

## The Thirty-sixth DSOL Presentation Ball February 12th

The Thirty-sixth DSOL Presentation Ball will be held February 12th at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Forty-eight Symphony Debutantes will be escorted by the Honor Guard and presented that evening. The Presentation Ball Chairman is **Elizabeth Gambrell**. Her Co-Chairmen are **Mrs. Maurice C. Ballew, Mrs. W. Brice Beard, Sr., Mrs. Michael Foster Catrino, Mrs. Daniel Boyd Mills, Mrs. Kevin Edward Cox**. Reservations Chairmen are **Mrs. Edward Matthews Slater** and **Mrs. Paul J. Labadie**.

Honorary Chairman for the Thirty-sixth Ball is **Sherwood Noël Wagner**. Sherwood grew up in Midland and is a graduate of The Hockaday School and Texas Christian University. After graduation from college, she worked for public relations firm PSI in Dallas. She comes from a philanthropic family whose contributions to the arts in west Texas are numerous and include the Ellen Noël Art Museum in Odessa and the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center in Midland.

Sherwood's involvement with the arts and other civic activities shows her passion for making a difference in our community. She is involved with various charities in Dallas and west Texas. She served as president of Women's Auxiliary of Girls, Inc. of Dallas for two terms and has held board positions for the USA Film Festival, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra and Parish Episcopal School. She served as Honorary Chair for the 2016



Left to right: **Mrs. Michael Foster Catrino, Mrs. Maurice C. Ballew, Mrs. W. Brice Beard, Sr., Courtney Crawford Slater, Mrs. John Eric Gambrell, Mrs. Paul J. Labadie, Mrs. Kevin Edward Cox, and Mrs. Daniel Boyd Mills**. Center: **Dallas Symphony Orchestra League President, Mrs. Lawrence D. Stuart, Jr.**

AT&T Dallas Symphony Orchestra Opening Gala and was Honorary Chair for the 2015 Mad Hatter's Tea and the 2019 Aging Mind Foundation Gala. She is a longtime supporter of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society and has supported the DSO Gala, Cattle Barons Ball, Crystal Charity, and Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers. True to her west Texas roots, she has held various board positions for The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (Midland) and The Ellen Noël Art Museum (Odessa).

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**, with the vision and support of arts patron, the late **Mrs. Henry S. Miller, Jr.**

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.

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# The President's Message

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Greetings in the New Year! We are currently awaiting to see how 2022 begins and hopefully, it will be with good health and great expectations of what we wish for this year.

I want to start by thanking the DSOL Board for their enthusiasm, the continued dedication, and their willing to give of their time and talents. Thank you.

We had a successful October Fall Tea at the beautiful Mansion. Guest Artists, **Sasha** and **Chris Adkins** were a delight, so funny, and so willing to talk personally from how they met, to how they manage their 5 children while playing in the DSO. Thank you **Dyann Skelton**, Chair, for putting the tea together. We are looking forward to the February 6 Winter Tea which will be held at the Dallas Country Club, we are fortunate to have **Carole Ann Brown** as the Tea sponsor and **Shelby Fuqua** and **Marcy Jones** as the tea co-chairs. If you don't know the DSO resident organist **Bradley Hunter Welch**, you will be delighted to learn how he began his love of playing the organ and how he now sits at the highest perch in the Meyerson! Plan now to attend. Space will be limited.

I can't say enough on how well the DSOL Fashion Notes was this year. A huge thanks to **Kameron Westcott** and **Samantha Wortley**. With **Jimmy Wescott**, Honorary Chairman, **TOOTSIES**, **JoJo Mommy**, **Nardos**, **Scott Murray** (MC), **Veritex**, and others, the day was over the top. Kam and Sam at the helm, they went over their goal with attendees, models – children and adults – and the final net revenue. A big thanks to their helpers **C'mone Wingo**, **Laurie Lippincott**, **Claire Catrino** and many others. A huge thanks goes to **Allison Brodnax** and **Fairmont Dallas**.

**Carrie Denson**, Chair, lead the first in person Cecil & Ida Green Youth on October 26 and 27 in over a year. Last year, with Covid-19, the children were not permitted to be in person. It was such a delight to see them back in the Hall.

