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# WSL Newsletter

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2016

## President's Letter

Happy summer! Hopefully everyone has had a safe and relaxing summer and is ready to begin a new year, "Scaling New Heights". Your officers have been hard at work preparing, and I am excited to share some of the workings of the Board this far!

First, I am delighted to announce that WSL will be the lead sponsor for Rock the Classics, the ETSO's first concert this year. It will feature Stanley's BBQ All Star Band and trace the origins of Rock & Roll with **Richard Lee** and the ETSO. Join us Sept 24th!

You may recall that we voted to create a new Board position: VP of Fund Development. **Catherine Harrison** has graciously agreed to break new ground as the 1st person to hold this position. She has created a Fund Development Committee. I am very excited about the changes that they are proposing and cannot wait to share them with you!

I was honored to be the WSL representative to the League of American Orchestras annual meeting held in Baltimore in June. Our league was honored with TWO gold book awards:



Please thank **Joi Smith** for her work on the Jazz spectacular, and **Jan Barton** for her work on the Scrapbook! Please also thank **Lisa Harper**, who worked tirelessly to put together these award nominations!

**Sandy Baugh** has been hard at work putting together our JSL class of 2018. As always, it is an outstanding group of young people, and we are proud they are a part of our organization!



Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th at 7pm at the beautiful home of **Laura Young**. We are excited to have **Julie & Richard Lee** (yes, our Music Director and his new wife!) as our program. Please come join us for a chance to sip a glass of wine and get to know the Lees better. Richard will be telling us about the upcoming concert season!

Whether you are supporting WSL because you have a Junior Symphony League member, or you just recognize the importance of supporting our local Symphony, we are delighted to welcome you back for the 2016-2017 year.

I cannot stress the importance of our East Texas Symphony, which allows our community to show its appreciation for intellectual and artistic endeavors, a draw for individuals and companies looking to relocate. I look forward to an exciting year, *scaling new heights together!*

~Beth Whitney,  
2016-2017 President

We are excited to let you know that we are starting the 2016-2017 year with 47 Juniors who will join our 52 returning Senior members! It will be an exciting 2016-2017 season for JSL!

**The first meeting for JSL will be on September 24th at the Cowan Center** for Cowan Center training. The JSL members will prepare to serve as greeters and ushers for the first concert of the season later that evening. The services provided by JSL



friends, laughter, and bowling! The funds raised are used to support East Texas Youth Orchestra and music education through WSL. Feel free to make donations to

Monster Bowl to help the JSL members reach their goals! We appreciate your help!

The kids will be attempting to fulfill volunteer hours in order to be able to achieve the esteemed Windsor Award. Please keep them in mind if you need help with your committee tasks this year.

~Sandy Baugh, VP JSL

reduce Cowan Center expenses which in turn allows East Texas Symphony Orchestra to direct more funding towards bringing the best performances to our community!

We are already holding meetings to organize our Fall Fundraiser, Monster Bowl. On **October 30th**, the JSL will meet at Green Acres Bowl dressed in fun Halloween costumes for a bowling fundraiser. It is an evening full of fun,



*"JSL not only exposes our young people to live performance music but broadens their high school educational experience, something universities are looking for in potential applicants."*

~Beth Whitney

## LAO Update....

**Beth Whitney** was fortunate to be your representative at the 71st national conference of the League of American Orchestras held this year in Baltimore, Maryland. This conference represents all aspects of the workings of American orchestras - from volunteer groups to administration. There were even sessions for the musicians themselves. The theme was "The Richness of Difference" and emphasized continuing to reach out to groups that have previously not had access to the orchestra.

The Volunteer Council is composed of organizations that support orchestras throughout the country. Each year, there are projects that are recognized as being outstanding and of interest to other volunteer leagues like ours. The projects are selected by the Volunteer Council and are then featured in "The Gold Book" - basically a shar-

ing of ideas that are as valuable as gold. Thanks to the incredible work of **Lisa Harper**, our WSL Awards Chairman, the Women's Symphony League of Tyler had TWO projects selected for their Award of Excellence - the Annual Jazz Spectacular and our Digital Scrapbook! These projects were presented to all Volunteer Council participants at the meeting by **Cindy Kidwell** and **Beth Whitney**. **Joi Smith** deserves accolades for her hard work in making the Jazz Spectacular a success and please be sure to thank **Jan Barton** and the Archives Committee- **Nicole Thomas**, **Mary Gammell**, **Mary Meyers** and **Nancyan Stover** for their hard work making the scrapbook a reality. Additionally, WSL was recognized for our "One and Done" project at the Roundtable Sessions.

Beth will look forward to sharing these awards with the organization at our first meeting in September.

It is such an honor to be recognized with other outstanding volunteer symphony support groups from such diverse places as Minneapolis, Charlotte and Dallas! We really are considered a top group! It is also very important to know that **Cindy Kidwell** represents our organization on the national Volunteer Council, this is such an honor - for Cindy and our league!

