

November-December 2015

WSL Notes

A TRIBUTE TO MARY JOHN SPENCE 1921 - 2015

MARY JOHN SPENCE was a faithful and generous friend to Women's Symphony League of Tyler for fifty-five years, having joined WSL in 1960. In that early time, she served in numerous capacities, including as co-chairman of the 1964 SYMPHONY BALL, A GRECIAN GARDEN. Mary John also consistently maintained her regular membership until she became eligible for associate emeritus status at age 80.

Her pattern of remarkable generosity to WSL and to our community took an important turn when, in the 2008 United States financial downturn, our WSL Endowment Fund chose to give a larger than usual annual donation for the support of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra. Following that, the Endowment committee sent a letter asking our membership to give as generously as possible to help assist in replacing our funds. It was no surprise when, quietly and faithfully, Mary John sent us the most generous donation in all of her history of Endowment giving. It was a wonderfully timed reassurance to all of us!!

At that time, her spontaneous generosity was a great encouragement...a tangible gift which said, "I share your goals, and I want to be part of helping you reach them"! Predictably, once again in this year of 2015, Mary John continued that generous pattern until her last days, when she became part of a notable team of donors who made possible the installation of the new handsome and effective wooden sound shell on Cowan Center stage. She was present at the ETSO September concert to see its unveiling!! The superb music and artistry that will emanate from that stage through the years will always be a living testament to the fact that the good and important things Mary John supported throughout her life will live on and on. We thank you, Mary John.

JOYCE HUDNALL, WSL ENDOWMENT CHAIRMAN



WOMEN'S
SYMPHONY
LEAGUE OF TYLER



*Celebrating
60 Magnificent
Years of Music*

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Hello Ladies,

What a wonderful fall we have enjoyed as an organization! We already have many successes and accomplishments.

The Fall Fundraiser "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" was full of sparkle and fun. The fashions from Mary V's had something for everyone. Thank you **Kelly Michaels and Angie Russell** for your leadership! You and your wonderful committee put together a great fundraiser for the WSL.

There was a very special opening night for the East Texas Symphony Orchestra. The unveiling of the new orchestra shell brought the concert experience to a whole new level. Our professional orchestra performed three beautiful masterworks under the baton of Richard

Lee, Music Director. The guest artist which included Lucille Chung on Piano and Desmond Hoebig, Cello completely mesmerized the audience with a fabulous performance.

We welcomed our 45 new members this fall along with 11 associate emeritus members. A meeting was held at my home with follow-ups at New Member Liaison **Catherine Harrison's**. This is an energetic, beautiful group of women to welcome to our organization.

The Junior Symphony League has hit the ground running, led by **Cici Shelton and Sandy Baugh**. There are 53 new members and we welcome back 52 JSL Seniors. They worked the opening concert for the ETSO and held their major fundraiser on October 25, 2015. The Monster Bowl is always a big hit and great fun for this dynamic group!

We had our first Full Board Meeting on September 10, 2015 at the beautiful home of **Amy McCullough**. We proudly presented a check to the East Texas Symphony Orchestra. The check for \$21,000.00 represented money raised from the JSL as well as an additional amount of \$5,250.00 from JSL subscription series ticket sales. The total represents \$26,250.00 to the ETSO.

As I close this letter I do so with a heavy yet full heart for the loss of a longtime member, **Mary John Spence**. Mary John had been a member since 1960! She was a role model for all of us. She chaired the ball in 1964 "A Grecian Garden". She not only was a loyal member she was a contributor and supporter of our organization. Mary John will be missed and always remembered as a gracious loyal member of the Women's Symphony League.

Much love to all,

Linda Rowe

WSL President 2015-2016

Endowment Corner

The following individuals have made contributions to the WSL Endowment Foundation subsequent to the last newsletter printing.

IN MEMORY OF

Harold Harrison

Father-in-law of Catherine Harrison

Cindy and Randy Kidwell

Joyce and Dr. John Hudnall

BLUE

FROM CERULEAN TO SAPPHIRE

Blue...From Cerulean to Sapphire
Presenting The Junior Symphony League

Friday, March 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Harvey Convention Center



Dinner • Dancing
Casino • Big Auction

2016 Ball Co-Chairs
Amy Lively & Kamala Scammahorn

Benefitting the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and
Women's Symphony League Music Education Programs

You should have received a letter from the
Underwriting Committee. Thank you for considering.
We appreciate all of your support.

Amy Lively & Kamala Scammahorn
Ball Co-Chairs

JUNIOR SYMPHONY LEAGUE CLASS OF 2016

RICHARD ADAMS, JR.	GRACE ANN KNIGHT
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JSL Holds Fundraiser

The Junior Symphony League would like to send out a big **THANK YOU** to all who supported the JSL Monster Bowl that was held on Sunday, October 25th. It was a fun time with bowling, music, friends and great costumes! **Staci Horn** and **Laura Lea** worked so hard along with the committee of JSL moms to make this year's event another big success!



JSL members are everywhere: ESTO, Liberty Hall, and ETYO. Keeping up with all these activities and reminding them where they need to be are **Jennifer Holt** and **Lynda Evans** (senior coordinators) and **Tammy Conflitti** and **Suzanne Perkins** (junior coordinators). Things could not run smoothly without their many hours of service. Thank you to these great volunteers!

Cici Shelton
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SAVE THE DATE

WSL Spring Fundraiser
May 12, 2016
A FRESH Approach to the
Classics
6:30-8:30p.m.

Earn a meeting credit
AND a fundraising credit!