A Noteworthy Night, held on October 6 at the home of **Kathy** and **Harlan Crow** was just magical. Visiting Guest Artist, **Garrett Ohlsson** treated us to some of his piano favorites, and then stayed to have an up-close and personal conversation. You don't want to miss the next Noteworthy Night to be held at the home of **Wendy & Phil Hansen** on February 2 where Visiting **Mastero Andrew Litton** will join us that evening. **Therese Rourk**, Chair is planning a great night. Make your reservation now!

A big thanks to JSB! **Mandy Click**, Chair, and the JSB Steering Committee and the many volunteers. They have accomplished so much this year – from the food roundup to the volunteer roundup, they have managed to reach heights not see before. January 29 is their big event to be held at Gilley's. Let's celebrate with this young volunteer organization in their 64th year – State of the Arts!

Thanks to all the 36th Ball Presentation Committee. **Elizabeth Gambrell** (Chair) and her team have been busy keeping everyone together. The holiday parties have been so well attended with families and friends of the Debs. The evening of February 12 will definitely be the highlight of the winter season. Our 48 Debs and the Honor Guard are ready to present to you an evening you don't want to miss!

Don't forget we have so many things coming up in the winter and springs months! Please review the calendar on the back and plan to attend now. There are definitely opportunities to volunteer and give of your time – with the 3 youth competitions, the 2 youth concerts, Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon, fundraisers – Noteworthy Nights, Savor the Symphony and the Encore Luncheon – there is something for members to be engaged! Let's show our volunteerism in 2022! We need your help and your support. It is truly appreciated.

A big welcome to 2022~ Let's make it exceptional!

Venise Stuart  
President, DSOL 2021-22

## PLACES TO GO

### Junior Symphony Ball

The Junior Symphony Ball (JSB) was held on Saturday, January 29th at Gilley's Dallas. The Junior Symphony Ball (JSB) is a DSOL fundraising event where high-school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from over 35 schools will come together and celebrate an evening filled with live music, dancing, professionally staffed gaming tables, raffles, prizes and refreshments. JSB is in its 64th year and is the longest running fundraiser of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League (DSOL).

### A Noteworthy Night

Featuring **Maestro Andrew Litton** will be held on February 2, 2022 5:30pm-7:00 pm at the home of **Wendy and Phil Hansen**, 3813 Wentwood Lane.

**Andrew Litton** is Music Director of the New York City Ballet. He is also Principal Guest Conductor of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Laureate of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Laureate of Norway's Bergen Philharmonic. Under his leadership the Bergen Philharmonic gained international recognition making debuts at the BBC Proms, at Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, and appearances at Vienna's Musikverein, Berlin's Philharmonie, and New York's Carnegie Hall. For his work with the Bergen Philharmonic, **Norway's King Harald V** knighted him with the Norwegian Royal Order of Merit. He was As Music Director of the



**Junior Symphony Ball Co-Chairs. James Click (ESD), Peyton Plumlee (Parish), Ava Haberer (Highland Park), Nicholas Koch (St. Marks), Anne Rubi (Hockaday) Cade Jordan (Jesuit) Caroline Syler (Ursuline)**

Dallas Symphony Orchestra from 1994-2006. The Event Chair is **Therese Rourk**. Business attire, RSVP by purchasing a ticket online or via a check payment. Individual tickets are \$150. Mail payments to: **Sandy Secor**, 2 Sawgrass Ct. Frisco, Texas 75034.

### General Meeting and Clef Notes Spring Tea

The DSOL Membership Tea will be held on February 16, 2022 at the Dallas Country Club. The Spring Tea Chaira are **Shelby Fuqua** and **Marcy Jones. Carole Ann Brown** is a sponsor for the tea.

The Guest Artist is Organist, **Bradley Hunter Welch**. He is the Resident Organist and Lay Family Chair. Welch has been hailed as "A world-class virtuoso" and "an expert at defining darks, lights, shadows and colors," Bradley

Hunter Welch is increasingly in demand as a recitalist, concerto soloist, and collaborative artist. A native of Knoxville, TN, Bradley holds the Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Musical Arts, Master of Music degrees. He is the 2003 First Place winner of the Dallas International Organ Competition and was Director of Music & Arts at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX from 2009 to 2014 and currently devotes his full-time attention to a thriving solo concert career. Bradley is married to **Kara Kirkendoll Welch**, a flutist in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Adjunct Professor of Flute at Southern Methodist University. They have a two children.