It is such wonderful opportunity each year to attend this outstanding conference and enjoy not only networking ideas but also concerts from the host orchestra and much more! There are fabulous dinners and the chance to see the arts in different parts of the country - please let Beth know if you would ever be interested in attending one of these conferences as the representative of WSL of Tyler!



# SAVE THE DATE

## Fall "FRESH" & Friends

4<sup>th</sup> annual Social/Mixer

WSL Fall Fundraiser



Thurs Oct 27 6:00-8:00pm "FRESH" by Brookshire's

\$45/person \$85/couple Wine & heavy hors d'oeuvres

Entertainment by UI Tyler Jazz Ensemble

\*Fulfills a WSL meeting credit AND a fundraiser credit

\*Bring your spouse or a guest



So,  
what

IS this

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### Development Committee?

It is a new addition to our organization that has been charged with the task of centralizing, organizing, and coordinating how the funds are raised by WSL. We will also focus on

expanding our donor base, increasing/evaluating the effectiveness of our fundraisers and encouraging our membership to support our fundraisers with their presence and underwriting. This is a transition that will take more than a year to accomplish. This fabulous team of experienced fundraisers and highly

organized women have already been hard at work in long planning meetings, data analysis, and writing thank you notes to prior donors since April. You will notice some changes to our fundraisers as we seek to be good stewards of the fundraiser chairman's hard work, the generous gifts, donations and funds raised for the benefit of ETSO.

~Catherine Harrison,  
VP Fund Development

## Fund Development Notes....

**Condolences to beloved WSL members:**

Sarah LaNelle Livezey & Mary John Spence



Catherine Harrison & Sherrill Echols



## ETSO Events . . . .

"Ah, music" he said,  
wiping his eyes.

"A magic beyond all  
we do here!"

~J.K. Rowling,  
*Harry Potter &  
the Sorcerer's Stone*

Variety is the theme of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra 2016/2017 Subscription Series. The five-concert series will encompass a wide range of musical styles from pop and rock to classical favorites. The season also brings to the stage outstanding guest artists, from local musicians to an American music icon to a 2016 Grammy Award winner. Music Director Richard Lee returns to lead the orchestra for his fifth season.

Here is a look at what is in store for the year:

**September 24, 2016 – *Rock the Classics*** – Richard Lee is your guide through an engaging exploration of how classical music has inspired popular songs. Helping the ETSO out on this journey will be the Stanley's BBQ All-Star Band, put together expressly for this concert. Special guest conductor for the evening is Dirk Meyer.

**November 12, 2016 – *Who Killed Mozart?*** – Grammy Award winning violinist Augustin Hadelich joins Richard Lee and ETSO for a musical duel between rivals Antonio Salieri and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Also on the program is Beethoven's rarely heard Symphony No. 4.

**January 14, 2017 – *Uniquely American: Béla Fleck*** – Acclaimed American banjo player, Béla Fleck, joins the ETSO for a performance of his original, signature work, "The Imposter" Concerto. The concert also includes music of Copland and Elgar's popular "Enigma" Variations.

**March 25, 2017 – *Invitation to the Dance*** – The marriage of music and dance takes center stage in this concert which features ETSO Principal Harpist Janel Hector and dancers from the Tyler Junior College Academy of Dance.

**April 29, 2017 – *Back to the Beginning*** – Pianist Jan Lisiecki is reunited with conductor Richard Lee for a concert echoing their first collaboration in 2011. The program includes Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Dvorak's Symphony No. 7.



—Nick Pencis—  
Stanley's BBQ All Star Band  
September 24th concert

## Subscription Series on Sale NOW!!!

A subscription to all five concerts starts at \$45; three-concert packages start for as little as \$30. Single concert tickets begin at just \$15 for adults. All Subscription Series performances are at the UT Tyler Cowan Center. Tickets may be ordered from the Cowan Center Box Office by calling 903-566-7424, or visit [www.ETSO.org](http://www.ETSO.org).

Also this season, look for special ETSO presentations at Liberty Hall, including the annual Family Concert in February 2017. You can learn more about these events at [www.ETSO.org](http://www.ETSO.org) or look for program reminders in your inbox.

Come experience the ETSO live in concert this season!

...highlight reel for the season...



## ETSO 2016/17 SEASON

2016 GRAMMY AWARD WINNER  
AUGUSTIN HADELICH, VIOLIN

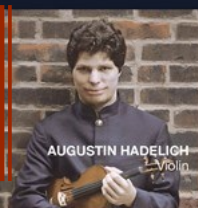
CHOPIN: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1

LEGENDARY BANJO VIRTUOSO  
**BÉLA FLECK**

BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONY NO. 4

ROCK THE CLASSICS OPENING NIGHT:  
CLASSICAL INFLUENCES ON  
POPULAR MUSIC

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Violin



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music speaks."*

*~Hans Christian*

*Anderson*

### LIBERTY HALL EVENTS:

Please check the [etso.org](http://etso.org)  
website for more about  
upcoming events!!!



