

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

# THE HILLS ARE ALIVE...

SPECIAL EDITION - SEPTEMBER 2020



The JSG exists to support the JSO and this year we are more committed than ever to ensure that the JSO has the financial resources it needs for its 71st season and all of the seasons to come.

With the COVID Pandemic and future uncertainties, the Jackson Symphony Guild has made the decision to not host the Annual Holiday Ball at the Country Club and instead create a new and different experience.

The Hills are *Still* Alive... and we invite you to join us on December 5 as we Party in Place!

## HOW DO YOU PARTY IN PLACE?

On December 5, plan to tune in to a special production that will bring the Holiday Ball right into your home!

**6:00-8:00 PM** Enjoy cocktails and dinner in your home

**8:00-8:30 PM** Continue dining with **Random Acts of Music** featuring JSO musicians through our YouTube channel via the JSO website.

**8:30-9:30 PM** Enjoy the "The Hills are Alive..." an interactive experience with songs and music featuring the JSO and Community Music School. We'll end the evening with Tim Bos and the LIVE AUCTION. You'll be able to bid remotely in real time on live auction items and live pledge opportunities.

## GET CREATIVE. JOIN THE FUN.

December 5 will be an evening to remember. We invite you to join us as a Dinner Sponsor or Donor and get creative with us.

**Ideas:** Host a party at your house. Encourage your guests to dress up or dress as their favorite Sound of Music character. Make your outfit out of your curtains! Decorate your house Von Trapp style!

During the evening you'll be a part of an interactive virtual event. Check the JSO website closer to the date for event details, remote bidding instructions, hashtags for sharing photos and more.

No matter how you participate, your support of this annual event is essential. The funds raised through sponsors, donations, as well as the live and silent auctions will provide foundational support for the JSO as they are faced with new financial challenges due to the COVID Pandemic.

Commit now as a sponsor or donor using the form provided or online at [www.jacksonsymphony.org](http://www.jacksonsymphony.org). Please respond by **November 1** to be included in event publicity and promotions.

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We want to express our tremendous gratitude to David Hood and the great people at *Picture This Jackson*.

Once again, David will be donating his talent to support our cause. This time, rather than our guests, he'll be photographing the collection of auction items so that they will be available to view well in advance of our event.

Please support this small business with all your photography needs. It's the best way to show our appreciation.

**JOIN US** and enjoy a fun interactive virtual evening.

**DINNER SPONSOR**

**Sound of Music Sponsor \$2000**  
 Enjoy a catered dinner for 8 from The Country Club of Jackson including appetizers, 4 bottles of wine, a custom-themed table center piece, a signature drink recipe card, chocolates, an Alpine Chocolate Cake from The Blue Julep, 8 JSO tickets to a concert of your choice, social media and advertising perks along with other special surprises. See menu and other information below.

**My Favorite Things Sponsor \$1000**  
 Enjoy the same as above for 4 with 2 bottles of wine and 4 JSO tickets to a concert of your choice.

**DONATE**

Keep the Symphony Alive with the Sound of Music by donating to the Holiday Ball this year. After you donate, you can make plans to **Party in Place** with us or simply give. ALL donations help and are deeply appreciated. (See response card for more information.)

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This year the **silent and live auctions** are better than ever and you can participate online!

Bidding takes place **November 30 to December 5**. Winning bid items will be available for pick up at the JSO December 6, 1-5 PM or December 7, 9 AM - 12 PM. Items can also be shipped at the buyer's expense.

The Country Club of Jackson will be offering a special dinner menu available to order for everyone (membership not required). You may place your order for pick up or dine in. Dinners are \$40 per person.

The Menu: Austrian Mushroom Strudel and Lonely Goat Herder Canapes appetizers, Salad a la Salzburg, Alpine Pork Tenderloin, Schnitzel Noodles, Cointreau Glazed Carrots, Rolls with butter and a dessert of Crisp Apple Strudel with Vanilla Ice Cream. Dinner Sponsors will include a dessert compliments of The Blue Julep, an Alpine Chocolate Cake. Vegetarian or gluten free meals by request.

Detailed event **information and instructions** along with links for the auctions and the online interactive evening on December 5 will be available at [jacksonsymphony.org](http://jacksonsymphony.org).

