

JSG Interlude

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

A Fond Farewell to Maestro Steven Osmond

The June 26th Retirement Celebration for Maestro Steven Osmond was bitter sweet for those of us who have the pleasure of working both Stephen and Missy Osmond during "The Osmond Years". Both have played essential roles in the JSO for the past 40 years, so it difficult to bid them adieu!

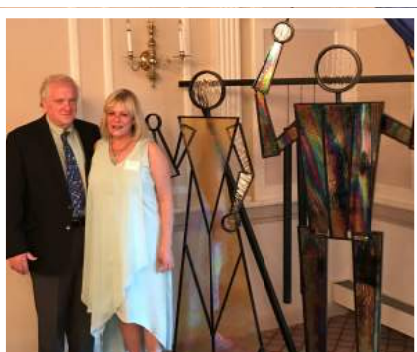
The Jackson Symphony Guild chose to send them off with a special piece of sculpture following the Picasso style; designed and created by Jackson's own Steven Sayles. In addition, the JSG also presented them with a Delta gift card that they will be able to use while building new memories during some travel time.

The Jackson Symphony Guild wishes Stephen and Missy much happiness and

endless gratitude for the 40 years that they brought music into our homes, our hearts and our community. Bravo!

"Favorite Reflections" and "Full Circle", two virtuoso musical celebrations for retiring Maestro Steven Osmond, are now available on DVD. This two box set includes the Maestro's "Director's Cut", supervised by Stephen Osmond himself. These two fantastic concerts and a bonus Director's Cut are available on DVD. Enjoy these two complete JSO concerts, recorded live in HD, that capture the culmination of Stephen Osmond's remarkable tenure. Order at:

<https://jtv-studios.myshopify.com/collections/frontpage/products/farewell-to-stephen-osmond>



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2016 Annual Meeting

The Jackson Symphony Guild celebrated a year of success on May 18 at the Wax. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, drinks and entertainment from the Jackson Community Music School students and instructors. The evening was capped off with two special awards - president Julie Duesing was surprised with the Jenny Spiesberger Award and Maestro Osmond was presented with the surprise of a new scholarship to honor his legacy.

Maestro Stephen Osmond has expertly led the Jackson Symphony Orchestra through 40 seasons and helped create an artistic, musical culture specific to Jackson that will continue for many years to come. This \$1,000 tuition award represents the largest scholarship offered by the Guild and Community Music School.



Music and Memory Update

Jackson District Library (JDL) recently announced the receipt of a \$150,000 grant from the Library of Michigan's LSTA Collaborative Library Services Grant Program for the development and implementation of Project BRIDGE (Building Relationships In Diverse Generational Experiences).

To better serve the needs of the first wave of "Baby Boomers" reaching age 70, JDL will collaborate with community partners including the Jackson Symphony Guild (JSG) to deliver supportive services focusing on those with Alzheimer's.

The Music and Memory Program will include 20 to 25 individual participants both in home and living in a care facility. With the JSG's partnership, iPods and headphones will be provided to participants. The music loaded onto the individual's iPod must be music known to be meaningful to the specific individual. Studies show that this type of experience allows the person with dementia to remember past events, interact with others as well as reduce depression, anxiety and stress.

In addition, Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation awarded the

Jackson Symphony Guild a \$10,000 to get our project underway with the JDL. The money will come to us in increments until we have realized the full \$10,000! Many thanks to Val Herr, Donna Blake and Stefanie Riggs for their leadership/help with the grant process!

Join us August 24, 2017 at the Michigan Theatre for the showing of "Glen Campbell, I'll Be Me."

Entry is by donation, all proceeds from this event will benefit the Jackson Symphony Guild's Music & Memory program.

It's Not Too Late

Join us in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, Friday, September 15. Foot Notes is the JSG team and we could use more walkers! Contact deatlmage@gmail.com to join the team, make a donation, buy a shirt (logo to the right) or find out more!





Jackson Symphony Guild
Presents
The
SUGAR PLUM
BALL
DANCE & DREAM

Please Join Us!

Dinner, Dancing & Auction
In support of the Jackson Symphony Guild

**Saturday, December 2, 2017
at the
Country Club of Jackson**

To purchase individual tickets, please visit
www.jacksonsymphony.org/events

The Sugar Plum Ball is live on the JSO website. Please invite your friends and associates to enjoy this enchanted evening. Check out the website for regularly updated Silent Auction/Live Auction Brochure details.



Bach's Lunches will be here before you know it. If you have never attended one of our Bach's

Lunches you are missing out. These free events feature students and teachers performing some of their favorite pieces. This is a chance for you to see in action our students and learn about our community music school. These only happen four times a year so be sure and put them in your calendar:
September 29, 2017
November 17, 2017

February 16, 2018
March 30, 2018

I know it's hard to believe that we are already talking about fall classes but our Community Music School is already gearing up. Fall classes start September 11th and our after-school String Teams start October 2nd.

For information on our fall offerings call our box office at 517-782-3221.

JSO Season Tickets

Season tickets are being released to the general public soon! Don't miss out on our 2017-2018 season ESCAPE! and Maestro Aubin's first season as Music Director. This season takes us to the far off lands of Arabia with music inspired by the ancient folk tales from One Thousand and One Nights from there we head to Italy and from there we celebrate love with George Gershwin's An American in Paris. Bach, Mozart and Beethoven gear us up for spring and our final concert of the year brings us home with American Voices and a world premiere by our very own Jonathan Bruce Brown titled SKYWARD!

For the first time you can now purchase season tickets to our Music on Tap series. For only \$125.00 you can attend all 10 concerts. These concerts will cover everything from Bluegrass, Oktoberfest, Soul/Funk, Jazz, our Unvalentines show, and Irish Festival and much more.

If you're not able to attend all the concerts in a season but still want to guarantee your seat we have another brand new offering this year called: Flex Pass. Flex Passes are available beginning in August with early seat assignments. For only \$89.00 you chose which 2 of the Signature Series Concerts you want to attend, which 2 of our Music on Tap concerts you want to attend and you can pick either The Nutcracker or Summer Pops 2018 as your special event ticket.

To purchase any of these deals simply call our box office at 517-782-3221



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JSG's Gershwin Garden Party

2017 Gershwin Garden Party was a total success. Great music, food and mother nature was on our side. Special thanks to our committee, community support, private and corporate sponsors. It truly takes a village. Fun times were had by all. Stay tuned for what's in store for next spring's event!

