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President's Message

Sharyn Spinelli

Hello Everyone!

Summer is ending and the new season of the JSO is just beginning! The office is buzzing from all the activity. We are full speed ahead with the GALA that promises to be quite the spectacular we want it to be with an open bar, symphony performance playing while the Muse Circus performs simultaneously.

We will have a spectacular dinner of surf & turf followed by dancing to the Swing Band. Everything will be in one location - the Pasquerella Convention Center downtown with lots of parking in the garage behind the center.

You should have received your 5 raffle tickets in the mail by the time you get this newsletter - if not, please call Doris at the office. I hope our Auxiliary will support this Symphony event. It promises to be SPECTACULAR.

Our 1st meeting for this new season is Thursday, Oct. 13 at 11:30 at Sunnehanna. Maestro Blachly will be attending to inform us about the 1st concert and to get our feedback from the GALA. Let's show him how Johnstown & Somerset are glad to welcome him.

Hope to see you at both events!

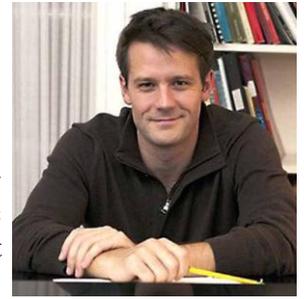


Newsletter Submissions

Any member of the Auxiliary wanting to submit information for any future newsletter, email your information to kozak@unt.edu or snail mail it to Monica Kozak, 375 Theatre Drive, Apt 8101, Johnstown, PA 15904. You may also call Monica at 262-8758. Material for the next Newsletter is to be submitted two weeks prior to the next meeting.



*Message from the Maestro
James Blachly*



To our passionate supporters of the Johnstown Symphony,

I want to begin my series of letters to you by thanking all of you for the truly remarkable dedication and energy you all put into the search process for Music Director over the past 18 months. I know that the late Jim Beener cared deeply about the professionalism of that search process, and I want to thank and commend Dr. Dennis McNair, John Coyle, and all of the members of the search committee for their roles in seeing the process through so well.

It is a tremendous honor to be named the 12th Music Director in the history of this orchestra. One of the first things that struck me when I came to conduct in March was the way that this community cares about their orchestra. I could tell by how it felt to perform for you that the music and the orchestra matter to you all so much. And to have an audience and a support system that values what we do and is so enthusiastic really gives meaning to what we do as performers.

It has been a busy summer since I accepted the position. We've heard more than 100 auditions by potential players. I've been meeting with all of the committees on the board. We've changed the website, making it easier for our public to find what they need on our site, from ticket information to the history of our orchestra.

Perhaps most exciting, we have planned a season that is filled with exquisite, powerful, beautiful music. The soloists who have accepted my invitation to perform with us are truly world-class, including a cellist who has been compared to the young Yo-Yo Ma and singers who perform regularly at the Metropolitan Opera House and around the world. Get ready for an amazing season, and I will be calling on you all to show your support and love of the symphony in a variety of ways. I can't wait to begin this New Era with all of you!

Maestro James Blachly

Music Director, Johnstown Symphony Orchestra

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Treasurer's Report

Loretta Ciupak

I am currently reviewing and getting our funds in order to report at our October meeting. Our money has been transferred from AmeriServ to 1st Summit Bank.

Christmas Home Tour
Joan Moss



The Christmas Home Tour is cancelled due to lack of a committee to be formed.

Taste of the Laurel Highlands
Gay Reed

The Somerset Auxiliary of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra presents the fifth annual Taste of the Laurel Highlands – a culinary fundraiser to benefit the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra.

Sample signature dishes from a variety of local restaurants. Included are a cash bar, Chinese auctions, 50/50 raffles, door prizes and a silent auction featuring artwork by Jeanne Wagle.

The event will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Green Gables Restaurant, 7712 Somerset Pike, Jennerstown, PA.

Cost is \$30 per person. For tickets, visit our website – www.sajso.com – or call either Sam Hanson at (814) 754-5230 or Eleanor Schrock at (814) 445-4771.



JSOA 2016-2017 Auxiliary Meeting Dates & Locations

Thursday, October 13,
11:30 a.m., Sunnehanna



Thursday, March 9,
11:30 a.m., Boulevard
Grill



Thursday, November 10
11:30 a.m., Holiday Inn



Thursday, April 6,
11:30 a.m., NyKo's



Thursday, December 8,
11:30 a.m., Sunnehanna



Thursday, May 11,
11:30 a.m., Holiday Inn



Thursday, February 9
11:30 a.m., Asiago's



Symphony Spectacular: September 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Kim Rauch, Interim Executive Director

Our season's opening GALA for 2016–17 will be an evening event like you have never seen before!!!! This year it is designed for you to attend at one location (Pasquerilla Conference Center) to see the Muse Circus of New York perform with our symphony and to:

- purchase raffle tickets for a \$2550 diamond pendant from Kranich's, \$500 Boscov gift certificate, or a \$250 Harrigan's Café & Wine Deck gift card;
- bid on fabulous silent auction items including a \$410 "Romance in the Mountains" package (includes Green Gables tickets, dinner and an overnight stay), Steelers tickets with parking, and more;
- get your fortune told with a chance to win a beautiful basket;
- purchase a box of popcorn guaranteed to win the minimum of a \$20 gift card or certificate;
- ring an extravagant bottle of wine; or
- participate in a dart throwing contest for a chance at a great basket.



All the while you will be surrounded with circus performers from the Muse Circus of Brooklyn, NY.

Cocktail hour is 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. followed by our symphony performance of selections from Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* and Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique* – under the baton of JSO Conductor Maestro James Blachly.



Dinner is a sit down at 8:00 p.m., so you won't have to juggle your plate carrying it from the buffet. We'll leave the juggling to the clowns.

Following your surf and turf (filet and sea bass) dinner there will be dancing until 11:30 p.m.



Tickets are \$150 per person. Remember that prior to the end of the year Doris will mail you a statement for the IRS that you can use to claim a portion of your contribution for a tax deduction.

Sponsor Table is \$5,000. Benefactor Table is \$3,000. Patron Table is \$1,800. Donor Table is \$1,000. Sponsor of Two is \$500.

This Spectacular will be one of the area's premier social highlights and the largest fundraising event for the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra. Call (814) 535-6738 for event tickets, raffle tickets, sponsorship, or for additional information.



Maestro James Blachly

A New Beginning

October 15, 2016

7:30 PM

Verdi, *Forza del Destino Overture*
Adam Schoenberg, *UP!*
Shostakovich *Symphony No. 5*

A New World

November 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Brahms, *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*
William Grant Still-*Poem for Orchestra*
Dvořák *Symphony No. 9*

Handel's Messiah

December 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Featuring: Nacole Palmer, Kirsten Solleck, Daniel Mutlu, and Jesse Blumberg

The Music of John Williams

March 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM

ET, Star Wars, Jurassic Park, Harry Potter, and more!

French Brilliance

April 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Debussy, "*Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*"

Saint-Saëns, *Cello Concerto in A Minor*

Berlioz, *Symphonie fantastique*

Featuring rising star, Jonah Ellsworth

Beethoven's Ninth!

May 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Wagner Tannhauser Overture

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

Featuring: Kathryn Mueller, Luthien Brackett, Rufus Müller, and Michael Chioldi