

Presentation Debutante Ball February 10th

The Thirty-eighth DSOL Presentation Ball will be held February 10th at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Forty-four Symphony Debutantes will be escorted by the Honor Guard and presented that evening. The Presentation Ball Chairman is **Kristin Cordiak**. Her Co-Chairmen are **Sharon Ballew, Fallon Bock, Caroline Downing Gahm, Elissa McClure ChoyLeng Tham Scott, Eve Sullivan. Nancy Labadie** is the DSOL President.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League is pleased to announce that the Presentation Ball Honorary Chairs are **Margaret** and **Barry Hancock**. They have three children, **Mary Margaret, James,** and **Katherine**.

Barry is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the Cox School of Business at SMU. Barry is a founding partner of Cienda Partners – where he serves on its Board, as well as its affiliates. He has co-chaired the Dallas Symphony Orchestra’s “Symphony Gala” Underwriting Committee. Margaret is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has an MBA from the Cox School of Business at SMU. She currently serves as a trustee of The Marilyn Augur Family Foundation and is a board member of The Sweetheart Ball and the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League has been integral to Barry and Margaret. In 1988, Margaret



Left to right: **Fallon Bock, Elissa McClure, Sharon Ballew, Kristin Cordiak** - DSOL Presentation Ball Chair, **Nancy Labadie** - DSOL President, **Eve Sullivan** and **ChoyLeng Tham Scott**. **Caroline Downing-Gahm** is not pictured.

and Barry were match dated by family friends, **Tincy Miller** and **Sharon McCullough** for the 2nd annual Presentation Ball. In 1991, Barry served as Honor Guard President and in 1992 Margaret and Barry married. The family tradition of service continued as Barbara Hancock, served as Ball Chairman and Margaret served as the Jr. Chair for the 1994 Presentation Ball. Each of their children were presented through the Ball, Mary Margaret was presented in 2016, James was an Honor Guard escort in 2020 and Katherine was presented in 2022. “Our love of The Dallas Symphony continues and we are so honored to be a part of the 2024 Presentation Ball.”

Would you like to make an In Honor of Donation to a

Debutante, Honor Guard member, or a Ball Committee Member? Payments may also be made online at www.dallasymphonyleague.com. For questions, contact **Megan Pigott** at meganontherunagain@gmail.com.

If you would like an invitation to the Presentation Ball contact **Choyleng Tham Scott**, dsolpresentation@gmail.com.

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



The DSOL is off to a great start with a very busy fall. If you missed it, here is what we have been up to:

We had a beautiful General Membership Meeting and Tea at Arlington Hall, chaired by **Niki Turner**. It was so great to have so many members with us to kick-off our year.

If you missed our Fashion Notes Luncheon, you missed a great one! It was the most beautifully executed fashion show and super successful auction. Thanks to the efforts of our chairs **Laura Price** and **Jada Mowles**, we treated all those in attendance to an unparalleled experience at the Meyerson.

Thanks to the volunteers who came out to usher for the Youth Concerts in October. Chairs **Linda Miller** and **Margaret Wilonsky** keep us all organized — this is one of the most rewarding services we provide for the symphony.

Our first Up Close and Classical dinner was so lovely. I am ever grateful to super member, **Dina Steele** who graciously hosted us in her beautiful home. Our fabulous DSOL Chefs pulled off a French-inspired menu and **Katie McGuinness** of the DSO led the most fun and informative discussion with guest conductor **Peter Oundjian**. Get ready for our March event.

Don't wait to register for our fun trip to Cleveland! **Cynthia Beaird** and **Meredy McClure** have put together a one-of-a-kind experience just for DSOL members — not to be missed!

We are looking forward to JSB in January and the Presentation Ball in February. Chairs **Suzanne Austin** (JSB) and **Kristin Cordiak** (Ball) are hard at work making these the show stopping events of this Winter.

I am excited to see you all at the Winter Tea that Chairs **Barbara Bigham** and **Ann Stodghill** have put together for us at the Dallas Country Club. We are extremely grateful for long-time friend and supporter **Linda Burk** for sponsoring this tea!

Have a great holiday season and join us for all our events.

Nancy Whittington Labadie
President DSOL 2023-24

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DSOL Newsletter

The DSOL newsletter is printed 3 times per year by the DSOL. The next deadline is: March 1, 2023. Please send articles and photographs to Sandy Secor, Editor; sandrasecor@icloud.com

Winter

PEOPLE TO SEE



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Fashion Notes Top left: **Kim Noltemy**, CEO Dallas Symphony with, DSOL President **Nancy Labadie**. Top center: Fashion Notes Chairs and their daughters: **Eleigh and Jada Mowles; Lucy, Laura and Ellie Price**. top right: **Olivia Barder** with **Brooks Miller**. Middle left: **Diana Oates, Elizabeth Schramme, Brooke Garner** and **Erica Brown**. Middle right: Honorary Chairs **Karen Cox** and **Isabella Cox**. Bottom left: **Monica Cooley, Nancy Greenbach, Donna Arp Weitzman, Anne Seanor**. Bottom right: **Samantha Wortley** with **Miller** and **Suzanna Mae**.

