

# JSG Interlude

FALL 2016

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

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Ball Tickets on Sale

The Jackson Symphony Guild is gearing up for their 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Ball,

Fire & Ice, scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Country Club of Jackson. The event will feature dinner, dancing, raffles and both live and silent auctions for entertainment. The committee has some special touches lined-up related to the Fire & Ice theme.

There will be 100+ items available for purchase through the silent auction at the event, as well as a dynamic live auction and raffles. In addition to these fabulous opportunities for guests to participate in the auctions the evening of the event, an online auction will be open prior to the event, allowing those unable to attend the event an opportunity to participate or those attending an opportunity to get a sneak peek. The online auction is open through 11:59 PM on November 27, 2016 at [www.jsoauction.org](http://www.jsoauction.org).

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra and the band, Life Support, will provide entertainment for the evening.

Tickets are available through the Jackson Symphony Orchestra through November 25<sup>th</sup>. Ticket options are as follows; \$75 Ember tickets for guests 35 and under, \$125 Flame general

Join us for the 35th Annual  
Jackson Symphony Guild  
Holiday Ball

*Fire* & Ice

Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Country Club of Jackson  
Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.

admission tickets and \$150 Inferno special patron tickets.

Additional information about the Jackson Symphony

Guild Holiday Ball and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra are available online at [www.jacksonsymphony.org](http://www.jacksonsymphony.org).

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## Calendar

**JSO Signature Concert #2**  
Saturday, Nov. 12, 7:30pm at  
the Potter Center (Matt Aubin)

**Nov. 14-17**  
Bachs Lunch #2: Nov. 18, 12  
-1pm at the Wax

**Nov 21-23** (abridged)  
Thanksgiving Break,  
CMS closed, Nov. 24-25

**Nov. 28-Dec. 1**  
Winter Recital Forms Due:  
Friday, Dec. 2

**Dec. 3**  
JSO Guild Ball

**Dec. 5-8**  
JSO Holiday Pops Concert  
Sunday Dec. 11

**Dec. 12-15**  
CMS Winter Recitals:  
Weds-Fri, Dec. 14-16; 6 &  
7:30pm each day at the Wax

**Dec. 19-22**  
Teaching make-up week

**Dec. 21, 7pm**  
Adult Student Recital, Weds.

**Dec. 24-Jan. 8**  
Christmas Break, CMS closed

## John D. Lamb's Holiday Songwriter Showcase at The Wax December 10

The Jackson Symphony is excited to bring to the Wax, John D. Lamb on December 10 at 8:00 pm.

Audiences throughout Michigan are familiar with John D. Lamb as the front man of his rock band or as a solo acoustic act. Others know him as the director of Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters where he gives other musicians a chance in the spotlight. In addition to bringing in some of acoustic music's top songwriters as faculty members, Lamb has given out over 1000 individual songwriting assignments to musicians throughout the country. He was a journalism major at Central Michigan University. In 1980, while living in Mt. Pleasant, he formed his first band, Johnny D. and the Stains.



He later toured the rock club circuit throughout the Midwest. In 1990 he and his band recorded the regionally acclaimed CD *Live at Legs* (recorded at Legs Inn, Cross Village). Lamb infuses his music with strong attention to detail that gives the songs the dexterity to work as rock tunes or as acoustic storytelling. Lyrically, he

insists on finding the exact word or phrase to shade a line with a particular meaning. John D. Lamb's CD, *Feel That* is the winner of the 2007 Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Recording.

Doors open at 7:30 PM \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Buy tickets at [jacksonsymphony.org](http://jacksonsymphony.org).

## Guild Introduces Four New Board Members

**Andrea Stickney** is an artist who majored in art and art history at Michigan State University and found herself years later in a successful career as a software developer and project manager for two Michigan based life insurance companies. A lifelong music lover whose mother raised her on the classics and fortunately forced her to take piano lessons, she is beginning her third year of cello lessons with Daniel Tressel at the JSO Community Music School



and loves it. Andrea is retired now, married to Bill for thirty one years, has five beautiful step-grandchildren and four cats.

**Heather Fuchs** moved back to Jackson after 10 years in Arizona and Chicago. She started her professional career as a High School English teacher and tennis coach. When she moved back to Michigan she moved into Higher Education and is now the Director of Campus Events and Visit Programs at Albion College.