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR WSL MEMBERS:

8/23 — WSL Exec Board Meeting @ noon, Beth Whitney's home (2601 S. Chilton)

9/13 — WSL First General Meeting @ 7p.m. (Full Board Meeting prior to @ 6 p.m.) @ Laura Young's home (2001 S. Chilton)

10/27 — FRESH Fundraiser and General Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m. @ FRESH by Brookshire's

## ETYO Events...



The East Texas Youth Orchestra continues to flourish and take place as one of the premier orchestras in east Texas. Entering its 61st season, ETYO will present its largest orchestra ever. Works such as the festive Slavonic Dances by

Antonin Dvorak, the grandiose finale from Sibelius second symphony and the sublime melodies of Borodin's

*In the Steppes of Central Asia* are on the repertoire list.

Members of ETYO will have the unique and memorable experience performing with guest violinist, Chloé Trevor as she plays the mesmerizing second violin concerto by Henryk Wieniawski. One of the most sought after musical ambassadors to Generation Z, Chloé combines her spirit for classical music and her passion for mentoring the youth of today to connect on a personal level with audiences in exciting and innovative ways. But that's not all! The ETYO orchestras will join forces with the Take 2 Band in a blowout

rock 'n roll fundraiser you won't want to miss!

Our season opener is Nov 6th at 4pm in the Wise Auditorium. Before the concert season begins, **ETYO will hold auditions on Saturday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>** for string, wind, and percussion musicians desiring placement in the Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras. Auditions are open to all east Texas musicians, ages 8-22.

Students may view audition guidelines and register for a time slot on our website, [www.ETYO.org](http://www.ETYO.org).

~Jill Hardin,  
Executive Director, ETYO

*"It's music's  
lofty mission to  
shed light on  
the depths of  
the human  
heart."  
~Robert  
Schumann*

## Sips for Scholarships....

### Spring 2016 WSL Scholarship Recipients:

#### Bud to Bloom

Karina Monserrat Guterrez-Delgado

#### Alex Fleming Memorial Scholarship

Anna Grace Hardin

Kamryn Hightower

Nolan Kirkendoll

Ken Knight

Violet Orchard

Rhiannon Pytlak

Allison Smith

#### Music Merit Scholarship:

1st place: Sylvia D'Eramo

2nd place: Amelia Burshe

3rd place: Rebecca Crosman



Dear Mrs. Brumfield and WSL Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for awarding me the Alex Fleming Memorial Scholarship. I have several music associates who knew Alex and have told me of his passion for music. I will be using your generous gift to help fund my enrollment in The Summer String Institute at North Texas State University in Denson. I chose this program because of the private instruction, smaller classes, and All-State Prep classes. I expect to hone my technical and musical skills and have a good time in the process. Thank you for your confidence in me and for making this dream a reality.

~Anna Grace Hardin, Alex Fleming Memorial Scholarship Recipient

## Scholar Soundbites....





**TASO  
April  
22-24,  
2016**

great showing of representatives that included **Linda Rowe, Laura Hyde, Joi Smith and Annette Findley.** Our two Winning Projects were well received by the other leagues.

The Texas Association of Symphony Orchestras Annual Conference was held in Amarillo from April 22-24, 2016. The WSL of Tyler had a

Linda did the presentation for the Annual Pictorial History: A New Approach to Scrapbooking, and Joi presented the Annual Jazz Spectacular. The meetings were

full of great information being shared among the incredible leagues across our state. We were able to attend the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition Winners' Recital at the Amarillo College Concert Hall. The top three winners were spectacular! The meeting concluded with Jaap Van Zweden conducting Beethoven Egmont Overture, Dallas Premiere of Kernis Violin Concerto, and Shostakovich Symphony No. 5.

Next year, we can all look

*"Perhaps it is  
music that  
shall save the  
world."*

*~Pablo Casals*

## \*\*\*\*\* \* **Endowment Corner....** \*

### **WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION**

The purpose of the FOUNDATION is to provide monetary resources for WSL special projects and needs. The funds help ensure that financial stability for our LEAGUE is maintained at all times.

#### GENERAL ENDOWMENT DONATIONS

*Evelyn Bochow*

*Cathy Davis*

*Bette King*

#### IN HONOR OF

*Susan Bracken by Sheryl Rogers Palmer*

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*Mike Canant by Dorothy Bridges for Quid Nunc Literary Club*

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**Send information to: WSL Treasurer, PO Box 6823, Tyler, Tx 75711**

**Women's Symphony League of Tyler**

P.O. Box 6823  
Tyler, TX 75711



We want to keep in touch with you and make sure you are up to date on the latest and greatest happenings regarding WSL! Don't forget to update your personal information online through our secure website!

<http://www.wsltyler.org/>

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League of Tyler.**



Please join in our mission:

“To support and promote the growth of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and to encourage music education within our community.”

If you know someone interested in joining, contact Leigh Ann Bugg, our VP of Membership:  
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