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A Message From Michael Michael Beattie, MSO President & Executive Director

50% off! It is a sale you cannot afford to pass up – especially considering what you'll get in return. If you have not subscribed to MSO before, we'll give you a subscription at 50% off the single ticket price. It is an incredible deal – just call us at 601.960.1565. Any tickets you cannot use may be exchanged for another series concert – so if you have to miss one, you can exchange those tickets for another concert and bring friends as your guests. It's a great season: Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the music of Elton John, solos by our concertmaster Marta Szlubowska and Principal flute Sybil Cheesman, a night of Gershwin and Porter, Hitchcock at Halloween, Saint-Saens' famous Organ Symphony, Mozart by Candlelight and more, more, more! You won't regret joining us. And we celebrate opening night – September 17 (Bravo 1) with a complimentary all-audience reception on the plaza after the concert, complete with entertainment. Call us today!

My heartiest congratulations and thanks to last year's League leadership. It was a spectacular year in every way. And I can already tell that the coming year will be no less wonderful. The Jackson Symphony League is an amazing group of people and we appreciate your dedication and creativity. Thank you!

Most sincerely,

Michael Beattie,
President and Executive Director
Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

Contact MSO Today:
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Save the Date!

For the 52nd annual Jackson Symphony League Ball
benefitting the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, October 8, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Country Club of Jackson

The Mandarin Ball

Lisa Paris, Ball Chair
Beth Ann Hinds, Ball Co-Chair





From the President:

Welcome to the beginning of a new Symphony League year. As we approach the start of a new League season, activities are beginning, enthusiasm is growing, and the pace generally quickens. Now is the time for you to get involved and find your place among all the activities available to you. My challenge for you is to choose an event and be passionate about it. You will find in doing so that many benefits will accrue to you from the experience. This is the way to meet new people and form friendships whether you are new in town or just being involved with a new group. Whether you enjoy volunteering with children at Kinder Concerts, baking cookies for the orchestra rehearsal meal, attending a pre-concert lecture, or planning activities for our Sub Deb young ladies, there is a place for you. Step up and try a new activity. You may find you had talents you didn't even know about! Immerse yourself completely in an activity you enjoy and make a difference this year. The League will be most grateful, and I think you'll discover that you have membership with benefits in this organization.

I am truly excited to serve as President of our award-winning League. The League of American Orchestras recognized us as such at its convention in June, giving us another reason to be proud of JSL. I look forward to working with you and having fun along the way this year as we support our wonderful MSO.

Faira Bishop
2011-2012 JSL President

Interested in joining
The Jackson Symphony League?

All you need is an active interest in the promotion, support and well-being of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Association!

Membership benefits include networking, friendship, volunteer and educational opportunities, and impacting your community.



Eddie Hodges Scholarship

William Walker received a \$1200 scholarship from the Eddie Hodges Scholarship Foundation Trust to attend the Ozark Music Festival.

Throughout the past 50 years, scores of talented young musicians have attended summer music camps thanks to the scholarship program, and the trust is valued at more than \$100,000.

Chair: Cheryl Welch



2011-2012 JSL Executive Committee

Clef Notes

Join us for Clef Notes, a delightful luncheon and conversation with Maestro Beck at the Fairview Inn, sponsored by the Jackson Symphony League.

Clef Notes Calendar

September 16, 2010 11:30 am
October 28, 2010 11:30 am

Clef Notes luncheons are held the day before each of the five Bravo Series concerts. The purpose of Clef Notes luncheons is to help concertgoers gain insight on upcoming concerts from the conductor and guest artist.



For more information, contact Sylvia Carraway, Co-Chair and Regina Boyles, Chair

Don't miss out!

MSO offers several great season subscriptions including:

- *Symphony Lovers*: reserved seating for five Bravo Series concerts, two main-stage Pops Series concerts, four Intimate Classics Chamber Series concerts and one ticket to Pepsi Pops.
- *Bravo Series*: reserved seating for five Bravo Series concerts.
- *Pops Series*: reserved seating for two main-stage Pop Series concerts and one ticket to Pepsi Pops.
- *Intimate Classics Chamber Series*: general seating for four Intimate Classics Chamber Series concerts.

