

Utah Symphony Guild Newsletter



Because we believe great music can elevate the human spirit, the purpose of The Guild is to foster, promote and facilitate the operation of the Utah Symphony Orchestra financially, socially and educationally.

2017-2018 Season Newsletter, Volume 2



Margaret Sargent,
Guild President

We have had a productive fall in the guild. Thank you to Jennifer Stroud for planning our wonderful luncheons! Our Halloween luncheon in October at Gardner Village was a huge success. It was so fun to see members dressed in costumes. Our November “luncheon” was a service project at the Northwest Community Center with our Outreach program. It was so fun to see this program in action and to interact with the violin students. Thank you to all those who came and made this a meaningful experience for the youth and the guild. (See separate article for details of this event.) Jennifer has done a fantastic job!

Please join with us on December 14th at the Salt Lake Country Club for our annual Christmas Luncheon and Christmas Boutique. We will have additional items for sale that you can buy for Christmas presents or neighbor gifts. You won’t want to miss this festive event. It is always a highlight of the year.

Our gift shop is in full swing. Come check us out in our new shop in the remodeled lobby of Abravanel Hall. It’s a great place to buy some Christmas presents.

We have some exciting events coming in 2018 (can that be possible? 2018?). In January, we are having our luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion on January 17th at 11:30am. The first lady, Mrs. Herbert, will be joining us and saying a few words. February 10th will be our Red Haute Valentine’s luncheon and fashion show at the Old Meeting House. The Children’s Hour is providing the clothes. We are hoping to raise some extra money for our Outreach Program. March will be a luncheon at Little America and in April we are working on an evening soiree/musical program in a member’s home.

Don’t forget to put May 3rd on your calendar. This is our annual Gala to be held in the lobby of Abravanel Hall this year. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will go to support the Utah Symphony Utah Opera which supports our programs. Look for more details. You won’t want to miss it!!

Thanks to all those who serve in the Utah Symphony Guild – whether serving on the board or volunteering. All these events and our support of our wonderful Symphony and Opera wouldn’t be possible without all your efforts. If you haven’t joined with us recently, please come! We’d love to see as many members as possible at our events. You will be glad you did!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

- Margaret

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Introducing the 2017/2018

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**Henriette Mohebbi,
Executive Vice President**

If you would like to be trained as a cashier at the Boutique, please let me know via e-mail, h.mohebbi@utah.edu. Boutique staff would be thrilled to have their shifts a little more spaced, although, as of January, the boutique will again close after intermission, except on nights where there is a guest artist signing CD's after the concert of course.

Sales at the boutique are a little bit slow, but we hope they will pick up as the Christmas shopping season is upon us. Remember as a Utah Symphony Guild Member you will get a 20% discount on all items except guest artist CDs and merchandise. Patrons are slowly getting used to the new location of the boutique, perhaps next time you attend a concert, you can speak in a louder voice as you mention to your companion[s] the great items you found at the gift shop in the lobby.

We now have 114 paid Guild members and would like to increase this number, so continue to encourage your friends to join. It is for a good cause, especially considering our truly successful Outreach Program through which we teach local children to play violin as well. And don't forget the Docent Program where we go out and teach 5th graders in various schools in the Salt Lake area. Furthermore, all funds collected by the Guild are given to our fabulous Utah Symphony!

Thank you for your continued support and see you at the Christmas Luncheon!

- Henriette

This has been a busy fall for the Education Division of the USG. We have been busy getting all the Docents organized. Please see the article below from Docent Chair, Debbie Tuttle, for an update.

The Guild provided a wonderful enrichment program for the Outreach Violin students this month. They will be talking about it for the rest of their lives.

The students are full of excitement in anticipation of the upcoming Holiday Recital. Everyone is invited to attend their next recital on Wednesday December 13th. The recital will begin at 5pm at the Northwest Community Center (1255 Clark Ave (300 N), SLC). The program will last about an hour and cookies will be provided by the Northwest Community Center.

