

The Thirty-seventh DSOL Presentation Ball to be February 11th

The Thirty-seventh DSOL Presentation Ball will be held February 11th at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Twenty-eight Symphony Debutantes will be escorted by the Honor Guard and presented that evening. The Presentation Ball Chairman is **Karen Cox**. Her Co-Chairmen are **Rachael Black-Maier, Claire Catrino, Angela Jackson, Sharon Ballew, Sarah Frazee Mills** and **Elissa McClure**. **Cynthia Beard** is the DSOL President.

Honorary Chairmen for the Thirty-seventh Ball are **Lisa** and **Clay Cooley** who are active in all areas of the community. Their chairmanships and support of dozens of non-profit organizations, particularly those impacting children, have been the central focus of their philanthropy. Lisa and Clay have served as honorary chairmen and as well working chairmen for such organizations as Children's Cancer Fund, Luke's Fast Breaks, Dallas Symphony Opening Gala, First Site benefitting The Dallas Opera, and New Friends New Life among others. Lisa is an active member of The Crystal Charity Ball Committee and was Chairman of the 2021 Ten Best Dressed Fashion Show and Luncheon benefitting several children's charities. Lisa is also a strong supporter of The Salvation Army of North Texas. She and Clay are Honorary Chairmen of the 30th Anniversary Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fashion Show. Lisa currently serving as Chairman of the 2023 Bullock Texas State



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Left to right: **Rachael Black-Maier, Claire Catrino, Angela Jackson, Cynthia Beard, DSOL President, Karen Cox, DSOL Presentation Ball Chairma, Sharon Ballew, Sarah Frazee Mills and Elissa McClure.**

History Gala in Austin.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League held the First Presentation Ball on February 21, 1987, chaired by **Mrs. Vance C. Miller**, and co-chaired by **Mrs. Virginia Cook** and **Mrs. P. Mike McCullough**. Mrs. Vance C. Miller's granddaughter, **Virginia McKenzie Miller**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Irwin Miller is being presented as a 2023 Debutante.

The mother of 2023 Debutante, **Britton Anne Barcus, Kloe Barcus**, was a DSOL Debutante in 1992. Her father, Cyrus Barcus, Jr, served as an Honor Guard escort in 1994-1995. The parents of 2023 Debutate **Natalie Grace Duvall** were both Debutante Ball participants. Her mother,

Susan, was a first-season Dallas Symphony Orchestra League debutante and served as Assembly president. Her father, **Dodd**, was an Honor Guard. The mother of Debutante **Elizabeth Roberts Thompson**, Elizabeth Lee **Roberts**, was a Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Debutante, and her father, **David Edward Thompson**, was her mother's Honor Guard escort at the 1987 Ball.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Dallas Symphony's education and community engagement programs, Community Concerts and Performances, Cecil and Ida Green Youth Concerts, Symphony YES!, and the Young Strings Program. More than \$10 million has been raised for the DSO through the annual event.

The President's Message

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Greetings Dallas Symphony Orchestra League members!

Happy and healthy New Year to each of you as we celebrate 2023 and the many DSOL events in the coming months. I want to thank the Board, Event Chairs and Committees, home hostesses, Underwriters and our many volunteers for their dedication, support and enthusiasm this year!

We had a very successful Fall Tea and General Meeting in September at Arlington Hall. This lovely and well-attended event was chaired by **Kay Weeks** with music provided by noted DSO cellist, **Jennifer Choi**. Special thanks to our Tea sponsor, **Kathy Crow**, and to **Cullinaire Catering** for underwriting the tea.

The exciting 9th Annual Fashion Notes Designer Award, Runway Show and Luncheon on October 13th was "over the top" with dynamic Event Chairs, **Sharon Lee Clark** and **Kira Nasrat** at the helm. In spite of an unexpected venue change beyond our control, the event was a huge success at Virgin Hotels! We are grateful to our Mother-Daughter Honorary Chairs, **Patsy Donosky** and **Janie Condon**, for sharing with us and to our long-time friend, Emcee, **Scott Murray**. The Designer Award was presented to **Lele Sadoughi** and followed with a fashion presentation by Lele, **St John** and **Bachendorf's**. Thank you to **Claire Catrino**, **Allison Brodnax** and everyone who contributed to this amazing luncheon.

