

JSG Interlude

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

Holiday Ball Far Exceeds Expectations, Bringing in \$69,000!

As guests arrived at the 34th Annual Jackson Symphony Guild Holiday Ball they slipped down the rabbit hole into a magical world and fantastical tea party. The decorations, planned and designed by Donna Lake and Laura Davenport, were pulled off in exquisite form with the help of guild volunteers.

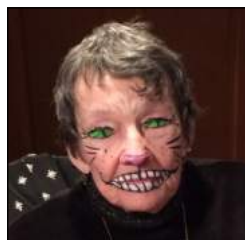
As guests entered the ballroom Alice's tea party awaited them. Complete with "drink me" bottles and "eat me" cake!

The Lewis Carol classic was well represented with the valets dressed as rabbits with oversized pocket watches and coat check ladies adorned with blue hair ribbons.

Guild members Phil & Kim Curtis were the perfect Alice and Mad Hatter. While our very own David Schultz entertained guests as the whimsical rabbit—hurriedly late to lead our brilliant orchestra, topped off by Mary McVicker as the Cheshire Cat.

From the decorations to the well planned menu and auctions, no detail was missed. Proceeds far exceeded

budget, bringing in more than \$69,000! This year's Ball Chairpersons, Pat Willis and Stefanie Riggs, wish to thank the committee and dedicated volunteers who made this event such a success.



Mary McVicker, was a good sport and got in the spirit of the event as the Cheshire Cat.

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Swing Into Spring — Not Just Jazz New Name and More Sound!

The Jackson Symphony Guild is excited to bring you this year's 17th annual jazz event with a new name and sound - "Swing into Spring!" This popular event has grown from its humble beginnings and continues to evolve, bringing not just jazz but a wide variety of music and well known hits.



Mark your calendars for Friday, April 15 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Country Club of Jackson. This year the committee has engaged the renowned group Ani. This highly trained group of musicians is from the Detroit area and plays

a broad array of music — from Motown, Top 40, 80s/90s, rock and disco! They have opened for the Temptations and often play at the Motor City Casino. They have opened for the Temptations and often play at the Motor City

Casino.

Tickets are available at individual prices of \$50 each, corporate table sponsorships are available for \$650 for 8 guests, or reserve a table of 8 for \$425.

The event presents a great program with advertising opportunities available: full page ad \$100, 1/2 page ad \$60, 1/4 page ad \$35.

For questions, contact Rob Tipton at robken@netscape.com.

To purchase event tickets by credit card, call the JSO office at (517) 782-3221, ext. 118.

Upcoming Events at the JSO and Community Music School

American Aquarium — Americana/Roots Rock Band make their return to The Wax stage after a hugely successful European Tour. Saturday, March 5, 8:00 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. - \$18 in advance / \$20 at the door. JSO Weatherwax Hall

Moxie Strings— This group dazzled and impressed the audience last year and we are fortunate to have already signed them for an encore performance this year at The Wax. Friday, March 11, 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. - \$15 for adults / \$5 for children under 18. JSO Weatherwax Hall

Irish Festival— At The Wax on Saturday, March 12. Festivities include the group "Limerick" comprised of our very own Community Music School faculty and a group featuring an Irish Harp and Pennywhistle. Contact the JSO Box Office for details. JSO Weatherwax Hall

Music and the Word— Enjoy an evening of song, musical theatre and opera. Music and words join to even more clearly articulate the emotion of the composer. Our cast includes Spring Arbor's dynamic soprano, Emily Douglass, and several winners of the prestigious Harold Haugh voice competition. Expect to hear the final trio from Richard Strauss'

Rosenkavalier, scenes from Wagner's *Die Walkurie*, an inspirational group of patriotic and spiritual works plus American musical theatre gems. Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. - \$18-32. Jackson College's Potter Center

Harold Haugh Vocal Competition— Saturday, April 9 – 7:00 p.m. finalists perform - free to the public. JSO Performing Arts Center

Ralph Votapek at the JSO— CMS fundraiser Saturday, April 16 – time TBD. JSO Performing Arts Center

Fort Frances— Original indy rock from Chicago infused with hints of soul make for a great live performance. Saturday, April 23, 8:00 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. - \$15 in advance / \$18 at the door JSO Weatherwax Hall

Pathetique— Tchaikovsky is the master of depicting human emotion; come listen to his final *Symphony #6*, the *Pathetique*. 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.