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Top left: **Claire Catrino** with **Katherine** and **Grace**. Top right: **Denton Bricker**, Director of Events and Volunteer Services, **Kim Noltemy**, Ross Perot President and CEO, **DSOL President Nancy Labadie**, **Marena Gault**, DSO Board of Governors, **Toni Miller**, Managing Director of Development. Middle center: Event Chair **Jada Mowles**, Designer Award winner **Catalina Gonzalez**, Event Chair **Laura Price**. Middle right: **Brittni Watkins**, **Stacey Watkins**. Bottom left: **Sharon Lee Clarke** and **Kameron Westcott**. Bottom row center: **Sofia Chauhan**, Make a Wish Recipient. Bottom right: **Kristin** and **Bronwyn Cordiak**.

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Up Close and Classical: Top left: **Up Close and Classical Chefs: Joanie Stephens, Mary Jo Lincicome, Wendy Hansen, Ginny Macaulay, Sharon Walker, Nancy Labadie** - DSOL President and **Karen Murrell**. Top row right: **Bob Walker** and **Jack Lincicome**
Middle row left: **Todd and Jennifer Olson**, Vice President of Service, Hostess **Dina Steele** and **Chris Belshe**. Middle row right: Guest of Honor, Guest Conductor **Peter Oundjian** and **Katie McGuinness**, DSA's Vice President of Artistic Administration with **Nancy Labadie** - DSOL President. Bottom row left: **Joanie Stephens** and **Kathryn Voreis**. Bottom row middle: **Venise** and **Larry Stuart**. Bottom row right: **Carol and Richard Carrington** with **Shikha Raj**.

PLACES TO GO

Winter Tea and General Meeting, February 23

The DSOL cordially invites you to our Winter Tea and General Meeting on Friday, February 23 at Dallas Country Club. Please arrive by 1:00pm. The Tea will begin at 1:30pm. The Chairs are **Barbara Bigham** and **Anne Stodghill**. The tea is complimentary to DSOL members, guests are \$40. RSVP to abstodghill@stodghills.com. Reservations are required. Please let us know if your plans change. DSO musicians will perform.

DSOL Fashion Notes Luncheon

The DSOL Fashion Notes Luncheon Hit All the Right Notes With Style and Community Spirit. Proceeds will light the paths of aspiring local musicians through DSO's outreach and educational programs.

The 10th Annual Fashion Notes Designer Award Luncheon and Style Show, hosted by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League (DSOL) at the majestic Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on October 12.

Jada Mowles and **Laura Price**, the luncheon chairs, curated a memorable fashion experience. **Karen Cox** and her daughter, **Isabella Cox**, were the Honorary Chairs of the event. They have long been devoted supporters of the Dallas Symphony. Karen is a former Fashion Notes Chair and served as Presentation Ball Chair in 2023. Isabella was a DSOL Debutante in 2020 and now a member of the DSOL Assembly. Musical magic was woven into the day's tapestry by the DSO Concert

CECIL AND IDA GREEN YOUTH CONCERT SERIES

The Recipe for Music

Wednesday, February 1410:00 and 11:30
Thursday, February 1510:00 and 11:30

Conductor: *Maurice Cohn*

A dash of rhythm, a sprinkle of harmony, and a spoonful of melody... these are just some of the things it takes to create music! Join the Dallas Symphony to learn about the basic ingredients composers use to make beautiful, compelling music.

GRIEG Peer Gynt Suite no. 1, mvt. 4 In the Hall of the Mountain King
BEETHOVEN Symphony no. 7, mvt. 2 (excerpt)
BEETHOVEN Symphony no. 5, mvt. 1
GINASTERA Dances from Estancia, mvt. 1
CAROLINE SHAW Entr'acte (excerpt)
DVORAK Symphony no. 8, mvt. 4

A SignUpGenius link will be sent out in January to sign up to usher.

If you have any questions, please contact Youth Concert Co-Chairmen **Linda Miller**, vmille@sbcglobal.net, or **Margaret Wilonsky**, marshalpad@aol.com

Truck, a traveling stage in an 18-ft box truck featuring pianists, and the melodious strains of Young Strings musician **Jacqui Torres** playing her cello. DSOL President **Nancy Labadie** emphasized the event's significance and impact. "We are fortunate to have Jacqui Torres with us. We wanted you to have a firsthand experience with where your support changes lives and betters our community."

The runway came alive when symphony patron families modeled fashions from **LoveShackFancy** and **Dondolo**, along with the dazzling accessories by **Milliard Diamond Concierge** and chic boots by **Petite Paloma**. **Meredith Land**, the popular NBC 5 news anchor, served as Emcee.

The fashion show showcased the artistry of **Robyn Chauvin Productions**. The highlight of the day was when

Catalina Gonzalez, the founder of Dondolo, received the prestigious Fashion Notes Designer Award. Dondolo is not just a brand; it's a movement, creating beautiful, heirloom-quality clothing that empowers local women and mothers in Colombia, helping them provide for their families. Dondolo's commitment to supporting women and children in Dallas is truly heartwarming. DSOL collaborated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to fulfill the fashion wish of two critically ill children who not only modeled in the show but will also get a chance to visit with Catalina Gonzalez and explore her design studio in weeks to come.

