

TAKE NOTE

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MISSION

The mission of the Women's Symphony League of Austin is to provide service and financial support for the Austin Symphony Orchestra and its programs, and offer educational opportunities for the children and the community to further develop appreciation of music.

A Note from Our President, with Thanks!

With the season for thankfulness upon us, I wish to give thanks for the opportunity to serve as this year's Women's Symphony League of Austin president. My tenure as president is only one-third complete, and yet I am blessed and humbled every day by the wonderful leadership which gives so much of themselves. I am thankful for all that we have accomplished so far this year and for the volunteers who have already spent countless hours supporting the WSL and the Austin Symphony Orchestra.



Our award-winning programs keep winning more awards! The Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras (TASO) announced in October that **Children's Day Art Park and Red Haute Valentine Party & Children's Style Show** have been selected as winning projects on the statewide level! The projects will be presented at the 50th Anniversary TASO Conference in Dallas, on April 6 - 8, 2017. These two programs represent the heart and soul of the WSL's mission: providing financial and volunteer support for the ASO and its educational programs which bring the gift of music to children throughout Central Texas. Congratulations to all of our WSL members who are responsible for the tremendous success of these acclaimed projects!

Another nationally recognized project, the **ASO Youth Leadership Council**, is off to a fantastic start, with 128 9th-12th graders participating. So far, these future leaders have heard from Will Bridges and Ms. Lesley Varghese. Thank you to chairs **Kimberly Bove** and **Laurée Moffett**, as well as their committee, for their attention to excellence which has made the YLC a resounding success!

I know that we are all thankful for our meeting hosts, **Brandi Horne** and **Deborah Yurco**, who opened their lovely homes for our fall meetings, as well as **Julian Gold** for hosting a delightful evening of shopping and cocktails. We have been entertained by ASO musicians and browsed through fabulous fashions and jewelry. We are also looking forward to celebrating with our fellow WSL members and their spouses at our upcoming Christmas party, and we are so thankful to **Kim Widner** for inviting us into her beautiful home and sharing the holiday spirit! Visiting with friends at these fun events while enjoying fantastic fare provided by Primizie Catering and learning about the ASO educational programs is perhaps my favorite part of being a member of the WSL! Meetings Chairs **Kay Bonner**, **Ellen Burt** and **Cecily Rodman** are the perfect party planners!

September found us hosting Soirée Soiradical for 300 area 9th and 10th graders at the lovely Brodie Homestead. Thank you to chairs **Stacey Brewer** and **Karen Temborious** for a fantastic and successful event! On September 23rd, we enjoyed a spectacular fashion show at the JW Marriott, brought to us by Austin icon and WSL partner Julian Gold.

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Those lucky enough to attend are still talking about the event's special guest, multi-award-winning stylist/designer and native Texan, Brandon Maxwell. This sold-out event was the creation of chairs **Tina Kemmerer, Sue Webber and Sharon Wilson**, and we are beyond thankful for their vision and their tireless efforts! Then, on Saturday the 24th, the Palmer Events Center was completely transformed into scene of heavenly beauty in which 1,000 attendees paid tribute to the Austin Royal Court, Visiting Jewels, and Junior Royalty. Our Honorary Chairs Mary and Ed Padgett and King Brio Joe Holt contributed to the night's festivities. A tremendous round of applause goes out to Jewel Ball chairs **Martha Liner and Barbara Crockett** and Jewel Committee chairs **Julie Baselice and Eledith Falk**. More on the Jewel Ball can be found later in this issue.

Working tirelessly behind the scenes, volunteers wrote over 200 thank you notes to symphony season subscribers and Jewel Ball sponsors. Thank you to **Lisa Alverson, Wendy Daniel, and Carrie Richardson** for overseeing this very important function. In October, WSL volunteers transformed the Long Center Lobby into a "spooktacular" Halloween venue under the leadership of **Megan Rankin and Emily Avila**.