**Danielle Dobies** has lived in Jackson for three years and is a Project Manager & CFO for a boutique training company out of Brighton, MI. She's a first time mom to a new baby girl; Novalee Rae. In addition to serving on the JSG Board, Danielle is on the Ella Sharp Park Board of Trustees and member of the Jackson Junior Welfare League.



**Patrice King** graduated from Jackson High in 1963 and from MSU in Interior

Design in 1967. She has two lovely girls, both married giving her three grandchildren between them. She dabbled in design and worked in furniture stores until she established her wedding consulting business in 1989 in Phoenix, AZ. After 28 years in business she retired back in Jackson and is now available to help with weddings, birthday parties or anything in between. She is preparing to marry her high school sweetheart, Lynn Vermeulen, in January.



## 2015 Holiday Ball Live Auction Package Proves to Be Unique and Memorable Dinner

Last year's holiday ball auctioned off a clam bake that was to be served up at the beautiful home of Al Spiess.

The dinner was won by Pat and Phil Willis who treated guests Patti Poppe, her sister Sara, Ed and Marie Machnik and Dan and Angela Machnik. The organizing committee of this spectacular evening was, Sue and Tom Rochester, Steve and Laura Davenport, Donna and Dr. Jon Lake, Maryann e Fuchs and Mary McVicker.

Each committee member prepared various parts of the meal with the crowning glory being a dozen different desserts including three specialty cakes designed by Laura Davenport who is the



proud owner of the new downtown bakery, The Blue Julep, LLC.

Al was the perfect host even arranging for his dear friend Eleanor Russell to treat his guests to a piano performance as they toured his home and gardens.

And the moral of this story is...make sure to bid during the live auction, because this group puts on some special events!



### *“Alive Inside” Event Gets Music & Memory Program off to Great Start*

On August 25, the Jackson Symphony Guild in partnership with the Michigan Theater and Lloyd Ganton Retirement Centers brought the Jackson community the impactful film “Alive Inside”.

This 74 minute film is a cinematic exploration of music's ability to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. Filmmaker Michael Rossato-Bennett chronicles the amazing experiences of individuals around the country who have been revitalized through the simple experience of listening to music. His camera reveals the uniquely human connection we find in music and how its healing power can triumph where prescription medication falls short. This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen, founder of the nonprofit organization Music & Memory,

as he fights against a broken healthcare system to demonstrate music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it.

After the film the audience was able to participate in a discussion with panel experts, Jennifer Howard, executive director of the Michigan Great Lakes Alzheimer's Association, Dr. Bruce Brown, composer in residence with the JSO and professor of music and the chair of the SAU music department and Jaime Lawrence, certified music therapist and owner of Harmony Garden Music Therapy.

The event raised valuable funds that will help fund a pilot program we have begun working on with the Jackson District Library.

Stay tuned—next year. Plans are in the works to bring you another impactful film on music and memory.



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## Event Inventory Available to Use for Donation

The Jackson Symphony Guild has amassed an inventory of items available to borrow for a donation.

Included in this inventory is:

- 28 Clay vases
- 10 fuchsia colored large lanterns
- 20 blue colored little lanterns
- 19 clear blue tall glass vases
- Several masquerade masks
- 4 large oriental umbrellas
- 3 small oriental umbrellas
- 9 square black chargers
- 1 box of polished river rocks
- 10 jester hats
- 10 silver branches
- 10 blue and silver ties
- 1 box of Spanish moss
- 233 silver chargers
- 221 gold chargers
- 100 7 hour tea lights
- 1 box of Mad Hatter hats
- 9 cups and saucers
- 400 red mini lights
- 30 moss balls attached to dowels
- 144 red votives
- 13 — 6 inch bubble vases
- 20 flower buckets



- 46 table number frames
  - 7 — 10ft. checkered board runners
  - 4—50 yd. spools of music note ribbon
  - 30 apple green fancy table cloths
  - 28 Grecian Urns
- If you are interested in borrowing any of the items, please contact Donna Lake at 517-795-2895 or [dllake54@gmail.com](mailto:dllake54@gmail.com) or Maryanne Fuchs at 517-206-0585 or

