

JSG Interlude

FALL 2015

A newsletter for Jackson Symphony Guild members and friends of the JSO

Save The Date for Holiday Ball!

The Jackson Symphony Guild Holiday Ball is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for December 5, 2015 and join us at the Country Club of Jackson for an evening of whimsy—Down the Rabbit Hole!

The ball committee has been working hard pulling together lots of amazing details to ensure this night will be one to remember.

Corporate table solicitations have gone out. If you or your organization did not receive one and are interested in attending, please contact Maryanne Fuchs for information at marefuchs@gmail.com.

Again this year the ball will offer an on-line auction component for those that would like to get a jump on the



bidding. Many items can be purchased ahead of time if you are in search of great gift ideas for the upcoming holidays. See page 2 for more details.

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Holiday Ball On-line Auction Offers Array of Choices!

Once again, the Guild is putting auction items for the Holiday Ball online to reach a greater audience on www.JSOAuction.org. There are dozens of items available for bidding in a number of categories: Adventure, Events & Vacations; Dining, Parties & Entertainment; Fine & Decorative Art; Fitness, Leisure & Luxury; Home & Garden; and Jewelry. There are smaller, less expensive items and some pretty phenomenal items as well. There's also a "sneak peek" of the three Live Auction items that will only be available for bidding at the Holiday Ball – "What a Party!", "Surf & Turf Dinner for 8" and a "Lake Michigan Getaway".

"It's exciting to be able to reach a greater number of people than just the attendees of the Ball," said Pat Beffel, jr., who has once again volunteered to take charge of the online auction. "By putting the auction online, we have the ability to reach hundreds of people who would never attend the Ball. Last year we had a good number of people register with www.JSOAuction.org and



they bid on a number of items. We are hoping that the number of bidders will expand now that we're in our second year."

Guild members are being requested to help spread the word about the online auction. When you email your friends and family, why not include a little note such as: "The Jackson Symphony Guild has their auction online – go to www.JSOAuction.org – and you

can see the great items that have been donated this year!" Or post the link for the auction on your Facebook page.

The more people who know about the online auction, the more that auction will raise and the more money that the Guild can donate to the JSO. We're Guild members because we believe in the JSO and its programs. Please help to spread the word!



Mark Your Calendars!

April 15, 2016 is the date for the 2016 Jazz and Blues Night at the Country Club of Jackson. Preparations are already underway and the committee is excited to bring you a fantastic night of music and dancing!

Jackson Community Music School is Pleased to Introduce New Director

Jackson Symphony Community Music School is excited to introduce its new director, David Lamse. David is a concert violinist and music educator with more than 20 years of professional experience in performance and pedagogy. He currently holds the James Grace Family Associate Concertmaster Chair and is the personnel manager of the JSO. David is also the Assistant Principal Second Violin of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and has served as a Guest Concertmaster of the Lansing Symphony.

David received two degrees (BM, MM) in violin performance from Michigan State University and also studied at the University of Michigan in the Specialist Degree program. David spent 13 summers on the music faculty of Point CounterPoint music camp where he was named music



director of the ACW program and performed more than sixty chamber concerts throughout New England. He has recently appeared in recital at Middlebury College, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Flint Institute of Music, Strings on the Bay music festival, Eastern Michigan University, and

Klavierhaus in New York City. David has performed live concerts with many popular and classical artists, as well as 18 Broadway national tours.

We are very excited to have such a talented and seasoned director for the Jackson community!

Upcoming Events at the JSO and Community Music School

Bach's Lunch Concert

Friday, November 20, noon-1 p.m., **free** - donations accepted. Bring your own sack lunch and enjoy complimentary music, coffee, tea and cookies. JSO Weatherwax Hall

TUBACHRISTMAS

Saturday, November 21
10 -11 a.m. Masterclass for tuba and euphonium musicians (\$10 fee) 2 p.m. performance – **free and open to the public**. JSO Weatherwax Hall

JSO Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 13, at 4 p.m. - \$12 general admission, \$5 children 17 & under
With Jackson Chorale and Children's Choir
St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Community String Ensemble Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 19, at 7 p.m. - **Free**
JSO Weatherwax Hall

The Many Moods of Music

Guest conductor Darryl One truly explores global cultures

and expression in a program filled with humor, Halloween, grief and grandeur.

Saturday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. - \$18-32
Jackson College's Potter Center

Music and the Word

Enjoy an evening of song, musical theatre and opera. Our cast includes Spring Arbor's dynamic soprano, Emily Douglass, and several winners of the prestigious Harold Haugh voice competition.

Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. - \$18-32
Jackson College's Potter Center

Pathetique

Exuberance, passion, fear, patriotism – Tchaikovsky is the master of depicting human emotion. You'll hear his final *Symphony #6*, the *Pathetique*; tragic, yes, but also full of intense joy, love and sacrifice. As no symphonic season would be complete without a major work of Beethoven, Jackson area native Chris Atzinger continues our "*Bring Them Home*" series performing Beethoven's *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra #4*. Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. - \$18-32

Jackson College's Potter Center

Affinity Series Brings Top Talent to The WAX

Daniel Champagne November 13

We're very excited to have Daniel Champagne return to The Wax stage. Daniel exudes a natural ease on stage, as he sings poignant lyrics and beautifully crafted melodies that invariably whisk the heart up with grand romanticism. Coupled with an exhilarating guitar talent that transcends mere acoustic playing to replicate a whole band, Champagne's guitar playing has been described as "just magical."



8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Price: \$15 in advance/\$18 at the door.

Chris Dupont December 12

Touring to promote his new Outlier, Ann Arbor based singer/songwriter Chris Dupont has influences ranging from classic American songwriters like James Taylor and Tom Waits, to artists like Tycho and Philip Glass, DuPont's sophomore effort has its roots in folk music, and its branches spreading wide across conventional genre divides.



8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Price: \$15 in advance/\$18 at the door.

Mary Spring into Music Scholarship

The Jackson Symphony Guild Board of Directors would like to remind everyone of our wonderful "Mary Spring into Music Scholarship."

Mary Spring was one who achieved excellence in all that she did. This annual award will be given to the Community Music School's most outstanding student in the area of excellence in musical achievement. The criteria for student recommendations as well as the application/audition process is available at the Community Music School for those interested in applying.

Each year the award winner will be featured as a soloist at our JSG Annual Meeting in May. Donation envelopes are available at the JSO office in the information rack located in the lobby. Or mail your donation to: Jackson Symphony Guild, P.O. Box 602, Jackson, MI 49204.

Give the gift of music this holiday season and donate in someone's name!



Guild Welcomes New Board Members



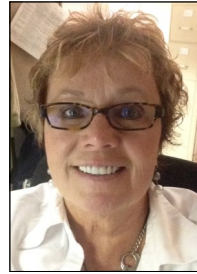
Kelly Burr relocated from the Metro-Detroit area to Jackson in 2011 and serves as the Executive Director of the Shop Rat Foundation. Kelly's involvement with the Jackson Symphony Guild began in 2012, as a member of the Holiday Ball committee. She most

recently served as Co-Chair for the 2014 JSG Holiday Ball. Kelly is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelors degree in English and history. In addition to the Jackson Symphony Guild Board, Kelly is an active member of the Jackson Junior Welfare League, Jackson Young Professionals and a volunteer at the Jackson County Animal Shelter. In her spare time, Kelly enjoys attending concerts, fitness classes, baking cupcakes and exploring Jackson with her boyfriend, Pete Kofflin and their dog, Boone.

Lynda Waldron has been a resident of Jackson for 25 years after moving here from Brighton. After spending 16 years in the wireless industry, Lynda now works at Allegiance Health as the Gift Shop Supervisor. Prior to working at Allegiance, she was the Supervisor of the Volunteer Resource Center for the Great Lakes Blood Region of the American Red Cross. Lynda also has had a successful career in acting and modeling and has had the privilege of hosting "Variety," one of JTV's weekly line up of shows. In addition, she has also appeared in print and statewide television commercials. Lynda has been volunteering for more than 20 years. She is an active member in Business & Professional Women's Organization, Women's Leadership Council of the United Way, Martin Luther King Foundation, Challenge Day committee and adult facilitator. This is Lynda's 4th year as a board member of the Jackson County Rose Festival and she has been the Executive Director of the Miss Jackson County RoseQueen Scholarship Pageant for three years.



Paula Durbrow, a Registered Nurse for Allegiance Health for more than 30 years has worked in



Orthopedics, Labor and Delivery, Emergency Room, Home Health Care Surgical Services and Quality Care during her career. She has been in the healthcare industry for more than 40 years and has spent time as an adjunct instructor through Jackson College nursing program.

Paula is the proud mother of two adult children and four grandsons whom she adores.

She enjoys golfing, gardening, reading, biking, walking and cooking.

She is an active member of "Polish Legion of American Veterans." Chairperson for many activities within this post, including: golf outings, dinners, fundraisers that benefit our local veterans as well as the Battle Creek Veterans Hospital. She enjoys visiting with the veterans at the Battle Creek VA hospital. She spent her early years in the community working with the Jaycee Women.

Marian Bliznik is grateful to be back in Jackson where she grew up. In 2011 she retired from a great 40 year teaching career. Married to Richard for 42 years, they have lived in Newport Beach, Calif. for the past 25 years. "It is now a time of life to give back where I can; to the guild, my church and the people in this welcoming community, says Marian.



She is a life long runner and her many other interests in life make each day full!

You don't have to be a board member to get involved!

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with the Jackson Symphony Guild contact president Julie Duesing at jdusing5@gmail.com.

We are always excited to have new committee members contribute their time and talents to our mission — The Jackson Symphony Guild functions exclusively for the benefit of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra to assist, support and further the presence



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