

# JSG Interlude

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

## Mark Your Calendars Now...December 3rd!

If you haven't yet marked your calendars for this year's Holiday Ball, The Four Seasons, you best do it soon! You're not going to want to miss this! We've got a lot to offer!

- The evening begins with a VIP cocktail hour (details for which are included in the sponsorship opportunity letters will be mailed out soon).
- Followed by dinner - where you'll be entertained by members of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, playing excerpts from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. And if that's not enough...
- ...A live acapella performance "Jersey Boys" style.

But let's not forget the reason for this "Season". Throughout the evening, you'll be able to bid online for a collection of fabulous silent auction packages – watch for sneak peaks of some of the items that will be posted on our Facebook page.



- After the "Jersey Boys" drop the mic on their performance, the live auction will begin – led by none other than Jackson's own Tim Bos. It's a little too early to divulge details on these offerings, but trust me, you will not be disappointed!
- Once the live auction is closed, the party starts up again with live R&B, Soul, Funk and Ol' School Jams presented by Tony Fields Music.
- WHEW!

We'll also be selling raffle tickets, which will be made available weeks in advance. There will be four prize drawings, each themed by season that include fun activities and an overnight stay at a local hotel. This year's raffle is being sponsored by Experience Jackson.

## Alzheimer's Walk 2022

Opportunity! Please join us as we have a chance to help fight Alzheimer's! Together we walk! October 14th, 2022. Pre walk activities/registration 5:00. Opening ceremony 6:00. Walk 6:15. Horace Blackman Park.

Our Footnotes team is registered and ready for YOU @ [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org). Click "Find a Walk near you" (green text). Then click "FIND A TEAM" (white text). Type "footnotes" (all one word) into the Team Search box and hit enter. Then you can register to walk or donate! I will be taking orders for team shirts as we get closer to the date.

Linda Wray, Footnotes Team Captain

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# A Symphony of Talents

Jackson Symphony Guild Annual Meeting and Dinner was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Country Club of Jackson. Members gathered for the year-end celebration of their collective talents that together form A SYMPHONY OF TALENTS.

Following dinner, members were delighted to hear Serena Fleming, winner of Stephen Osmond Scholarship, perform “Rondo” from CONCERTOR NO. 5 IN D MAJOR for Violin by F. Seitz, and Cameron Gibson, winner of Mary Spring into Music Scholarship, play “Invention in C Major” by J.S. Bach on the piano. An additional 14 students received scholarships. These winners were some of the beneficiaries of JSG Fund-a-Need program.

Vickie McFerran received the prestigious Jenny Spiesberger Award for her many contributions to JSG over the past 14 years. Pat Willis was named New Lifetime



Emeritus member, and Laurie Cunningham, Laura Davenport, Deb Fairbanks, Heather Streker, and Patrice

Vermeulen received New Director Emeritus status. New members to JSG are Briston Bamm, Jane Flores, Jessica Malcheff, Cassondra Tune McGinn, and Lisa Walton.

A Memorial Tribute to Patrice Vermeulen was made by President Angela Machnik. Machnik then presented the “CHECK” for \$94,400 to Jackson Symphony Maestro Matt Aubin! The evening concluded with the annual photo of Jackson Symphony Guild members.





## Welcome New Guild Board Members!

We're pleased to announce the election of three new board members; Briston Bamm, Jessica Malcheff and Jane Flores. All three Both come to us with wonderful experience and expertise and are ready to hit the ground running to support our beloved JSO through "Four Seasons."

Briston Bamm is a newly elected board member of the JSG as of 5/22. He comes to us with an extensive background in CyberSecurity and Telecommunications. He and his wife, Amanda, share 5 school age children and are the owners of Nevermore De'cor on W. Michigan Ave. Briston is passionate about supporting non profits, like the Aware shelter, Ella Sharp, the Chamber and the local animal shelter. He has a love of board games and craft cocktails. Briston plans to hit the ground running in support of our 2022 Holiday Ball by offering creativity and support for the Live/Silent Auction and the Decorations for "The Four Seasons".



Jessica Malcheff completed her undergraduate degree from Hillsdale College, and a masters degree from University of Northern Iowa. She comes to us from serving many years in the non-profit sector. She is passionate about serving the interests

of women/children; having worked for a domestic violence shelter as well as a mental health center. She currently works as a Major Gift Officer for Spring Arbor University. She is a mother of two boys, and wants to support the arts in her local community; so, she can lead by example and make volunteerism a priority in her life. Jessica is a gifted fund raiser and community engager; she plans to be the point person for the Auction Committee for this year's Holiday Ball.

Jane Flores is a relative new comer to the greater Jackson Community. She was educated at Lansing Community College and Michigan State, but spent many years in San Antonio, Texas. While living in the great state of Texas, she was heavily involved in supporting the arts community through fund raising and educational efforts. She was the Director of Main Plaza Conservancy for over 11 years, and was instrumental in putting Mariachi Music on the map; winning many awards. Jane is serving in an executive position at Jackson Crossing, and plans to serve the JSG board in the area of Live/Silent Auction and Solicitations.



We look forward to welcoming these new members and working side by side on our main event!



In Loving Memory of

*Patrice Vermeulen*

We think about you always, we talk about you still,  
you have never been forgotten, and you never will

We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain

To walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.



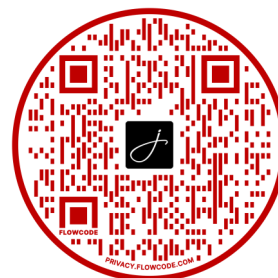
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## JSO Upcoming Events

Season Ticket Subscriptions are available now!  
50% off Signature Series season tickets for first-time subscribers. New patrons use this one-time discount code: NEWPATRON23



**SUMMER POPS, Fri., Aug 26, 7:00 PM @ Horace Blackman Park**  
Join the JSO in honoring both fictional and real heroes and heroines that give the people in our country hope! This concert will start by exploring theme songs for heroes that we all know and love from Superman to Wonder Woman. Then, we'll take the second half of our concert to play some epic music to honor heroes from the common man to the many war heroes and veterans in our community. The concert is free but you can purchase VIP tickets for \$30 which includes special seating and one drink ticket. Hero Costumes and Military Uniforms are welcome.

**THE MAESTRO RETURNS, Sat., Oct. 1, 7:30 PM @ Potter Center**  
Conductor Laureate Stephen Osmond returns to the podium to conduct Shostakovich's 5th symphony and La Valse by Ravel. In collaboration with world famous concert pianist William Westney, Osmond presents Richard Addinsell's poignant Warsaw Concerto. This program is sure to feature a surprise or two! Don't miss the Maestro's return. **PRE-CONCERT CONVERSATION:** Join us for a free, interactive lecture before the concert at 6:30pm.



**HALLOWEEN CHILDREN'S CONCERT, Sat., Oct. 29, 3:00 PM @ Michigan Theatre**  
Costumes, candy, and more! Your little ghost or goblin will help haunt the Michigan Theatre for the Jackson Symphony Orchestra's Halloween Children's Concert. This exciting program features frightfully fun symphonic music perfect for young eyes and ears. The entire family is invited to dress up in their favorite costume along with our musicians to enjoy "boo-tiful" music! This concert is a wonderful chance for you to introduce your children to the wonders of live orchestral music. Runtime: 1 hour.