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



A Message from Ball Chair, Julie Duesing

Ready for a family-friendly evening of fun and entertainment for the whole family? Well, that would be on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 PM until 9:30 PM for our virtual ball production of "The Hills are Alive..." Yes, this year's ball theme is the music from The Sound of Music--we hope to have you all singing along as you watch our You Tube production this year.

As the 2020 Holiday Ball Chairperson, I have dreamed of this night for about 2 years! Although this isn't the dream I'd been having due to Covid 19, our Jackson Symphony Guild Ball committee has made a pivot to a Party in Place, more virtual experience. Everyone, everywhere can tune in and enjoy this evening of music and fun!

This movie has a special place in my heart--I was 16, my now husband Dave was 17 when we met, I sang The Hills are Alive in a talent competition at the age of 14, Julie Andrews was my heroine (she could sing and she had my first name, too!) and yes, I know all the words to the songs! I was a Sound of Music groupie, I guess!

We hope you will join us this year--it's free but donations are always kindly appreciated. ENJOY our version this year! #thehillsarealive2020



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Thursday May 13, 2021 6:00 pm at The Wax

Make certain you "Save The Date" for the JSG Annual Meeting, 2021!

Ready For A Party?



The Jackson Symphony Guild can add supplies to your event. We have vases, lanterns, umbrellas, chargers, buckets, runners, ribbon, tablecloths, lights and so much more. For a copy of the full list and to rent any of our great items, email Maryanne Fuchs at marefuchs@gmail.com.

Opportunities for New or Veteran Members

We have two wonderful opportunities that might be great ways for new members to become involved or give another option to existing members looking to contribute.

1) Donna Lake is currently in charge of the many items stored in both Donna Blake's old place and upstairs at the JSO. A lot of time and effort has been spent getting this all organized and we need an organized person to take over the maintenance and management of our supplies.

The inventory consists of the items we keep for rent to the public and use on future balls and events. Donna would be happy to mentor someone and walk them through both places to show them what we have and turn over the keys!

2) Dea Talmage is currently wrapping up her 4th year as Newsletter Editor. She has committed to and is so excited about



chairing the 2021 Holiday Ball. Considering the time and organization required to pull off a successful ball. Dea is certain she cannot do both to the best of her abilities.

The newsletter editor is an entirely virtual job. Past issues are all saved in Publisher format and can be turned over for use as future templates. The job entails requesting expected article from appropriate authors,

building the newsletter, editing and proofing, sending to print. We do 4 issues a year: winter, spring, summer and fall.

Dea is eager to mentor a replacement before the end of 2020.

If you want to discuss taking over storage management contact Donna at dllake54@ gmail.com; if want to discuss the newletter editor position, contact Dea at deatalmage@ gmail.com.

Random Acts of Music II



SPREADING THE JOY OF MUSIC THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY

We are thrilled to announce "Random Acts of Music II" - a weekly mini concert series on the JSO's Facebook page that brings the joy and power of places." joy and power of classical performance right to your home! We've handpicked a variety of incredible musicians to feature in the series – strings, brass, winds and more.

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CMS News

After going completely online in March, our Community Music School is slowly navigating through the maze that is our new reality. For our Private Instruction, we do have a mix of teachers providing instruction online and in person at this time. And going forward, we will continue to offer both options.

The good news is that because we are becoming more comfortable with distance learning, CMS is able to hire teachers that may not have been available in the past. An example is Kellie McInchak, our new clarinet teacher who is very well known throughout the state.



Early Childhood classes will run Saturday mornings and the class will feature materials by Dr. John M. Feierabend's "First Steps in Music." We hired two certified teachers both of which are currently working in area school districts-Lisa Ebenor from the Northwest Schools, and Kate Falck from the Mason School District. Our goal is to develop this program which will



bring students to other CMS programs as they get older. Classes will be for children ages 0-18 months, 18-36 months and 3-5 year olds.

Our JSO String Team is going forward with some changes. We will be delivering all of our instruction downtown as we are not allowed in the schools due to Covid restrictions.

A silver lining to this situation is our developing partnership with the YMCA. Our String Team students will be able to use the YMCA buses for transportation from their elementary school to commute downtown to the JSO.



Beginning Adult
Strings Class is for any
adult that has always
wanted to play a string
instrument. No musical
experience necessary, just
a strong desire to make
beautiful music. Our
CMS Director, Jed
Fritzemeier will be
teaching this class. The
overall theme of this
class will be fun!





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IMPORTANT SEASON UPDATE





October 23, 2020 8:00 PM (Tentatively Scheduled) Beethoven's Best

The JSO came back together recently to record our favorite movements from four Beethoven Symphonies. Join Maestro Matthew Aubin and the JSO for this special online premiere. Maestro Aubin and select musicians will be chatting with viewers during the presentation so bring your questions. This program will be available on the JSO website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. In addition, the JSO has created supplemental educational materials so that this program can be presented in an interactive, virtual format to school groups.

November 25, 2020 8:00 PM (Tentatively Scheduled) Made in Michigan

Classical Music goes beyond Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Composers continue writing for the orchestra today. The JSO is committed to bringing new music into the world while honoring Classical Music's tradition and past. In this concert, we're featuring four composers that have local relationships with the JSO: Jonathan Bruce Brown, Jeremy Crosmer, Audrey Kelley and Marcus Norris. The program will include interviews with the composers. Join Maestro Matthew Aubin and the JSO for this online premiere. Maestro Aubin and select musicians will be chatting with viewers during the presentation so bring your questions. This program will be available on the JSO website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. In addition, the JSO has created supplemental educational materials so that this program can be presented in an interactive, virtual format to school groups.