DSOL Members must RSVP. Invitations are in the mail.

### DSOL Newsletter

The DSOL newsletter is printed 3 times per year by the DSOL. The next deadline is: March 1, 2020. Please send articles and photographs to **Sandy Secor**, Editor; [jwsecor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwsecor@sbcglobal.net)



# Winter

## PEOPLE TO SEE



**DSOL Winter Events** 1. **Brice and Cynthia Beird, Lisa and Clay Cooley**, hosts of the Debutante Holiday party. Cynthia was the event chairman. 2. **Elizabeth Gambrell**, Presentation Ball Chairman; **Venise Stuart**, DSOL President; **Lisa Cooley**, party hostess; **Marena Gault**, DSO Board of Governors; **Kim Noltemy** DSO Chairman. 3. DSOL Fall Membership Tea Chairman, **Dyann Skelton**, DSO artists **Alexandra (Sasha)** and **Chris Adkins**. 4. Juanita Miller Concerto Competition winner, **Bryant Li** and **Terri McDowell**, TASO Juanita Miller Chairman. 5. **Michele Caccetta, Ava** and **Aurelia Heppner**, at the Deb Holiday Tea. 6. **Sara Lee Gardner, Venise Stuart, Elizabeth Gambrell**. 7. **Lucinda Burford, Kathy Cothrum, Sharon Ballew, Dina Steele, Venise Stuart**.



# Winter PEOPLE TO SEE



1. **Spencer Ford Harden**, Honor Guard Chairman and **Alice Caroline McWhorter**, Jewel Ball Representative.
2. **Michael, Karen, and Kevin Cox**.
3. **Donna Arp Weitzman** from the fall Noteworthy Night. She was the Honorary Chairman.
4. **Therese Rourk, Garrick Ohlson, and Venise Stuart** at the Fall Noteworthy Night at the home of the Crows.
5. **Susan Duvall**, chairman of the Debutante Thanksgiving Party with **Katherine Downing**, Debutante 2022.
6. **Thomas and Susan Stanzel** at the Noteworthy Night.

## PLACES TO GO

### News and Notes

Condolences to **C'mone Wingo** on the loss of her father **Charlie Lee Isaac**; to the family of **Jill Katz** on her passing; to the family of **Marj Waters** on her passing. **Tricia Wortley**, and daughter-in-law **Samantha Wortley** (Fashion Notes Co-Chair), lost their mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law respectively. **Courtney Slater** (Ball Reservations Chairman) lost her mom. **Margaret Wilonsky's** husband, **Herschel**, passed away. Condolences also to **Kim Oliver** with the recent loss of her mother, **Eunice Decker**.

Get well wishes to **Mandy Click's** (Chair, JSB) daughter for her ACL surgery. Congratulations to **Jolie Humphrey** on the birth of her grandson.

Please send news to Corresponding Secretary **Jennifer Olson**, je.olson@sbcglobal.net.

### Juanita Miller Concerto Competition 25th Anniversary

After a year of absence, due to the pandemic, members of TASO were thrilled to have the 25th anniversary of the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the University of Texas at Dallas.

There were 55 applicants for the competition and 36 finalists: 13 piano, 15 strings and 8 woodwinds & Brass. Just being selected as a finalist was quite an achievement for these young musicians. Our judges were: Piano - **Amy Dorfman**, Vanderbilt University; Strings - **Laura Hamilton**, New York University; and **Rick Giangiulio** - Director of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO DSOL EVENTS

#### CECIL AND IDA GREEN YOUTH CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022.....10:00 and 11:30  
 Thursday, April 21, 2022 .....10:00 and 11:30

If you are interested in volunteering at one or more of the concerts, please email the DSOL Youth Concert Chair, **Carrie Denson**, [densonmail@sbcglobal.net](mailto:densonmail@sbcglobal.net). The time commitment is from 9:15AM to approximately 11:35AM

The three first place winners in each division were: Piano, **Bryant Li** from Katy, Texas, 11th grade Strings; **Danielle Yoon**, Frisco, Texas, 10th grade Woodwinds / Brass; **Lorien Britt** from Fate, Texas, 12th grade.