Enjoy all the benefits of subscribing! Once again, MSO is pleased to offer a 50% discount for first-time subscribers.

Symphony Calendar

Sept 17 MSO Bravo I: Opening Night

7:30 pm

Thalia Mara Hall

Maurice Ravel's *La Valse (The Waltz)* raises the curtain on the season, followed by Marta Szlubowska's performance of Max Bruch's lyrical *Violin Concerto No. 1* and Shostakovich's riveting *Symphony No. 5*.

Oct 1 Chamber One: Baroque Gems

7:30 pm

St. Andrews Cathedral

The crispness and clarity of the MSO Chamber Ensemble are enhanced by the cathedral's natural acoustics, as will be the virtuosity of guest violinist Stephen Redfield (Associate Professor of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi) as he performs Bach and Vivaldi.

Oct 29 MSO Bravo II: Hitchcock at Halloween

7:30 pm

Thalia Mara Hall

Alfred Hitchcock chose Charles Gounod's *Funeral March of a Marionette* for his playfully macabre television series—and what could be a better opener for concert performances of Alfred Schnittke's haunting *Ritual* and Berlioz's dazzling and delirious *Symphonie Fantastique*?

Nov 19 MSO Pops I: Another Opening, Another Show

7:30 pm

Jackson Convention Complex

With Cole Porter's sparkling score for *Kiss Me Kate* and a medley of favorites from *Porgy & Bess*—the most-performed American opera—featuring vocalists Sherri Seiden and Daniel Narducci, it's *Curtain Up* on a season of toe-tappin' pleasure.

Orchestra Hospitality

One of the most fulfilling projects that the Symphony League undertakes each year is that of providing hospitality for the wonderful members of our own Symphony Orchestra! Members of the League provide food and beverages for the Musicians just before the final rehearsal of each Bravo concert. The Musicians are most grateful for this meal and never fail to let us know it! League members who have served on this committee over the years will tell you how good it feels to get to know the musicians a bit better and to have this opportunity to thank them for their contributions to the Orchestra. If you would like to help with this project for one or more rehearsals, please call Trish Maury at 601-955-5569 or email: patriciamaurym@med.va.gov.

Upcoming dates (all just prior to the rehearsals on the Friday evening before the Saturday Bravo concerts): Sept 17; Oct 29; Jan 13; Feb 24; and March 30.



The Jackson Symphony League

cordially invites you to its annual

Membership Coffee

Thursday, September 22, 2010

eleven to one


at the home of

Susan and John Puckett

3981 Dogwood Drive

Jackson, Mississippi

*For questions, please contact Kristin Allen
601.622.3447.*



Sub Deb

The Jackson Symphony League invites all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade girls to join Sub Debs. For over 40 years, the Sub Deb organization has provided countless volunteer hours and raised thousands of dollars for the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. It is a unique service opportunity for teens and builds lasting friendships throughout many schools in our area.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Sunday, September 11, 2011

3:00 p.m.

Northminster Baptist Church

3955 Ridgewood Road in Jackson, MS

You will learn more about Service Hours, Mother-Daughter Tea, Cotillion, and Sub Deb Ball. We will accept membership applications and dues, conduct Sub Deb officer elections, and sign up for volunteer concert opportunities.

For more information, please contact:

Shelly Griffin, Sub Deb Chairman or Faira Bishop, JSL President
shellysgriffin@bellsouth.net or bmbishop1@att.net
601-790-4397 or 601-605-0646

Kinder Concerts

*Tell me, and I will forget.
Show me, and I may remember.
Involve me, and I will understand.*
— Confucius (450 B.C.)

Whitten Middle School

Thursday, September 8

9:30 and 11:00

Friday, September 9

9:30 and 11:00

Chastain Middle School

Friday, September 23

9:30 and 11:00

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 and 11:00

If you are interested in helping with Kinder Concerts, please contact Paige Sessums at 601-278-9438.