Don't miss the article on Orchestra Relations, a dedicated committee which has already served four meals to the ASO members before their Thursday rehearsals. I know that the orchestra gives thanks every time a pre-concert Thursday rolls around for the meals provided by our extraordinary committee chairs **Mary Alice Boehm-McKaughan and Mary Ellen Borgelt** and their team!

And finally, thank you to our new members! We are privileged to have had over 50 dynamic women join the WSL this year, some of whom have already stepped into leadership roles! New Member Coordinators **Stacey Leonard, Elizabeth Rose, and Lisa Tully** have planned fun and educational events and programs for the 2016-2017 class. Ladies, please take advantage of these get-togethers to learn more about the WSL and our programs. You are our future and our most precious commodity!

Thank you, WSL members, for everything you do to support the Women's Symphony League of Austin, the Austin Symphony Orchestra, and its music education programs. Your membership keeps the music playing for us all!

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS AWARD WINNER CLAUDETTE HARTMAN

Claudette Hartman, Austin Symphony Board Member, has been selected by the Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras (TASO) as the Award of Excellence Winner in the Patron Category in recognition of her outstanding support of the Austin Symphony Orchestra for over 27 years.

She will be honored in April at the TASO Conference in Dallas.

Claudette has been a dedicated patron of the Austin Symphony Orchestra (ASO) for over 27 years. She has served as an ASO Board Member for 15 years.

In 2001, Claudette and her late husband, David Hartman, met with the ASO Conductor and Executive Director and proposed funding a new summer concert series for Central Texas. The "Austin Symphony Hartman Foundation Concerts in the Park" series began in 2002. The Hartmans have personally paid for 100% of the entire costs for this series.

"Concerts in the Park" began with an average audience size of 50 – 60 people. Now in its' 14th summer season, it has grown in popularity with approximately 1,000 – 1,200 attendees each week. The free concerts are held on Sunday evenings from the beginning of June through the end of August.

With the success of "Concerts in the Park", Claudette and her family wanted to ensure that the series had permanent funding. To this end, they donated one million dollars to the ASO as an endowment for these free summer concerts.

Claudette is also a major donor to the Long Center for the Performing Arts. The Long Center has recognized Claudette and her family's personal commitment and fundraising efforts with the creation of the Hartman Concert Park in their honor.

The WSL is extremely pleased to recognize Claudette's contributions to the Austin Symphony Orchestra.



Young Leadership Committee

As we approach the conclusion of 2016, the Youth Leadership Committee is so grateful that this year included a great line-up of speakers, advancements such as new electronic methods of signup and record keeping, and the development of fresh avenues for student involvement in community service. We have created more opportunities for students to take leadership roles during our meetings at Abel's on the Lake. The Young Leadership Committee has worked hard to achieve new levels of leadership!

We began our season in August with an Ice Cream Social hosted by Laurée Moffett at her home, featuring Ms. Amy Simmons of *Amy's Ice Cream* and Mr. Ricky Williams, 1998 Heisman Trophy Winner and 2015 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee. There were 110 students in attendance! In September, the YLC gathered at Abel's on the Lake with guest speaker, Mr. Will Bridges, Musician and Co-Owner of *Lambert's BBQ*, *Antones-Austin's Home of Blues*, *Arlyn Studios* and *Deep Eddy Cabaret*. The October program featured guest speaker, Ms. Lesley Varghese, Chief of Staff for Mayor Steve Alder.

We are looking forward to our spring lineup featuring singer/songwriter, vocalist and musician, Ms. Sara Hickman in January, followed by Mr. Mitch Morse, NFL offensive line center for the Kansas City Chiefs and *Rookie of the Year*, in February. He also graduated from St. Michael's Catholic Academy.

We are very proud of the system we created to allow the YCL students to access their personal Google-docs for event registration and to select community service placements within the WSL and YLC programs. This new format has helped increase the YLC student volunteer participation and has added a greater variety of volunteer opportunities. We have 128 YLC student members this year and have raised over \$41,000.00.

