

Fashion Notes Luncheon and Style Show October 21 at Fairmont

Fashion Notes

Nardos to receive 2021 Fashion Notes Designer Award 8th Annual Fashion Notes Designer Award Luncheon & Style Show

Venise Stuart, President of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League, has announced a stellar lineup for Fashion Notes Luncheon and Style Show. The Honorary Chair is **Jimmy Westcott**, known for her extensive volunteer work and philanthropic activities.

The Co-Chairs are good friends who have planned many events together: **Kameron Wescott** and **Samantha Wortley**. Kameron, married to Jimmy's son **Court Wescott**, is a mom of two children, stars on the *Real Housewives of Dallas* and is founder of Sparkle Dog Food. Best friend Samantha Wortley, also a mom of two, is an entrepreneur and founder of Sew Stitchin' Fancy, an embroidery company that has taken off quickly through Instagram.

Kameron and Samantha have exciting plans in the works. Pink is the favorite color of both girls so you can be sure you will be seeing a lot of it!

Fashion Notes Luncheon and Style Show will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, 10:30 a.m. at Fairmount Dallas, 1717 Akard Street, Dallas TX 75201. Proceeds from this event benefit the Dallas Symphony Association and its education and community outreach programs. Some of the



Kameron Wescott, Fashion Notes Co-Chair; **Jimmy Westcott**, Honorary Chair; **Venise Stuart**, DSOL President and **Samantha Wortley**, Fashion Notes Co-Chair.

quality outreach programs the League supports are: DSO on the Go, Community Concerts and Performances, Cecil and Ida Green Youth Concerts, Symphony Yes!, DSO Kids, Young Strings and Young Musicians.

The DSOL 2021 Fashion Notes Designer Award will be presented to **Nardos Imam** of Nardos Design. With an eye for glamour and grace, Nardos Imam introduces the art of custom design to women dreaming of a signature gown for their special event. Nardos leads the industry with her sophisticated approach to designing high-end, one-of-a-kind couture bridal gowns, evening wear, and cocktail wear, creating modest to avante grade silhouettes. "When I sleep, I'm dreaming of dresses," reveals Nardos Imam, whose passion for

design began early, when she was a young girl growing up in Eritrea. But Nardos wasn't fully exposed to fashion until she went off to college in the United States. At first, she thought she would study nursing and never imagined she could have a career designing clothes.

The 8th Annual Fashion Notes Designer Award Luncheon & Style Show is presented by **Veritex Community Bank**. Veritex Community Bank has been Presenting Sponsor for Fashion Notes since its inaugural event eight years ago. **PaperCity** magazine is the exclusive print and digital local luxury lifestyle media sponsor.

Sponsorships, tables and tickets can be purchased at: www.dallassymphonyleague.com.

The President's Message



Welcome back! And, aren't we glad to be back! Whether you are here in person or virtual, we welcome everyone to be with us this year!

I want to welcome you to our 76th anniversary year as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League! The League was founded in 1946 with its purpose to support and promote the interests and growth of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. We have a wonderful year of League events planned for you.

The DSOL offers many ways for you to become involved. Please become active in the League and volunteer for one of our projects. All of our event chairs have worked throughout the summer planning their events and projects. I thank them for their hard work and dedication.

The DSOL introduced the 2022 Debutantes in late May with a magical Announcement Party at **Stanley Korshak** followed by a gown show on Friday. Special thanks to **Elizabeth Gambrell**, 2022 Presentation Ball Chair, **Sherwood Wagner** graciously agreeing to be the Honorary Chairman, and the committee for a fabulous summer of parties and events for the debs and the honor guard. A very special thanks to **Nardos** for hosting a gown-fashion show and tea at Dallas Country Club and for **Neiman Marcus** for a beautiful brunch gown show. Special thanks to **Sarah Hardin** for chairing the Debs & Dads brunch. For **Bistro 31** for hosting the Debs & Moms luncheon. Mixers this summer included a bowling adventure, a summer outing at the **Dallas Arboretum** for a Cool Thursday concert, and **Mattito's** for holding the kick-off mixer for the Debs, Honor Guard and families. Bow practices have begun ~ **Jan Strimple** and **Heather Moore** are again at the helm orchestrating the bows the girls are learning. With 49 Debs being presented on February 12, 2022, the timing of the evening will be crucial. The end of the summer season was the annual Casino Party held at the **Arts District Mansion** (Belo) where poker faces and dice were the games of the evening. More excitement arriving over the up-coming holidays!