Thank you all for your continued generous support of the Outreach program. If you are still looking for a deserving cause for a holiday donation, the program is still in need of 5 full-sized violins for the students.



**Doyle Clayburn
Education VP**

- Doyle

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The Symphony Docent Program is preparing for the upcoming concerts for the 5th grade students under the direction of Beverly Hawkins and her staff. All district chairs are in place and are contacting the docents to inform them of important upcoming dates. Training for the docents will be in January, the 17th, 18th and 19th.

Concerts for the students will be given during the month of February. This year the theme will be a musical representation of the expansion to the western frontiers. We are looking forward to another exciting year. Thank you to all the docents who make this program possible and the success it continues to be.

Anyone interested in becoming a docent please contact me. We would be happy to have you.

Debbie Tuttle
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Thanks to all the USG members who attended our successful Outreach program on November 15, 2017 at the Northwest Community Center. In lieu of a luncheon last month, Jennifer Stroud, Social Vice President, suggested that we do a service project. Kudos to our USG President, Margaret Sargent, for supporting our endeavor to "think outside the box." The USG Board concurred.

Here's a recap of this special event. First, Doyle Clayburn, our Vice President of Education, introduced the purpose of our Outreach program and welcomed its esteemed Outreach violin teacher, Ms. Kerstin Tenney. Ms. Tenney, who attained her Master's Degree of Violin Performance from University of Utah, is a long-standing member of the highly select Orchestra on Temple Square. As an experienced teacher in our Outreach program, Ms. Tenney provides violin lessons to over 40 children. With USG "scholarship" support, she also teaches private lessons to four of the most gifted children in the program.

The youngest children performed first and did a fine job. They were also extremely well behaved for the entire event, not an easy feat for young children!

Early in the evening, Jennifer Stroud, Social Vice President, taught all of us a fun icebreaker activity using something called a "cootie catcher." Violin students paired up with USG members to answer questions, which prompted lively conversations. Many of the questions revolved around the theme of gratitude.

In conjunction with the season of Thanksgiving, Leslie Williams, USG Corresponding Secretary, taught the students a short lesson on meaningful thank you letters. With cute stationery provided by Jennifer Stroud, students then chose to write a letter of gratitude to their violin teacher. USG members helped answer children's questions about spelling, grammar, or providing examples with specificity. The students did a marvelous job of writing these personalized thank you notes, which Ms. Tenney will treasure forever!

At one point, Ms. Tenney invited USG members to volunteer as students. The actual students then became the teachers. Playing the violin is clearly harder than it appears!

When the older, more experienced violinists played for us, it was hard to believe that these students were children. They did a splendid job! We were even treated to a lovely performance by a student soloist, Miss Ahitza Flores.

To celebrate the evening's success, we then enjoyed a kid-friendly dinner of pizza, salad, and cookies. Many thanks to Jennifer Stroud for providing these refreshments.

Thanks to an engaging program and great turnout, the Utah Symphony Guild was able to raise over \$200, which will help with the purchase of additional violins needed for the Outreach students. (If any member still wishes to make a donation earmarked for Outreach violins, please do so! Our treasurer, Mary Lynn Kinsel, will be delighted to accept your special contribution of any amount, large or small.)

- Leslie Williams

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Please complete the form with your current contact information and mail with your check to: **Henriette Mohebbi, PO Box 58183, SLC, UT 84158**

UTAH SYMPHONY GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017- 2018

____ New Member ____ Returning Member

Print the following information as you would like it to appear in the membership directory.

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Spouse/Partner Name: _____

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Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

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(Please provide your email to receive the quarterly Guild newsletter)

Circle/select one:

\$40 Individual Membership

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Check appropriate boxes

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Membership



Tilda Wangerien
Membership Vice President

Welcome New Members!

We have so many new Guild members! We'll be recognizing them throughout the year at our luncheons and in future newsletters. Please welcome them, get to know them and help them learn more about how to be a part of our wonderful Symphony Guild.

