

# JSG Interlude

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



Dinner, dancing and auction on Saturday, December 7 at the Country Club of Jackson. The Crystal Enchantment Ball promises to be an elegant and memorable event. Please invite your friends and associates to share this spectacular evening. Check out the facebook page for regularly updated silent and live auction details.

## The JSG Foot Notes Walk On



Congratulations to the Foot Notes team in the walk against Alzheimer's! We were #2 team, raising a total of \$3,141! What a marvelous accomplishment and wonderful way to spend a Friday night in Jackson! Special thanks to Stefanie Riggs, Dea Talmage and Julie Duesing and all who participated and assisted. It's a humbling and heart warming experience. Please consider joining us next year.

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## OUR ANNUAL MEETING

...the one you don't want to miss.

Thursday  
May 14, 2020  
6:00 pm at The Wax

Make certain you "Save The Date" for the JSG Annual Meeting, 2020!

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

## Music & Memory and *Away From Her* Movie Night

The Music & Memory project sponsored by the Jackson Symphony Guild has been in full swing for over a year now. The Jackson District Library (JDL) under the leadership of Danielle Leithouser will distribute the FREE headphones, iPods and personalized playlists. A family or individual need only contact Danielle at the library. Normally the blue bag kits would retail for \$100 but through the fundraising efforts of the JSG along with grants from Great Lakes Car-

ing Hospice Foundation and the Phil and Pat Willis Foundation, we have been able to help over 100 families who are impacted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Our Annual Movie Awareness Night took place on September 12 at the Michigan Theater to see the movie entitled "Away from Her." The film explores the realities of this dreadful disease and its impact on marriages and life-long relationships. We partnered this year with AARP who provided volunteers and funds to

show this movie to our community. We thank everyone who attended and to all our community partners.

If you would like to donate, please send checks to the Jackson Symphony Guild, P.O.Box 602, Jackson, MI 49204 with Music & Memory in the memo. If you would like a speaker for a community group or organization, please contact Julie Duesing at [jduesing5@gmail.com](mailto:jduesing5@gmail.com). Thanks to all who have made this program available in our community.

# Away from Her





## New Director of Music Education Jed Fritzemeier



The Jackson Symphony Orchestra is excited to announce Jed Fritzemeier, as our new Director of Music Education. Jed is the retired orchestra director of Chelsea High School

and has played bass with the JSO for many years. Jed brings over 35 years of experience to the JSO. As part of Jed's role, he will oversee our Community Music School, the JSO's

educational programming in schools, pre-concert lectures and our outreach programming. Please join us in welcoming Jed Fritzemeier to the JSO.

## Farhats and Ellis' donate a Taste of the Mediterranean and an Evening of Great Delights



At the 2018 Holiday Ball, Gary & Shelly Farhat and their friends, Greg & Portia Ellis donated a lavish multi course Mediterranean dinner. During the summer, guests gathered at the Farhat home. The evening started with wonderful appetizers, beverages and enter-

tainment by a belly dancer on the deck. Following, the guests were escorted to their seats in a well-appointed themed dining room to include a water pipe as the center piece of the table. The menu consisted of delicious and abundant fare to include a salad of lettuce filled with tabbouleh, traditional stuffed grape leaves, chicken kabobs, baked Kibbeh (baked ground lamb, bulgur & onions) and yummy Kousa Mihshi (stuffed squash) – all served with Lebanese wines. Desserts were plentiful, and yes, Baklava and anise

cookies were served. Greg provided a history of making traditional Turkish coffee and Portia entertained the guests by performing a reading of the coffee cup bottom remains. Anisette liquor was served as an after-dinner bonus. It was a wonderful evening. Thank you to the hosts and hostesses for a delightful evening and for supporting the Jackson Symphony Guild.



## The Nutcracker Presented by The Jackson Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Chelsea



Ballet Chelsea proudly presents its 22nd Annual performance of The Nutcracker, a Christmas Eve tale about a young girl named Marie and her magical journey to the enchanted Kingdom of Sweets. Choreographed by Artistic Director Wendi DuBois, the Ballet Chelsea company artists and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra musicians will come together for the third year to present this annual full-length, narrated ballet.

- December 7, 2019  
Chelsea High School
- December 8, 2019  
Chelsea High School
- December 14, 2019  
Potter Center
- December 15, 2019  
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## JSO Upcoming Events

**CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS**  
NOVEMBER 23, 2019 • POTTER CENTER

Two pianos are better than one! Join us as we bring two pianos to the stage for Saint-Saëns’s dynamic Carnival of the Animals and Poulenc’s virtuosic concerto in D minor. Opening with the whimsical Overture to The Pirates of Penzance, the program also includes Jacques Ibert’s Divertissement accompanied by artwork from Jackson student artists.



**BACH TO THE FUTURE**  
FEBRUARY 7, 2020 • WEATHERWAX HALL

The JSO welcomes back Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist and composer Jeremy Crosmer to premiere his new work inspired by Bach. New York City violist Mitsuru Kubo and JSO principal violist Clyde McKaney take center stage for this new work as well as Bach’s 6th Brandenburg Concerto.

**THE MUSIC OF HARRY POTTER**  
FEBRUARY 29 and MARCH 1, 2020 • MICHIGAN THEATRE

Explore the world of Harry Potter through sound. The JSO in collaboration with the Jackson School of the Arts will again be bringing the world of Harry Potter to life. On March 1, 2020, at the historic Michigan Theatre the wizarding world of Harry Potter awaits you. This interactive experience will feature some of your favorite characters from the movies. Be sure and come dressed as your favorite witch or wizard.