I am honored to serve as your 2021-22 President. I truly look forward to a year full of meaningful experiences and opportunities to work in concert with you in support of our world-class orchestra -- as well as the quality outreach programs benefiting children of all ages! Your partnership is critical in helping to achieve our mission through service, education, and fundraising activities.

Please join us for the Fall General Membership Meeting and Tea on October 6 at The Mansion. Your attendance is included in your membership dues; however, please remember to RSVP. Space is limited to 100. Also coming up soon will be our fall Fashion Notes Luncheon chaired by **Kameron Westcott** and **Samantha Wortley** on Thursday, October 21, at Fairmont Dallas. **Nardos** will be presented with the Fashion Notes Designer Award with our own **Jimmy Westcott** as Honorary Chairman.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend A Major Noteworthy Night where the DSO weekend Guest Artist will be the amazing pianist **Garrick Ohlson**. Pianist Ohlson has promised to give us a small tickling of the ivories at **Kathy** and **Harlan Crow's** home. Contact **Therese Rourk** to make a reservation or go directly to the www.dallassymphonyleague.com and make that reservation. You will also see the other guest artists listed for the year. You don't want to be left out!

As you can see, there is a lot going on - and we've just begun! Stay tuned and up-to-date. I'll see you there!

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Venise Stuart

2021-22 DSOL President

DSOL Newsletter

The DSOL newsletter is printed 3 times per year by the DSOL.

The deadlines are: September 1, 2021, December 1, 2021; March 1, 2022. Please send articles and photographs to Sandy Secor, Editor; sandrasecor@icloud.com

PEOPLE TO SEE



Top: 2022 Debutantes: Front Row: **Emily Hea, Reva Henderson, Mary Reid, Kelsey Wittmann, Anna Mikeska, Ashlee Newton, Lydia Szuwalski, Samantha Ungerman, Tory Wicklund, Kate Murray, Amelia Cox, Katherine Edwards.** Middle Row: **Sophie Hung, Abigail Brannon, Katherine Downing, Virginia Baker, Julia Hicks, Sarah Smith, Ava Heppner, Virginia Fielder, Sydney Goodiel, Annie Sawers, Claire Koonsman, Bella Scott, Katie Elliott, McKinley Lawson, Ashlyn Meuse, London Boscamp, Erin Daughtery, Riley Cheek, Nora Arnold, Madigan Jacoby.** Back Row: **Grace Judin, Ashley Laughlin, Brooke Marvel, Margaret Thompson, Elizabeth Walsh, Ella Varel.** Middle left: **Janie and David Condon.** Center: **René, Pat, Katherine, and Lance Edwards.** Middle right: **Jason, Katherine and Laura Downing.** Bottom left: **André Szuwalski, Lydia and Angela Lee Fontana.** Bottom right: **Kim, Abigail, and Joe Brannon.**

Fall PEOPLE TO SEE



Top left: **Nardos Imam** of Nardos Design, recipient of the Designer Award at Fashion Notes. Right: **Fashions by Nardos**. Middle: **Trey and Ann Fielder**. Middle right: **Sherwood Wagner**, Honorary Chair for the 2022 DSOL Presentation Ball; **Elizabeth Gambrell**, 2022 Presentation Ball Chair; **Venise Stuart**, DSOL President 2021-2022. Bottom left: **Honor Guard** and **2022 Debutantes** at the Polo Club.

PLACES TO GO

A Noteworthy Night

Concert, Talk, Wine and Hors D'oeuvres

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League invites you to attend A Noteworthy Night featuring **Garrick Ohlsson** on Wednesday October 13, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. at the home of **Harlan** and **Kathy Crow** in the Library, 4700 Preston Road, Dallas, Texas 75205. The Honorary Chairs are **Donna** and **Herb Weitzman**. Business attire, Valet Parking, Wine and Hors D'oeuvres. The Event Chair is **Therese Rourk**. Your payment for \$150 per person is your reservation. Please pay online at <http://www.dallassymphonyleague.com> or mail a check to DSOL- A Noteworthy Night to **Sandy Secor** 2 Sawgrass Ct., Frisco, Texas 75034.