From the Maestro:

The musicians of the MSO and I are gearing up for what is always a very busy fall for the MSO. Our fall season includes two main series Bravo Concerts at Thalia Mara Hall, our annual All-Baroque concert at St. Andrews Cathedral, our now-annual Banquet-Style Pops concert at the Convention Center, the annual Concert at the Cedars in Fondren, eight Children's Concerts in Jackson, two educational concerts in tandem with Mississippi Music Educators Association at Thalia Mara Hall, two public and two Children's Concerts in Vicksburg, and a concert in Grenada. All that happens before Thanksgiving!

Best of all, the orchestra will open up the season with one of the great masterpieces of the twentieth century, Shostakovich's monumental and emotional *Symphony No. 5*, a piece which a number of us have wanted to do for years. Concertmistress Marta Szlubowska will be our featured soloist for this Gala Opening Night in Bruch's beautiful *First Concerto for Violin and Orchestra*. The orchestra itself will be front-and-center for the entirety of our second main series concert, when we pair one of the masterpieces of the nineteenth century, Berlioz's amazing and dramatic *Symphony Fantastique*, with the famous little "Funeral March of the Marionette" by Gounod, which we all know as the theme to Alfred Hitchcock's TV show!

We know that a number of you will be assisting us with our eight morning Children's Concerts, and some of you will be glad to hear that the program for it will be (by popular demand!) a return of *The Orchestra Olympics*, an interactive program which presents "the world's fastest, longest, highest, and loudest music!" The orchestra and I always have a great deal of fun presenting this program.

As a follow-up to last season's performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, we present an *Evening of George Gershwin and Cole Porter* for our opening Pops concert in November. Two of my good vocalist friends, Daniel Narducci and Sherri Seiden, will join us in presenting in the first half all your favorites from *Porgy and Bess*, and the second half will be dedicated fully to the music of Cole Porter, including hits like "You're the Top," "Anything Goes," and "I Get a Kick Out of You." It's a program I've done with Danny and Sherri elsewhere, and it's a perfect program for our Banquet concert at the Convention Center.

Throughout the season I hope you will check out the "Three and Thirty" video blogs which I personally always post on MSO's Facebook page. These are "three minutes and thirty second" previews for each concert, which are available the week prior to each concert. If you have not yet "friended" the MSO on Facebook, the best way to first access our Facebook page is actually via the MSO website at msorchestra.com, where you can also, of course, receive lots of additional ongoing information and updates.

We look forward to seeing you at our concerts!



2011 Symphony Ball | The Mandarin Ball

Preparation and planning are well underway for the 2011 Symphony Ball set for October 8, 2011, at the Country Club of Jackson. The Jackson Symphony League is thrilled to present an evening of extravagance from the Far East with The Mandarin Ball.

The Symphony Ball is the Jackson Symphony League's largest fundraiser each year and features a seated dinner, live auction and dancing into the evening to the sounds of the Capital City Stage Band. In addition to the festive live auction, an extensive silent auction will offer jewelry, artwork, dining and travel packages.

The Mandarin Ball planning committee is working hard to create a unique and special evening to celebrate and support the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. This year's theme will be carried out from the décor to menu to auction items like an exquisite strand of Mikimoto pearls.

To make reservations, or for more information, please contact Becky Ivison at 601-366-2121. Visit us on Facebook to keep up with the latest Mandarin Ball news.