We Need Your Help

***Harmony Inns & Invitations is
looking for hosts!***

If you are interested in providing overnight accommodations for musicians to stay in your home Friday evening prior to concert performances, please contact Karen Smith at SmithKarenJ@aol.com or 903-360-4742.

Musicians usually arrive around 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening and leave the next morning before lunch. What an easy way to show our appreciation to these ETSO musicians!

***"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller***

Membership Roster Additions and Changes

PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR HANDBOOK:

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Heather Wilson - Resigned

Barbara Elfarr - should be changed
to New Active

Stephanie Mowery - should be New
Associate

Mrs. Shauna Bright - New Address
13559 S. Hillcreek Road
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Dr. Lisa Harper - New Address
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JOIN US!

The East Texas Symphony Orchestra takes you to the movies in November with a special showing of Charlie Chaplin's classic film, "City Lights." At its

November 14 concert at the UT Tyler Cowan Center, the ETSO will play the original film score, composed by Chaplin himself, LIVE as the movie plays above the orchestra.

"City Lights" is considered one of the greatest American films of all time. It combines moving storytelling with Chaplin's comic genius. Along with the film, the concert provides a truly unique concert experience, as Richard Lee and the orchestra must perfectly time their performance to the action on screen. This is going to be a great concert for film fans, symphonic music lovers, and those who just want a fun evening out. Tickets start at just \$10 and are available by calling 903-566-7424 or online through the link you will find at www.ETSO.org.

If you are interested in seeing more of the symphony this season, consider purchasing a three concert subscription. These start at just \$27, and you may select from any of the four remaining concerts. These subscriptions are available exclusively through the Cowan Center Box Office, at 903-566-7424.

Along with the "City Lights" concert on November 14, the ETSO 2015/16 season also includes the following:

Knockout Concert **January 30, 2016**

Time for Three is a group that happily defies any traditional genre classification. With an uncommon mix of virtuosity and showmanship, the American trio performs music from Bach and Brahms to bluegrass, folk tunes, and mashups of hits by the Beatles, Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake and more. They have performed at Carnegie Hall, with



numerous orchestras and collaborated with prominent artists from Branford Marsalis to pops singer-songwriter Joshua Radin. Their infectious personalities and dizzying virtuosity are featured on this performance in works from Vivaldi's The Four Seasons and the music of Bach to renditions of Eleanor Rigby, Danny Boy, the theme from Schindler's List, and Orange Blossom Special. Time for Three is one of a kind with their crowd thrilling, on the spot improvisations. This could very well be the performance of the season. Don't Miss Out!

Photo: Jordan Battiste

Musical Fireworks **March 19, 2016**

ETSO principal trombone, Efrain Sain, takes center stage for the seldom heard Trombone Concerto by Wagenseil. Then



violinist Elissa Lee, sister of ETSO Music Director Richard Lee, joins the Orchestra for Mendelssohn's popular and virtuoso Violin Concerto. The ETSO is joined by brass and wind students from UT Tyler for two orchestral favorites, Bach's Fantasia in G and Berlioz' Rakoczy March. The evening concludes with Stravinsky's evocative Firebird Suite, adapted by the composer from his score for the famed ballet.

Photo: Cylla von Tiedemann

Raise Your Voices **April 30, 2016**

The season concludes with an evening of powerful music for chorus and orchestra. The



performance opens with Beethoven's Choral Fantasy for piano, chorus and orchestra, featuring 2014 Juanita Miller Competition Grand Prize Winner

Patrick Pan at the keyboard. The centerpiece of the evening is Brahms' profound and moving German Requiem. Featuring a chorus comprised of some of the area's finest voices, this concert provides a grand finale to the season.

All ETSO subscription series concerts start at 7:30 pm at the UT Tyler Cowan Center. For more information and to listen to musical excerpts, visit www.ETSO.org

ETSOA@LIBERTY HALL

The East Texas Symphony Orchestra Association also has upcoming presentations at Liberty Hall in November and December.

November 21, 7:30 pm, ETSO presents the 2015 Jazz Spectacular. Guest soloist this year is saxophonist Eric Marienthal. Mr. Marienthal will perform with the TJC Jazz Ensembles in an evening of straight ahead jazz. He will also be conducting several masterclasses for area college and high school students prior to the concert. The 2015 Jazz Spectacular is sponsored in part by the Women's Symphony League of Tyler, Tyler Junior College, and Holiday Inn South Broadway. General Admission Tickets are just \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. You may also get VIP tickets, which includes both the concert and access to a post-concert party with Eric for \$50. Call the ETSO office at 903-526-3876, ext. 4# for more information.



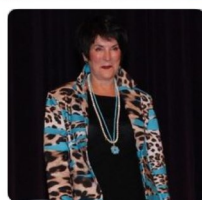
In December, ETSO is partnering with Liberty Hall to present a holiday offering with the band Gaelic Storm.

Come enjoy an evening of lively music with this hot young band on Saturday, December 5, 2015, 8:00 pm at Liberty Hall. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased through www.LibertyTyler.com or through the link you will find at www.ETSO.org.



Whether at the UT Tyler Cowan Center with the full orchestra or at one of the more intimate and unique offerings at Liberty Hall, we hope to see you at a concert this season!

Learn more about the East Texas Symphony Orchestra at www.ETSO.org.



Fall Fundraiser Style Show



New Member Orientation

Do you want to know more about what's going on in WSL?



Check Presentation



*Join us as the
Queen of Diamonds*
at
GAMES NIGHT
Tuesday, January 19th
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Potpourri House
\$40.00 per person
Bunco & Fun

GAMES DAY
Thursday, January 21st
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Willowbrook Country Club
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