JSO Pleased to Introduce New Development Director

Jackson Symphony Orchestra is pleased to welcome Anna J. Phipps, CFRE as their new Development Director. Ms. Phipps is a Certified Fund Raising Executive who comes to the Jackson Symphony Orchestra with more than 18 years of progressive, nonprofit experience.



Anna's experience includes positions at The Dayton Foundation, the Muskingum County Community Foundation, The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, and most recently, Ms. Phipps was the Executive Director of the Erie County Community Foundation in Sandusky, Ohio. Anna

moved to Michigan from Ohio where she was a member of Philanthropy Ohio, the Northwest Ohio Association of Fundraising Professionals, served on the Steering Committee for the Old Woman's Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Executive Steering Committee for the City of Sandusky's Revisioning process. Anna also received recognition as a "Woman of Excellence" for her work with the Sandusky Rotary Club.

When asked about the position, Anna said, "I am so excited for this opportunity! The positive impact The Jackson Symphony Orchestra has on our region's education, economy and quality of life is substantial. We need to make sure it is here for generations to come. I feel privileged to be a part of it."

Jackson Symphony Guild Welcomes Newest Board Members

Laurie Cunningham has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1991 serving her hometown of Jackson.



Married to her husband Kip for over 21 years; they have 2 children, Rachel age 16 who attends Jackson High School and Ryan age 12 who attends Paragon Charter Academy. In addition to Laurie's duties as a CPA, wife and mother, she has served her community in various capacities including with the Jackson Jaycees, St. John School Family Organization, Girl Scouts Irish Hills Council, Jackson Junior Welfare League, Jackson Host Lions Club and Summit Township Planning and Recreation Planning Commissions. Laurie's hobbies include participating in local and national running and walking events including 8 half marathons in 6 states.

Dea Talmage is the Senior Development Officer at the Allegiance Health Foundation.

She compares her work to Match.com - but instead of matching people with people, Dea matches philanthropists with opportunities to



invest in the health and well-being of our community. Formerly, Dea served as Director of Volunteer Services at Allegiance Health, Associate Director of Resource Development at United Way of Jackson County, Special Sections Coordinator at the Lansing State Journal and PR Director of the Michigan Festival (now known as Common Ground). Dea grew up in Charlotte, MI where she was a synchronized swimmer (seriously - it was a thing) and cheerleader. She earned an Honors BS in Advertising/Public Relations at

Grand Valley State University during which time she worked on a co-op marketing project to launch a new kind of car company certain to be the model of future automotive design and sales. "Saturn" has since come and gone - and yes she is that old. In 1991, she met her late husband Mike, a dashing young Air Force Sergeant stationed at Langley Air Force Base. Soon after the wedding came Trey (19), Hannah (18) and Livi (14). The family moved to Gillett's Lake in Jackson in 2000. Dea and her two daughters now live near the Ella with their 13 year old beagle, Ellie Mae. Her son is a sophomore at KVCC.

Dea is a founding member of the Women's Leadership Council for United Way of Jackson County and formerly served on the BPW Executive Board. A novice lover of all types of music, Dea is thrilled to be joining the JSG Board to help expand the Symphony's reach and impact.



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Join Us March 23 for Dinner at In Good Company Restaurant to Support—Music & Memory

On Wednesday, March 23, the Jackson Symphony Guild Board will host a Community Night at In Good Company Restaurant. In Good Company will graciously donate 15% of all sales between 4pm and 9 pm to the Jackson Symphony Guild to support MUSIC & MEMORY in Jackson!

MUSIC & MEMORY provides personalized music to those with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Rooted in extensive neuroscience research, this program helps patients tap deep rooted memories that can enable them to feel like themselves again, to converse, socialize and stay present. MUSIC & MEMORY will be coming to Jackson through a certified program at Lloyd Ganton Retirement Centers.

The key to promoting this event will be all of you sharing this information, planning to eat dinner out that night and encouraging your friends to do the same. We will have strolling musicians and prize

giveaways to make it a really fun evening. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and family and share this information once it's posted on social media.

We also need 10 members to each spend one hour in pairs in the front lobby of the restaurant at our information and prize table. Shifts are 4-5pm, 5-6 pm, 6-7 pm, 7-8 pm. 8-9 pm. Please text Dea Talmage at 517.795.3772 if you can help!

In Good Company is located at the corner of 9039 S. Meridian Rd. (US 127). Reservations are strongly recommended, 517.529.9150.