February welcomes two of our major events, The Junior Symphony Ball and the Debutante Presentation Ball. Many thanks to JSB Chair, **Courtney Plumlee** and the JSB Steering Committee and volunteers who have been working for months to create this sold-out (with a wait list) event on February 4th at Gilley's. The 37th Debutante Presentation Ball chaired by **Karen Cox** and her team have been very busy since last Spring planning and coordinating the many events leading up to the Ball and the Ball night. Our 26 Debs, Honor Guard, and families will be recognized and presented in the Meyerson Symphony Hall on February 11th followed by a seated dinner and dancing. We extend a very special thank you with much appreciation to long time DSO supporters, **Lisa** and **Clay Cooley**, for serving as our Presentation Ball Honorary Chairs.

We are looking forward to the Winter Tea and Meeting, Co-chaired by **Paige Elliott** and **Maria Fewin**, scheduled for February 23rd at the Dallas Country Club.

A "not to be missed" evening is the annual Savor the Symphony wine paired dinner and auction on April 13th at the Ritz-Carlton, Co-chaired by Mother-Daughter duo, **Laura Downing** and **Caroline Downing Gahm**.

Due to the valiant efforts of our Membership Co-chairs, **Lucinda Buford** and **Julie Jodie**, we are thrilled to announce that we have over 1100 paid members for the 2022-23 year. Thank you!

I am so appreciative of the time, work, dedication and support of the DSOL family. What we are accomplishing together is critical to furthering our mission supporting the DSO and its education and outreach programs.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Best,

Cynthia Beard, President
DSOL 2022-2023

DSOL Newsletter

The DSOL newsletter is printed 3 times per year by the DSOL. The next deadline is: March 15, 2023.
Please send articles and photographs to **Sandy Secor**, Editor; jwsecor@sbcglobal.net

Winter PLACES TO GO

Winter Tea February 23

The DSOL Winter Tea will be held on Thursday, February 23 at the Dallas Country Club at 1:00 p.m. Tea Chairs are **Paige Elliott** and **Maria Fewin**. Reservations are limited and can be made before February 10th at dsolwinter2023@gmail.com. The Tea is complimentary to DSOL members, guests are \$50.

The featured musician is **Stephanie Key**, who joined the Dallas Symphony as Second Clarinetist for the 2021-22 Season. Previously, Ms. Key was with the San Antonio Symphony and a member of the Houston Ballet Orchestra. She has appeared as Guest Principal Clarinetist with the Minnesota Orchestra and Fort Worth Symphony and performed with symphonies in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Houston, and Monterrey (Mexico). She spends her summers performing at the Grand Teton Music Festival. A passionate advocate of contemporary classical music, Ms. Key is a founding member and current Artistic Director of SOLI Chamber Ensemble. Deeply devoted to music education, Ms. Key serves as Clarinet Faculty at Trinity University and teaches a course in Music Entrepreneurship.

9th Annual Fashion Notes Luncheon and Style Show

Lele Sadoughi Receives Fashion Designer Award

Event Chairs **Sharon Lee Clark** and **Kira Nasrat** kicked-off the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League 9th Annual Fashion Notes Luncheon and Style Show on October 13, 2022 at a fresh new venue, Virgin Hotels Dallas at its premiere location in the Design



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Junior Symphony Ball Co-Chairs, left to right: **Alexandra Paredes** (Ursuline), **Bowden Slates** (St. Mark's), **Alexa Plumlee** (Parish), **Will Searcy** (ESD), **Mary Ellen Schoellkopf** (Highland Park), **Dylan Gibbons** (Jesuit), and **Sydney Hoyl** (Hockaday).

District, providing a youthful vibe for the event. "We were delighted to celebrate elegantly bold fashion and timeless music in this incredible new venue," said DSOL President **Cynthia Beard**.

Highlighting fashion design and the Dallas Symphony Community, the event started with a morning reception and raffle followed by a fashion presentation and luncheon live auction.

The crowd was dressed ultra-trendy. In attendance were many young movers and shakers. Cynthia Beard introduced the Honorary Chairs, mother-daughter duo **Janie Donosky Condon** and **Patsy Donosky**, longtime supporters of the Dallas Symphony and well known throughout the Dallas arts community. Patsy and Janie are the daughter and granddaughter of the late **Juanita** and **Henry Miller**, a philanthropic family that has been instrumental in transforming the DSO and the Dallas arts community through the years with their support.

This year's featured Fashion Designer Award was presented to **Lele Sadoughi**, who started the craze of decorated headbands which adorned the heads of many guests in the audience and on the runway models.

Stunning fashions from **St. John** were modeled in a runway presentation by League members and their families, past and present DSOL Debutantes, and members of the DSO Family. **Bachendorf's** was the fine jewelry sponsor and adorned the models with beautiful jewelry.