Beth & Boyd Cole
William & Bonnie Daniloff
Sandra Ellis
Patricia A. Giovinazzo
Mateusz Jagiello
Sabra Moyes
Jean Nielsen
Janis Pope
Joanne Rich
Michele Smith
Janette P. Sonnenberg
Robert Wangerien
Denice Wheeler
Frank Williams

Wishing you the best of holidays!

- Tilda

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October Luncheon – The Gathering Place



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October Luncheon – The Gathering Place continued...



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Reach out and meet someone new, at the next Utah Symphony Guild event... you never know what connections you may have.

From Guild member Joyce Skidmore Wilson

"They were just chatting at the Guild's October luncheon about how Lona Mae's brother-in-law was Joyce's uncle. The Guild photographer spotted them and asked to take a photo.

"That's good," replied Lona Mae. "We're practically related.

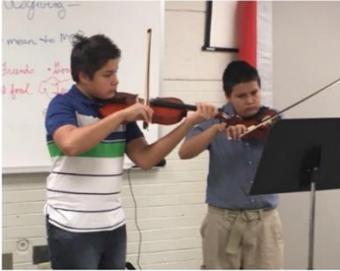
"They continued discussing how as young playmates, Lona Mae's husband, Vaughn, had kissed her now photo companion Joyce.

"Later in the day, Lona Mae, dressed as an impish witch, was chosen a winner of the costume competition."



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Violin Outreach Program Recital



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Violin Outreach Program Recital continued...



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Violin Outreach Program Recital continued...



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Coming Events

Please join the Utah Symphony Guild on Thursday, December 14th, at 11:30 for their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique at the Salt Lake Country Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$45.00, RSVP by December 4th. **As the cost at the door is \$75.00, RSVPs are strongly encouraged.** Please visit www.utahsymphonyguild.org for more information.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Guild luncheon at the Governor's Mansion. January 17, 2018, at 11:30 am. Mrs. Herbert will join with us and say a few words. We will also be privileged to hear a musical number from members of our wonderful symphony. This is an event you won't want to miss!!

The Utah Symphony Guild is sponsoring the performances of the Utah Symphony on February 2-3. It is featuring Mozart and Haydn with Ronald Brautigam as pianist with Thierry Fischer conducting. Guild members can get 20% off the price of a ticket. All Guild members are invited to attend the intermission reception in the 1st tier room. Call the symphony office to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!

Get ready for the Red Haute Valentine Luncheon and Fashion Show. Extra proceeds will go to support our Outreach Program and the USUO. It will be held on February 10th at the Old Meeting House on Highland Drive. This will be a great opportunity to invite your daughters, granddaughters, husbands, etc. We are looking for women and children (boys and girls) who would like to model. The Children's Hour will provide the clothes and will also give a discount if anyone wants to buy the clothes. As a means to raise additional funds, we are asking the models to pay -- \$20.00 for the first model and \$10.00 for each additional model from a family. We are also looking for a sponsor for this event

Please fill out the following form and **return to Margaret Sargent:** 1835 E. Honey Creek Lane, SLC, UT 84106. Please make checks payable to: Utah Symphony Guild.

Call Margaret with any questions, 801-560-7650.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Name, sizes, and ages of Models _____

www.utahsymphonyguild.org



Amount of check enclosed _____

Special thanks need to go to Utah Symphony Guild Member *Della Roberts* for all her assistance with the Gala last year – An Evening in Paris. The use of her decorations and her ideas were priceless – especially her agreement to let us borrow her large Eiffel Tower that was on display in the Abravanel Hall lobby. Look for it again this year. The Eiffel Tower location will indicate where to purchase tickets for the Luxury Drawing for travel with the Drake Busath Photography Workshop.

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Carol Radinger, immediate past president, recently spoke with Amy Hansen, last year's Guild winner of a photo tour with Drake Busath to Loire Valley, France, and asked if she would share some of her experience with us.