From the first place winners, a Grand Prize winner was selected. Congratulations goes to piano student **Bryant Li**. Bryant exquisitely played Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini.

The first place winners will have the opportunity to perform their concerto at the TASO Conference luncheon in Lubbock, Texas on April 30th. The Grand Prize winner will perform that evening on stage, with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

We thank each and every volunteer for their time, support and dedication to the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition. Very special thanks to **Heather Moore** who kept us on track and helped things run smoothly behind the scenes. Thank you to **Venise Stuart** for finding the new venue this year.

**Friedlander Competition**  
 Friedlander Competition will be held on Saturday, February 26, in Horchow Hall of the Meyerson.

**Becky Vanyo** 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, [famalie\\_vanyo@mac.com](mailto:famalie_vanyo@mac.com).

### Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition

The DSOL Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition will be held on April 16, 2022 for young musical talent in the South Central United States, violin, viola, cello, bass and piano students between the ages of 8 to 18. Live final auditions will take place 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 of performing with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The second place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship. **Becky Todd**, [bradandbeckytodd@aol.com](mailto:bradandbeckytodd@aol.com) is the chairman.



## Winter

### PLACES TO GO

#### Strad Patron Program

As a member of the DSOL, you help support the Dallas Symphony's programs and performances each season. Your investment as a Stradivarius Patron provides core support for the DSO, from concerts and performances to education programs and community outreach initiatives. Please contact **James Leffler**, Director of Development at 214.871.4515 or J.Leffler@DalSym.com for more information, or **Roberta Corbett**, Stradavarius Patron Chair, rtorbett@aol.com. Thank you for all the ways you support the Dallas Symphony Orchestra!

#### Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon

The Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at the Meyerson Symphony Center. The luncheon is for our musicians to show our appreciation for them. Donations are welcome to support our appreciation event! Make a donation and dine with the musicians. We hope to be with the musicians in person. Volunteer Opportunities will be available. Contact **Susan Fisk**, fisk4@aol.com, or 972-934-0754 to help.

#### Jewel Ball in Austin

*Dallas Symphony League  
Represented at Jewel Ball in Austin*

#### Alice Caroline McWhorter

represented the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League at the 66th Annual Jewel Ball in Austin on September 18, 2021 at the Fairmont Austin. She is the daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. John B. McWhorter, III.**

The Jewel Ball honors families throughout the state who have contributed significantly to their respective Symphony Orchestras. Sponsored by the Women's Symphony League of Austin, proceeds from the event benefit educational and music

appreciation programs.

Her escort was **Spencer Ford Hardin**, Chairman of the Honor Guard and son of **Dr. and Mrs. Mark Hardin**. Spencer is Chairman of the Honor Guard and a Spencer Hardin is a Business Development Associate at SDV International.

### Encore Luncheon

Tuesday, May 17

Encore Luncheon and Officer Installation

Fairmont Dallas

Chairman is **Karen Cox**

In Memory of Marjorie Beck Waters  
President and Publisher of the Park Cities News for 44 years  
Friend of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Presentation Ball  
and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League  
April 14, 1929 – January 5, 2022

SAVOR THE SYMPHONY



### Save-the-Date

SAVOR THE SYMPHONY

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center  
2301 Flora Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

# 2022 DSOL Events

Wednesday, February 2  
A Noteworthy Night, Private Home

Saturday, February 12  
DSOL 36th Presentation Ball, Meyerson Symphony Center

Wednesday, February 16  
DSOL Clef Notes Spring Tea, Dallas Country Club

Saturday, February 26  
Friedlander Competition for Young Strings

Saturday, April 16  
Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition

Wednesday & Thursday, April 20-21  
Cecil & Ida Green Youth Concerts

Thursday, April 21  
Savor the Symphony, Ritz-Carlton

Wednesday, April 27  
Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon

May 17  
Encore Luncheon

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