This year, for the first time, YLC is awarding a \$500 college book scholarship to one YLC high school senior who exemplifies the qualities of a great YLC leadership. The award will be presented at our Celebration of Leadership in April at the Long Center.

We are very grateful for the support of our committee members. Without their many hours of dedicated service and their hard work, we would not have made such amazing strides. We look forward to working together to continue the wonderful program that gives our young adults great opportunities to learn about leadership and community involvement.

Co-Chairs, Kimberly Bove & Laurée Moffett





It was a Jewel of a Ball

Our Women's Symphony League signature fundraiser, The Jewel Ball, was held on the last weekend of September, and was a royal success.

The festivities kicked off on Thursday, September 22 with the Knights of the Symphony Party and the announcement of King Brio LI, Joe E. Holt. Ed and Mary Padgett served as honorary Jewel Ball chairs and were recognized for over 4 decades of generous service to the Austin Symphony.

On Friday, September 23 over 500 guests enjoyed a luncheon and fashion show at the JW Marriott. Pop-up boutiques included India Hicks, Rare Trends, Liz James Designs, Rosse & James and Rae Cosmetics. This year's event was co-chaired by Sue Webber, Sharon Wilson and Tina Kemmerer. Sue Webber Productions created the fashion show featuring Julian Gold. Rising fashion designer Brandon Maxwell, shared stories about his upbringing in Longview, Texas, working in his Grandmother's boutique, attending St. Edward's University in Austin, and his path to becoming an

award winning fashion designer and stylist. Brandon reflected on the large impact Texas women have played in his life stating, "There are no other women like Texas women."

The festivities culminated on Saturday, September 24 with the 62nd annual Jewel Ball-themed "Stairway to Heaven" - at Palmer Events Center. Co-chairs Martha Bell Liner and Dr. Barbara Crockett began the evening with a spectacular silent auction and cocktail hour. A trumpet fanfare announced the Royal Court presentation of Texas royalty, visiting jewels from across the nation, and junior royalty. Guests enjoyed a seated dinner and danced late into the evening to the sounds of the Royal Dukes Band. Aerialist performers swung from the ceiling above the guests.



Mark your calendars for next year's Jewel Ball, which will take place on September 23, 2017.





Orchestra Relations Happenings

Orchestra Relations is blessed this year with fifty wonderful Committee volunteers and an amazing orchestra to tend to. We've had three dinners so far. Mexican Night was our first dinner and we all ate homemade beef and chicken fajitas, queso, rice, re-fried beans and enjoyed fresh grilled vegetables from Linda's garden. On September 29th, we served three different types of chili, award winning venison chili from Mary Ellen's husband Rodger Borgelt, spicy buffalo chili from Linda Van Bavel, and a pork and beef chili with a Caribbean jerk twist. Vegetarians enjoyed homemade African peanut stew. The Orchestra stuffed themselves, many having a bowl of each of the chilies and then topping it off with "just a taste" of the vegan stew.

Our signature dinner this year was our Harvest Feast on October 20th. Our fabulous committee members served the Orchestra a Thanksgiving feast including herb turkey breast, cornbread stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, gravy, pumpkin pie and pecan pie with whipped heavy cream. The tables were beautiful! We had ivory table cloths and lines of white pillar candles alternating with clusters of gold and yellow football mums in silver mint julep cups. Wheat sheaves, red Indian corn, and baskets of fresh baked rolls made by Linda Van Bavel, completed the homey feel. Everyone was so happy with the food and fellowship that folks had to be gently reminded to leave.