*We'll again have a luxury opportunity drawing for another trip at the 2018 Gala. Start planning now to purchase tickets for this experience this opportunity. **THE TRAVELER COULD BE YOU!***

*For 18 years **Italy Workshops** has offered photo-themed tours of villages and landscapes of Italy and France. All Drake's tours are listed, and you can learn more, at <http://italyworkshops.com>.*

Amy shares some of her experience with us below:

“Do you dream of traveling Europe and making beautiful photographs? Do you wish for a personalized and localized experience instead of just a bus tour? Do you want to capture stunning scenery with your camera and get great tips from a professional? Do you like vacations where you really get to know a place? Do you want to take home lasting souvenirs that you created yourself? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, a tour with Drake Busath is for you!

Last year I was the lucky winner of the Utah Symphony Guild opportunity drawing trip to the Loire Valley in France with Drake Busath and his company Italy Photography Workshops. It was like winning the lottery! I was unable to attend the Utah Symphony Guild Gala due to out of state business travel, but had purchased a package of tickets for the opportunity drawing prior to the event. Imagine my surprise when Maybell McCann (guild member and gala chair), informed me via text message that my name had been drawn as a winner of this amazing trip donated by Drake to help the raise funds for the Utah Symphony! I was shocked, in the best kind of way!

My sister joined me in France for the tour. We had an amazing sister's trip, enjoying Paris on our own, and then meeting up with Drake and the rest of the photography tour group in the Loire Valley, in what can only be described as a storybook land! Charming chateaus, castles, cathedrals and gardens are literally scattered all along the gorgeous Loire River and throughout the valley. It is impossible to remove the Loire from French history, they are so intertwined. We enjoyed the food, wine, beautiful scenery and French people immensely. There was literally nothing we didn't like about our trip!

Drake and his in-country team made our visit special. Drake engaged Marie Heiss (resident of the Loire Valley) to manage the logistics and the tour locations. She and her husband Rod took care of every practical need of our group with a true spirit of generosity. Drake is patient, kind and helpful. He spent time with each tour participant and was quick to discern each individual's level of skill and needs. Every detail is thought of when you travel with Drake and his team! The accommodations, food, transportation, communication and tour sites were all fantastic.

My sister and I feel like this was a trip of lifetime! We are grateful to Drake Busath for donating such a great prize to the Utah Symphony Guild. We also appreciate the Guild's dedication and hard work in fundraising and advocacy on behalf of the Utah Symphony--which really adds a vibrant spark of culture to our community.“

[photos follow]

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A very special private evening photographing Chenonceau Castle in the Loire Valley



Amy and her sister Emily pose for Drake's camera at a private chateau

Amy captures the moody light in the quiet abbey at St Rémy-La-Varenne



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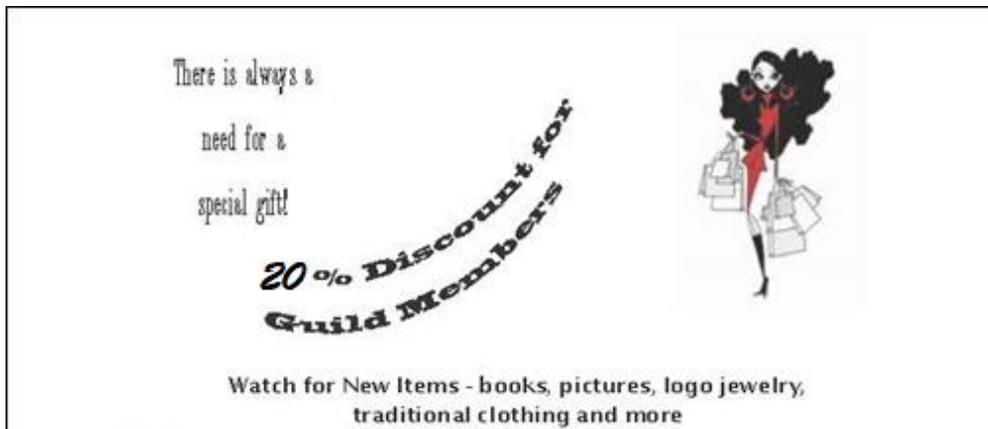
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