Pictured L to R. Back: JSL President Faira Bishop, JSL VP Communications Meredith Virden, Mandarin Ball Chairman Lisa Paris, Decorations Chair Cathy Miller, Decorations co-Chair Marley Roberson, Menu & Reservations Chair Becky Ivison. Front: Menu & Reservations co-Chair Jackie Root, Live Auction Chair Angela Byers

Committee members not pictured: Ball co-Chair Beth Ann Hinds, Advisor Nora Frances McRae, Corporate and Allegro Table Sponsor Chair Lisa Rotolo, Corporate Sponsor co-Chair Mary Helen Bowen, Decorations co-Chair Jeanette O'Reilly, Decorations Alexandra Wilkes & Sherri Jennings, Invitation and Program Chair Ginger Whitwell, Invitation co-Chair Emily Dye, Live Auction co-Chairs Cynthia Winkelman & Gina Diamond, Silent Auction Chair Donna Ashley McCarty, Silent Auction co-Chair Susan Burnham, Auction Finance Brittney Allen, Silent Auction Kay Mortimer, Finance Chair Jennifer Boydston, Individual Sponsor Chair Pamela Prather, Committee Claudia Hauberg & Kim Porter.

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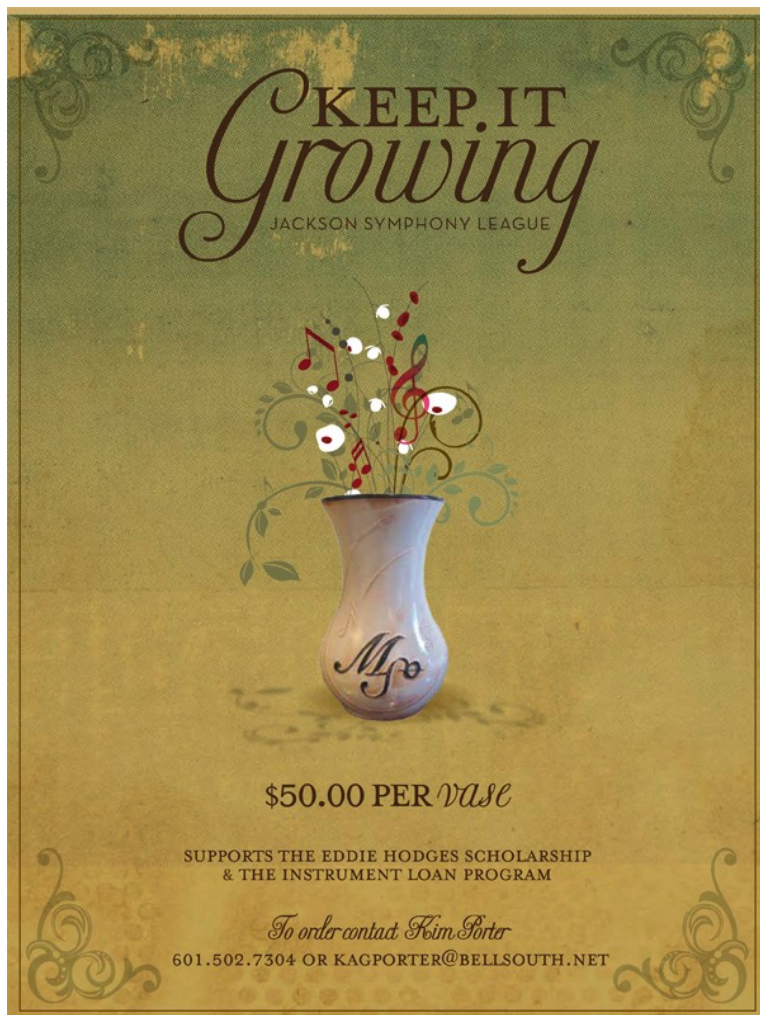
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JSL wins Award of Excellence



L-R: Lisa Rotolo, President-Elect; Faira Bishop, President; Donna Hild Russell, Past President; Kim Porter, Presenter; Nora Frances McRae, Presenter; Charlotte McNeel, LAO Volunteer Council

The Jackson Symphony League has been recognized for its fundraising and community programs as a 2010 recipient of the Gold Book Awards of Excellence for the 2009 Symphony Ball (The Golden Ball) and a 2010 Volunteer Round-table Award Winner for the Sub Deb Ball. Jackson Symphony League delegates accepted the Gold Book and Roundtable Awards during the 66th National Convention of the League of American Orchestras in Minneapolis, MN on June 6-9, 2011.