**I/we want to support the annual Jackson Symphony Guild Virtual 2020 Holiday Ball.**

**Dinner Sponsor**     \$2000 *Sound of Music (dinner for 8)*     \$1000 *My Favorite Things (dinner for 4)*

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**Donor**                     \$1000+ *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*                     \$500-999 *Edelweiss*  
                                   \$250-499 *Do-Re-Mi*                                     \$100-249 *So Long, Farewell*                     *Other Amount*

Name(s) as you wish to be acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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Please invoice.     Please call me. I have further questions.

**Make check payable to Jackson Symphony Guild and mail to Susan Riley  
 1503 W. Washington, Jackson, MI 49203**

**All silent auction items need to be at the JSO by October 1 to be photographed for the online auction. No exceptions this year. Every donation must have a donation form completed and sent to Laurie Cunningham at [ldccpa@prodigy.net](mailto:ldccpa@prodigy.net).**

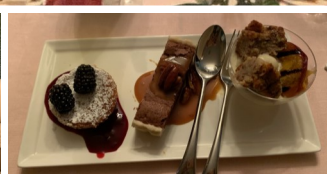
## Silent and Live Auction Items/Sponsors Needed

- ◆ LIVE AUCTION: \$2,500-\$3,000 Sponsor needed for Von Trapp Family Lodge Vacation in Stowe, Vermont
- ◆ MEN'S ITEMS: --car wash coupons, beer/mugs/steins golf balls
- ◆ BEST IN JACKSON GIVING TREE: Cash or gift cards valued \$25 and up: Anna's, Orange Peacock, Blessed Nest, Not so Shabby, Oh So Chic, Rustic Market, Panera's, Beach Bar, Lucero's, The Pointe Grill, The Chase, Bella Notte, Dirty Bird, Nite Lite, Grand River Brewery, Ironbark Brewery, Blue Skies Brewery, LakeDaze Wine from Sandhill Crane Winery, One North Kitchen and Bar, Knight's, Klavon's, Bone Island Grille, Jackson Coffee Company, Slice of Spice, Westpoint Grill, Michigan Theater, Veritas, Chilango's, etc.
- ◆ SLEIGH BELLS: new or vintage
- ◆ BREW STUFF: Growler of beer with mugs from Ironbark Brewery
- ◆ BAKER/DASHER: Bake and deliver crisp apple strudel and/or schnitzel with noodles in new casserole dish
- ◆ ALCHOHOL BASKET: Cash only to Donna Lake
- ◆ WINE: Cases of wine donated for sponsorship baskets: You can get a 25% discount on Austrian wines at Cork&Cap. Ask for Jack and the JSG Ball discount if you decide to purchase: Gruener Veltliner and Zweigelt wines—usually \$192/case, now \$138/case.

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## This Could Be You!

2019 Live Auction winners enjoyed a scrumptious Southern dinner hosted by John and Donna Lake and Laura and Steve Davenport. A steamy July evening with the lake as a backdrop provided the perfect ambiance for fun and relaxation! An experience such as this could be yours this year! Watch for details on the 2020 Live Auction items coming soon!



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## “Fund A Need” is Back!

Following the great success of last year’s introduction of “Fund A Need” at the Ball, we will be offering it again in 2020. Plan to make your pledge that night to help the JSO continue enriching our community. Below are examples of how your gift can impact lives. Thank you for your generous support over the year. We are looking forward to a virtual success in 2020!

### \$2,000

Sponsors an entire **early childhood education class such as Piano**

Sponsors the headlining band for **Music on Tap**

Sponsors a soloist for the **Summer Pops Concert**

### \$1,000

Provides private lessons for 1 student for one year

Sponsors almost an entire section of JSO Musicians for the **Summer Pops Concert**

Sponsors an entire classroom for the **Education Concert for 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

### \$500

Sponsor 1 student for a year in **String Team (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year)**

Sponsors 2 students in an **early childhood education class**

Sponsors the musicians (3-4 of these available) **for the Bach’s Lunches**

Sponsors an opening act for **Music on Tap**

Sponsors a classroom’s attendance for the **Education Concert for 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

Sponsors a classroom’s transportation for the **Education Concert for 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

### \$250

Sponsor 1 student in an **early childhood education class**

Can place 2 students in the **Jackson Youth Symphony**

### \$100

Can cover 1 student’s place in **the Jackson Children’s Chorale (Grade 3 – middle school)**