The event was sponsored by **PaperCity**, the print and digital local luxury lifestyle media sponsor and **Virgin Hotels** Dallas.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Dallas Symphony Association's Education and Outreach programs including Young Strings and Young Musicians which provide free instruments and free music lessons to children in the Dallas Community.

Winter PEOPLE TO SEE



DSOL Fall Events - Fashion Notes 1. **Kira Nasrat**, Fashion Notes Co-Chair; **Madelaine Lam** and **Sharon Lee Clark**, Fashion Notes Co-Chair. 2. **Patsy Donosky**, Fashion Notes Honorary Chair; **Janie Condon**, Fashion Notes Honorary Chair; **Cynthia Beard**, DSOL President. 3. **Katy Brooks**, **Vodi Cook**, **Melissa Pastora**. 4. **Lele Sadoughi**, **Claire Catrino**. 5. **St. John** model. 6. **Natalie Bays**, **Molly Brodnax**, **Sarah Duren**. 7. **Julie Jodie**, **Lucinda Buford**, **Maliska Haba**. 8. **Colby Hanks Baer** with daughter.

Winter PEOPLE TO SEE



1. **Cynthia Beard, DSOL President, Sharon Lee Clark, and Kira Nasrat, Fashion Notes Co-Chairs.** 2. **Sandra Mahan and Dena Miller.** 3. **Whitney Turner and Bren Underwood.** 4. **Samantha Stewart and Anne Hyun.** 5. **DSOL Debutantes: Britton Barcus, Margaret Bracken, Stephanie Ciarochi, Kate Clark, Sarah Crow, Elena Dewar, Gracie Dix, Natalie Duvall, Arden Eiland, Charlotte Esping, Kaitlin Ann Kelly, Celeste Lay, Ella Marks, Ellie Michaelson, Gigi Miller, Lydia Pigott, Morgan Potter, Sasha Schwimmer, Ellie Steindorf, Catherine Stiles, Elizabeth Thompson, Lucy Tilden, CeCe Tribolet, Danielle Ward, Paige Williams, and Nicole Zimmer.** 6. **Kay Weeks, Fall Tea Chair and Cynthia Beard, DSOL President.** 7. **Debutante Nicole Isabella Zimmer escorted at the Thanksgiving party by George Travis Roberts.**

PLACES TO GO

News and Notes

Condolences to **Stacey Angel** on the loss of her husband, to **Kathleen Lauinger** on the loss of her sister, to **Heather Moore** on the loss of her mother, **Virginia McEwen**. Please send news to Corresponding Secretary **Jennifer Olson**, je.olson@sbcglobal.net.

Juanita Miller Concerto Competition 26th Anniversary

A panel of three judges selected violinist **Steve Lu**, an 11th grader from Plano, as grand-prize winner for the 2023 Juanita Miller Concerto Competition on January 8 at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Earlier in the daylong competition, Lu won first place in the strings division. **Ella Tran**, a 12th grader from Arlington, took first place in the piano division. **Helen Lan**, a 10th grader from San Antonio, won the first place in the winds division with her flute.

The judges for the competition are musicians and educators. This year, the judge in the strings division was **Joan Kwuon** from the Coburn School of Music Academy; the judge for the winds/brass division was **Gabriel Beavers** from the Frost School of Music in Miami; and the piano judge was **Kathryn Brown** from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Student musicians in grades 9 through 12 from throughout the state of Texas are prescreened before they can compete. The first-, second-, and third-place winners in all three divisions are awarded cash prizes. The grand prize winner is awarded the opportunity to perform with the



Patsy Donosky with Steve Lu, Juanita Miller Concerto Competition winner.

Marshall Symphony Orchestra. The late Juanita Miller of Dallas was the founding president of the Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras (TASO) and also began the first concerto competition in 1997. She and her husband, the late Henry S. Miller, provided the initial underwriting and subsequent gifts to fund the youth competitions which now bears her name. Patsy Donosky, daughter of Juanita and Henry Miller represented her late mother at this year's competition. Now in its 26th year, the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition is hosted by members of TASO, a volunteer organization consisting of delegates representing more than 25 symphony leagues from cities throughout Texas.

Friedlander Competition

The 2023 Friedlander Competition is Saturday, March 11th at 1PM in Horchow Hall at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Students play 1 movement of a sonata. The League provides boxed lunches for the contestants and their families. **Becky Todd** is the Chair for the event. The Friedlander Competition provides top Young Strings students with an opportunity to earn both public

recognition for their talent and hard work, and scholarship funds that can be used to further their musical studies.

The competition is in memory of DSO musician **Janet Friedlander**, the competition is dedicated to support the Young Strings program, and is open to Finale Division Young Strings students. Contact Becky if you would like to help, bradandbeckytodd@aol.com.

Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition

The DSO **Lynn Harrell** Concerto Competition is intended to identify and encourage the highest level of young musical talent in the South Central United States. Violin, viola, cello, bass and piano students between the ages of 8 to 18 on April 2, 2023, are invited to apply. Applicants must be a current resident or student in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Submitted recordings will be screened by a committee of DSO musicians, staff and/or music faculty from area universities.

Live final auditions will take place on April 2, 2023 in the Eugene McDermott Concert Hall at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The first place winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and the opportunity to perform with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The second place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship. The third place winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Honorable mention will receive \$500 scholarship. All other finalists will receive a \$250 scholarship. The chair is **Rebecca Vanyo**, familie_vanyo@mac.com.

PLACES TO GO

Savor the Symphony

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League is excited to present the very popular Savor the Symphony, an evening with a live and silent auction and a seated wine dinner. The event this year will be held on Thursday, April 13 at The Ritz-Carlton, bringing together Symphony patrons and business leaders.

Mother and daughter duo **Laura Downing** and **Caroline Downing** are the event chairs. The elegant night will begin at 6:30 with a cocktail reception and silent auction for the guests to have the opportunity to bid on individual bottles of wine and other items, preview the live auction packages and to purchase wine through the Wine Pull. Guests will then be seated at 7:15 p.m. for a lavish three-course wine-paired dinner, followed by the live auction.

Information will be online at www.dallasymphonyleague.com soon.

Debutante and Honor Guard Families Evets

The 2023 Dallas Symphony Orchestra League debutantes were honored at a holiday reception and seated dinner on November 23, 2022 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The evening was the start of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend which included a mixer for the debs and honor guard, as well as a Bow Boot Camp for the debs. The debutantes, honor guards and their families were welcomed by Presentation Ball Chair Karen Cox. The evening was chaired by **Janice Walsh**. Each of the 26 debutantes was formally introduced by emcee **Stan Gardner** and joined by an honor guard escort for

the presentation. A debutante presentation gift of pearl earrings was provided by Eiseman NorthPark Center.

Richard Eiseman generously hosted a cocktail reception for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League debutante and honor guard parents in the Eiseman Jewels NorthPark store on December 1. For over 20 years, Eiseman Jewels has presented the debutantes with a special gift. This year, each girl received pearl earrings.

Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon

The DSOL Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday April 19 at the

Meyerson Symphony Center and again Mesero's will be the caterer. The luncheon is for our musicians to show our appreciation for them. Last year was the first in person celebration for our DSO musicians in several years, due to COVID restrictions. We had a great buffet lunch and 40 door prizes for the musicians to win. This year we hope to have another great event. You can help the day of the event and/or donate an item for the door prize collection--bottle of wine, gift cards to a store or restaurant. Donations are welcome to support our appreciation event! Make a donation and dine with the musicians. Want to help? Contact **Susan Fisk** at Fisk4@aol.com or cell: 214-729-2166.

CECIL AND IDA GREEN YOUTH CONCERT SERIES

Dance Music | February 15 & 16, 2023

Wednesday, February 1510:00 and 11:30

Thursday, February 1610:00 and 11:30

Conductor: Maurice Cohn

Have you ever noticed the connection between music and dancing? Join us as the Dallas Symphony and professional dancers take us on a journey to showcase the many types of dance music written for orchestra like tango, waltz, and swing!

History of the Orchestra in 45 Minutes | April 12 & 13, 2023

Wednesday, April 1210:00 and 11:30

Thursday, April 1310:00 and 11:30

Conductor: Maurice Cohn

Travel back in time for a tour through the history of the orchestra! But don't worry! With the Dallas Symphony as our guide, we will be able to fit hundreds of years of history in just 45 minutes, seeing and hearing the changes that led to the orchestra as it is today. You'll hear pieces by contemporary composers Carlos Simon and Gabriela Lena Frank as well as classics by Tchaikovsky and Brahms.

Chairs: **Linda Miller**, vmille@sbcglobal.net; **Margaret Wilonsky**, marshalpad@aol.com

2023 DSOL Events

Feb 23
Winter Tea
Dallas Country Club

March 11
Friedlander Competition
Meyerson Symphony Center

April 4
Board Meeting
Aldredge House

April 13
Savor the Symphony
Ritz Carlton

April 19
Orchestra Appreciation
Meyerson Symphony Center

May TBA
Encore Luncheon
Location TBA

**DSOL members are invited to join AMSOV (Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers).
<https://www.amsov.org>. Annual dues \$25.**

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