We are super excited for our future dinners, and hope you can join us.
Here is a sneak peek of next year's menus:

1/12/17 Italian Night/New Year's Eve Theme: Mandolas meat lasagna & cheese lasagna, fresh parmesan cheese wedge with grater, hot artichoke dip & tortilla chips, Salad with Italian dressing, garlic bread, sushi, veggie platter, fruit, Italian wedding cake. (Ivory table cloths & red carnations with silver mint julep cups with NYE decor and party items on the table)

2/23/17 Valentine's Day Theme: Roast beef, baked potatoes with fixings, rolls & butter, green salad, veggie platter, fruit & sushi., Texas sheet cake and chocolate/raspberry mouse cups. (Ivory table cloths, red hearts, silver & crystal candle sticks, votive candles, red roses in crystal bud vases & Baci chocolates)

3/23/17 Spring Celebration: Spiral ham, mac & cheese, roast asparagus, Hawaiian rolls, fruit platter, veggie platter, sushi, spinach salad with grapes, pecans, red onion and poppy seed dressing &/or Balsamic vinaigrette. Dessert includes coconut cream pie & lemon meringue pie (Pastel table cloths, spring flowers in crystal bud vases, china and crystal eggs & bunnies)

4/6/17 Sandwich Night: Meat & vegetarian sandwiches, Caesar salad, potato chips & dip, fruit, veggie platter, sushi, lemon squares & brownies. (Red & white checkered linens & balloons)

5/18/17 Picnic Night-Last Dinner: Fried chicken, sushi, cole slaw, potato salad, green salad, fruit platter, iced tea, biscuits, honey & butter, special Orchestra "Thank You" cookies (Red & white checked TC & balloons)

We hope to see you!

Regards,

Orchestra Relations

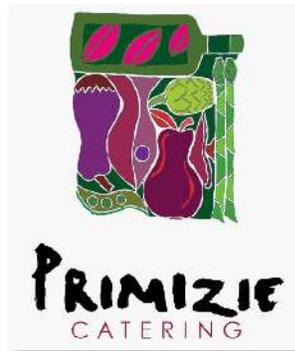
Mary Ellen Borgelt, Emily Avila, Linda Van Bavel & Mary Alice McKaughan

A Holiday Cranberry Sauce Recipe Courtesy of Orchestra Relations:



- 1 package raw cranberries
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 big handful-about 1/2-3/4 cup dried cherries
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon all spice
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1-2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- 1 pinch of salt
- Good pour (1-2 tbsp) lemon or orange liquor or dark/spiced rum, bourbon or vodka.

Put all ingredients in a sauce pan and boil until all the berries seem relatively popped and is thickened. About 10 minutes. Let cool, put in glass jars. Keeps in fridge up to 2 weeks.



Supporting Those Who Support Women's Symphony League

WSL have used Primizie to cater our General Meetings for some time now and for those of you who have attended the meetings, will I'm sure agree that we have been delighted with the delicious and creative food they prepare for us each time. What you may not know is that they give it to us at a phenomenal cost per head, as a contribution to the Women's Symphony League, which we very much appreciate. And for any WSL member who either uses or recommends Primizie's catering for full price catering services, they offer an in-kind donation of 10% of the food and non-alcoholic beverages back to the WSL. The offer is good on all social events and corporate delivery or lunch orders over \$500. The person calling to place the order or plan the event simply needs to let the sales manager know that they are calling from or were referred by the WSL. The Primizie staff are really wonderful to work with.

Primizie Catering has also launched a corporate delivery menu. Their tasty lunch offerings are delivered in and served with green and compostable products.

Adrienne Clay is their Corporate Sales Manager and will be handling lunch and corporate party requests.

You can easily reach Adrienne at adrienne@primizieaustin.com or (512) 782-2373 ext 103

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The poster features a large, ornate heart shape on the left, filled with intricate scrollwork. Below the heart is a red rectangular button with the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. To the right of the heart, the text 'THE WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF AUSTIN PRESENTS' is written in a small, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the title 'Heart of Gold' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Underneath the title, the event details '6TH ANNUAL RED HAUTE VALENTINE PARTY AND CHILDREN'S STYLE SHOW' are written in a red, sans-serif font. At the bottom left of the poster is a small version of the WOL logo. At the bottom right, there is a line of text: 'SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AT WSLAUSTIN.ORG SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12 2017 | 11AM – 2:30PM | OMNI BARTON CREEK RESORT'.