even more great programs coming in 2017-18. Maestro Thomas Wilson is developing *Bach to the Future*, a show that will take students on a journey of orchestral music through the ages to the present day. We are thrilled to announce, too, we have been selected by Carnegie Hall to premiere their latest Link Up concert, *The Orchestra Swings!* Featuring music by Courtney Bryan, Duke Ellington, and Leonard Bernstein, Link Up will get students involved in our community-wide Bernstein celebration.

We hope to see you there!



*Harrison High School drumline on-stage with the Phil for February's Link Up concert*



*Mountain Community School String students ready to play their part after studying the Link Up repertoire in the classroom.*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome our newest members: Linda Kohlman, Judy Schwenk, D.J. Smyth, and Sally and Eric Younge. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**March 31, 2017, prepared by Janis Cross, Treasurer**

Admin checking account .....	\$5,214.94
Scholarship Savings .....	\$4,720.59
Scholarship CDs .....	\$3,239.93
Fundraising Checking .....	\$34,659.44
Patty Clark Fund.....	\$5,005.12

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**Total Cash .....**\$52,840.02

A check will be disbursed from the fundraising account to the Philharmonic at the May membership meeting representing funds raised throughout the 2016-17 season. A check will also be disbursed in May from Scholarship Savings to the winners of the Youth Symphony Young Artist Solo Competition.

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## \* NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The April general membership meeting will be held on April 19 at 5pm at the Warehouse Restaurant, 25 W. Cimarron. The meeting will be hosted by the Philharmonic staff and will include a scrumptious array of heavy hors d'oeuvres. The musical program will be presented by Paul Nagem, principal flute for the Philharmonic. Plan to attend with a friend or your spouse.

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## SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2017-18

**The nominating committee is proud to present its slate of officers and directors for 2017-18 season:**

**President-Lars Gronhagen**

**Vice President-TBD**

**Treasurer-Anabel Widney**

**Director-Ros Block**

**Director-Nora Durham**

**Director-Hope Mena**

**Director-Carol Montgomery**

*All other officers and directors have one year remaining on their term.*

*Elections and installment will take place at the May membership meeting.*

*Nominations from the floor will be welcome.*

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