

# JSG Interlude

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

## *Guild Presents \$65,000 Check to JSO at Close of Season*



*Photo by Robert Bartkus*

Each year the Jackson Symphony Guild works diligently to raise funds to benefit the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. On Saturday, April 30, I had the honor of presenting a check in the amount of \$65,000 to the JSO. These funds represent a significant part of the JSO fiscal budget and are critical to the success of the orchestra. Funds raised through the Holiday Ball, Swing into Spring--Not Just Jazz Night and membership dues are used by the JSO to sustain general operations and play a vital role in furthering the JSO commitment to community youth and young musicians. Guild funds provide significant scholarship monies for Jackson area students that wish to attend Michigan music camps. Each year \$3,000 in Guild funds is designated to the JSO with the express purpose of supporting the Jackson Youth Symphony. The Guild has also established the Mary Spring into Music Scholarship Award which is given annually to a Community Music School student who has displayed excellence in their musical achievements. In addition Guild members act as post-concert reception hosts and hostesses, office

help, concert volunteers and serve on committees that organize the Holiday Ball and Swing into Spring—Not Just Jazz Night. The Guild also sponsored the Backstage Glimpses and Afterglow for the April 30 concert. In addition this year we have added a community outreach project entitled *Music and Memory* with a showing of the movie *Alive Inside* on August 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Michigan Theater. This project will raise funds to provide music through purchasing head phones and personalized play lists for those dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease. The Guild has grown in stature and strength and is recognized throughout the state as one of the most effective music arts support groups in Michigan and is the envy of many orchestras. Each year peer review panels from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs favorably comment on the role the Guild plays in supporting the JSO and their programs. Thank you to all who have worked to make the Jackson Symphony Guild a vital partner of the JSO and the music arts in this community!

*Guild President, Julie Duesing*

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## ***New Name and More Sound, Proved to be the Right Combination for Swing into Spring!***

The Jackson Symphony Guild's annual Swing Into Spring—Not Just Jazz had the crowd on the dance floor dancing until the close of the night.

The evening proved to be yet another successful event brought together by the numerous talents of the Guild committee.

The evening brought in nearly \$7,000 through corporate table and individual ticket sales.

If you have not yet attended this fun-filled evening of dancing and music, make sure you get your reservation for 2017!



## **Guild Represents at Baker Tea, Takes 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Best Theme Table Decor**

The Jackson Symphony Guild had two tables of Guild members at this year's Annual Baker Tea. The theme of this year's tea was "Fatherhood."

The challenge — to decorate your table in the most original and ornate way that best represents the theme. With more than 20 tables to choose from attendees deemed the Guild's two tables worthy of both 2nd & 3rd place!

The unique ideas for the two tables came from volunteer Andrea Stickney.

The guild tables were

decorated in the theme of seahorse and emperor penguin because...the male seahorse is the only known animal in which the male carries and delivers the offspring. And the male emperor penguin incubates, hatches and protects the infant bird while mom journeys to collect food. What a great representation of fatherhood!

Great job Andrea, Lynda Waldron, Linda Wray, Maryanne Fuchs and Julie Duesing for the beautiful, award winning décor. You all make us look good!



# JSO Welcomes Matthew Aubin, Music Director Designate

After an eighteen month intensive search, the Jackson Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Aubin as the orchestra's new Music Director Designate for the 2016-2017 season, moving into the role of Music Director in the 2017-2018 season. The selection process consisted of six visiting guest conductors performing with the orchestra, an evaluation method including both orchestra and audience input, and a selection committee which reviewed the materials and reported to the board. Board Chair Tim Keener remarked, "Jackson and the JSO in particular are fortunate to have someone of Dr. Aubin's skill and experience to take the helm of the orchestra moving forward. It's also very beneficial that he and his wife now make Jackson their home. "When asked for his reaction to the appointment, Dr. Aubin said "I'm excited and honored to have been appointed Music Director Designate of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. When my wife and I moved to Jackson last summer and were introduced to the JSO, we were immediately impressed by the talent and musicianship. The JSO is an important treasure in our community. I look forward to continuing to build upon the great work that Maestro Osmond has accomplished during his 40-year tenure. Matthew

Aubin is Artistic Director of The Chelsea Symphony and a consultant for the Golden Globe Award winning television series, Mozart in the Jungle. He has conducted and performed all across the United

States and abroad. He is a passionate advocate for American music. Dr. Aubin has an extensive background in music education, and has served on the faculties of The Hartt School and Washington State University. Additionally, he has designed and conducted many programs for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Aubin has conducted scholarly research on the French composer Fernande Breilh-Decruck and has rediscovered and performed many of her unpublished manuscripts. In addition to his conducting career, Dr. Aubin continues to stay active as a freelance hornist. Matthew received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut, Master of Music Education and Doctorate of Musical Arts degrees from The Hartt School of Music.



## SAVE THE DATE!

August 25, 2016, the Jackson Symphony Guild is pleased to present *Music and Memory* at the Michigan Theater at 6:30 p.m. with a showing of the movie *Alive Inside*, followed by live music from various eras and an expert panel discussion. This project will raise funds to provide music through the purchase of headphones and personalized play lists for those dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease.



## JSG Welcomes Christy Ellis to the Board of Directors



**Christy Ellis** carries a passion for Christian higher education serving Spring

Arbor University as its first lady. Born and raised in Urbana, Illinois, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Leadership from Greenville College and

a Master of Arts degree in Recreation and Park Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. Christy is the mother of three children. She has held various positions at three different Christian institutions of higher education and within the YMCA organization.

Christy is dedicated to her family and Christian faith.



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# Guild 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 [marefuchs@gmail.com](mailto:marefuchs@gmail.com).



Save the date!!  
**July 9 – Beer, Brats & Beethoven IV**  
Riverwalk Amphitheatre  
More info to come...