The event was made possible with the generous support of sponsors including **Social Bird** (Cotes de Provence Rosé), the official wine sponsor, and **PaperCity**, the exclusive digital and print luxury lifestyle media sponsor.

PLACES TO GO

ROCK, ROLL AND FABIO

Cleveland, Ohio, March 7-9, 2024
Why Cleveland?

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's own **Fabio Luisi**, conducting the Cleveland Orchestra's Brahms Fourth Symphony, set the tone for an engaging musical getaway! MUSIC!

- DSO Conductor Fabio Luisi with the Cleveland Orchestra performing Brahms. Orchestra seats
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, private tour of the brand-new Leading Women in Music exhibit

CULTURE and HISTORY!

- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Severance Music Center
- Shaker Heights short driving tour

EXCLUSIVES and EXTRAS!

- Private wine/champagne reception immediately following Fabio Luisi's concert
- Private Welcome Reception at a lovely Shaker Heights home
- Shaker Heights Country Club brunch
- Union Club and Shoreby Club dinners

The trip includes: hotel, six meals, wine/cocktail at dinner, private ground transportation, museum/venue tickets, gratuities.

Inclusive cost without airfare*:
Single \$2,100.00 per person or
Double \$1,750.00 per person**

FROM TULIPS to TCHAIKOVSKY

In Amsterdam

April 27-May 4, 2024

We have the unique opportunity to experience and enjoy 6 days/ nights in enchanting Amsterdam!

Trip Highlights

- Concert with former DSO Musical Director, **Jaap van Zweden** conducting Tchaikovsky in the historic Concertgebouw with orchestra seating. Private reception with him!
- Private museum tours at the Van Gogh, the Rijks, The Hague, Slot Castle, Anne Frank House, Panorama Mesdag, Palace Noordeinde, and the Mauritshuis
- River Vecht private cruise, Royal Delft factory, Flora Holland flower auction, Keukenhof Gardens and a private chocolate and praline-making workshop!
- Saloon boat dinner cruise on the canals
- Lunch at a private home in an upscale Lisse neighborhood
- Accommodations at the award-winning Sofitel Legend The Grand with canal views
- Lunches and dinners at various restaurants reflecting the local fare

Cost: Single \$6,795 USD,

5 rooms available

Double \$6,150 USD,

5 rooms available

Includes: Hotel, 3 meals/day, selected beverages, private ground transportation, all venue and activity tickets, gratuities. Airfare is not included. Non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 due by January 5, 2024. Trip is limited to 15 participants, **couples included**. We request to hear if you are interested in order to financially commit and proceed with plans for this amazing trip! Please respond via email by December 15th to either cbeaird@beaird.com or mmcluretx@gmail.com to let us know if you are in! We will provide recommended arrival and departure times so that everyone can take advantage of the private ground transport. Do

not book any airfare until your reservation has been confirmed. **The capacity for this trip is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. We will have a Waitlist. Final payment due December 31. Payments are not refundable unless we can fill the vacancy. Your Deposit or Full payment check is your reservation. Submit your checks made out to Dallas Symphony Orchestra League and mail or drop at 4301 Fairfax Avenue, Dallas TX 75205. If choosing a double room, please indicate who your roommate will be. **Trip Co-Chairs: Cynthia Beaird**, cbeaird@beaird.com (214) 797-1167 and **Meredy McClure**, mmcluretx@gmail.com (214) 403-8708.

News and Notes

Congratulations to **Nancy Labadie** on the birth of twin granddaughters. Contact **Susan Fisk**, Corresponding Secretary with news, fisk4@aol.com.

Junior Symphony Ball

Chris Ferrara and The Common Good will headline the 66th Annual Junior Symphony Ball (JSB) when the band takes over the iconic Gilley's Dallas for a night of music and dancing on January 27, 2024. The Junior Symphony Ball is a fundraising event with students from over 35 Dallas area schools. JSB is in its 66th year and is the longest running fundraiser of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League (DSOL), supporting DSO outreach programs such as the Young Strings program and the Young Musicians program. JSB Co-chairs - **Adelaide Boisture, Ela Austin, Cara Lichty, Caroline Woram, Baker Trent, Ashton Krug, Cash Nix, James Sutherland** and **Kate Fagan**.

2024 DSOL Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 24 - DSOL Board Meeting
Saturday, January 27 - Junior Symphony Ball - Southside Ballroom
Tuesday, January 30 - DSOL Winter Tea, Dallas Country Club

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 10 - Presentation Ball, Meyerson
Wednesday & Thursday, February 14 & 15 – Youth Concerts (What Music Represents)

March

Wednesday, March 6 - Up Close and Classical Dinner

APRIL

Friday, April 10- Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon, Meyerson
Saturday, April 12 – Savor the Symphony

MAY

Tuesday, May 14 Finale Tea and Awards

Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center
Scheigel Administrative Suites
2301 Flora Street
Dallas, TX 75201-2497