Since his triumph as winner of the 1970 Chopin International Piano Competition, pianist **Garrick Ohlsson** has been long regarded as one of the world's leading exponents of the music of Frédéric Chopin. Mr. Ohlsson commands an enormous repertoire, which ranges over the entire piano literature.

News and Notes

Condolences to the families of **Nell Broughton**, who passed away in May; **Beverly Holmes** passed away in June; **Anne Ligon's** father-in-law, **Fred Ligon**, passed away in July; **Patricia Scott** passed away in July; **Nancy Nelson**, former DSOL President and mother-in-law of **Judy Nelson** passed away last March; **Louise Eiseman**, generous friend to the DSOL passed away in August; **Nancy Labadie's** father, **Kenneth Whittington**, passed

away in August; **Gigi Potter Salley** passed away in August; **Connie Klemow** passed away, to **Venise Stuart** on the loss of her step-son and **Lindalyn Adams** passed away in September.

Congratulations to **Nancy Labadie** who became a grandmother to a beautiful baby girl, daughter of her son **Will Labadie** and his wife. Please send information to **Jennifer Olson**, je.olson@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Meeting & Tea

The DSOL Fall Meeting and Tea will be held on Wednesday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mansion on Turtle Creek, 2821 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, 75219. The featured performers are Alexandra and Christopher Adkins. **Dyann Skelton** is the event chair. The Tea is complimentary to DSOL Members and \$40 per guest. Please reply to **Dixie Marshall**, dixikay@yahoo.com or pay online at www.dallassymphonyleague.com. All CDC Covid 19 recommendations are observed. Space is limited to 100 guests. Please notify Dixie if your plans change.

Alexandra Adkins is the Associate Principal Second Violin since the 1987-88 season. She is a native of Ukraine where she began her violin studies at 5. **Christopher Adkins** is the Principal Cello Fannie & Stephen S. Kahn Chair. He joined the Dallas Symphony in 1987. He also serves as adjunct Associate Professor of music at the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Adkins is married to Alexandra Adkins.

DSO Youth Concert

Come join us as we seat school groups at the Cecil and Ida M. Green Youth Concerts, performed by the DSO. These concerts are part of the educational outreach done by the symphony. Over 30,000 students and teachers along with home schooled students and parents from the DFW area attend these concerts each year.

Come watch these kids fall in love with the DSO. Concerts are scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 29

9:15am - 11:30am

Thursday, September 30 9:15am - 11:30am

Wednesday, January 26 9:15am - 11:30am

Thursday, January 27 9:15am - 11:30am

Wednesday, April 20 9:15am - 11:30am

Thursday, April 21 9:15am - 11:30am

Please contact **Carrie Denson**, Youth Concert Chairman at densonmail@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer to usher.

DSO Store

An exciting new volunteer opportunity comes to us! Join in with our former Innovator members (who are now members of the League) and work in the newly located DSO Store during concerts. Enjoy the benefits of attending a concert which includes parking as you work alongside one other volunteer before a DSO concert and at intermission (store is not open after concerts). Please contact **Margaret Wilonsky**, DSO Store Director at marshalpad@aol.com for availability on upcoming concerts.

2020 - 2021 DSOL Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 14, DSOL Board Meeting

Saturday, September 25, DSO Opening Night Gala, Meyerson Symphony Center

Wednesday, September 29, Ceclia & Ida Green Youth Concerts

Thursday, September 30, Ceclia & Ida Green Youth Concerts

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 6, DSOL Clef Notes Fall Tea, The Mansion

Wednesday, October 13, Noteworthy Night, Private Home

Thursday, October 21, Fashion Notes Luncheon, Fairmont Dallas

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 7, DSOL Designated Concert with Rene Fleming, Meyerson Symphony Center

Wednesday, November 10, DSOL Board Meeting

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

