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**SPRING 2011**

*Symphony Notes*

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

Dear members of the Jackson Symphony League:

I have been saying it to anyone who will listen, both here and when I travel: our community has one of the strongest and most creative symphony leagues of any in the country. It has been that way for years. It is truly wonderful to see the league receive some highly deserved recognition by the League of American Orchestras with not one, but two national awards. On behalf of the staff, board and musicians, I extend my congratulations and very sincere thanks.

Most sincerely,

Michael Beattie,  
President, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

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**Jackson Symphony League wins national awards**

The Jackson Symphony League has won a Gold Book Award and a Round Table Award from the League of American Orchestras (LAO). Each year, the Volunteer Council presents the most outstanding volunteer projects with Awards. Winning projects are selected based upon scope, goals, and over all results of these excellent projects.

For the Golden Ball (the 2009 Symphony Ball), the Jackson Symphony League was awarded the prestigious Gold Book Award. JSL is one of only eight winners and will receive the award at the LAO's national conference in June. The idea will be posted as a resource for other orchestras on the League's website.

The 2010 Sub Deb Ball was awarded the Round Table Award in recognition of its outreach to community youth. This award will also be presented to JSL at the national conference and be posted on the League's website.

JSL's own Charlotte McNeel serves on the national Volunteer Council. Charlotte reported that the Council was very impressed with the work that the Jackson Symphony League puts forth each year.

President-Elect Faira Bishop will attend the national convention to accept these awards on behalf of the Jackson Symphony League.



## From the President:

What a year 2010 has been for the Jackson Symphony League! Our JSL Membership Coffee was such a huge success thanks to Chairman Marty Troupe and her committee.

Membership has soared almost to our goal of 500. We are tabulating the final numbers from "Puttin' On The Ritz," the 2010 Symphony Ball. JSL will present the check to the MSO during Bravo Four. MSO will honor the Jackson Symphony League Members during the performance. We hope each and every member will be able to attend. Lisa Rotolo and Debra Newman along with their committee put on an amazing evening with everyone dancing and dining, as well as one of Jackson's largest silent auctions!

We closed out 2010 with a Chrysalis Event for our Sub Debs. Over Two hundred and Fifteen young ladies radiated from beauty tips shared by Amy Head, owner of Amy Head Cosmetics. They walked the runway wearing glorious fashions from Bella Bridesmaids while getting great Christmas gift ideas from Kindades Men's Store and Chandelier Luxury Linens.

To add icing on the cake and a big bow on the present, JSL was notified by the American League of Orchestras that our Golden Ball Submission was awarded a Gold Book Award and the Sub Deb Ball received the Round Table Award. JSL representatives will receive these prestigious awards in Minnesota at the National

Convention in June.

Now JSL is ready to kick off 2011, starting with our Sub Deb Mother-Daughter Tea. The Tea this year will be in the home of Vivian and Lisa Paris. Sub Debs will dance the evening away in March with their 2011 Sub Deb Masquerade Ball at The Commons in Madison. Charlotte McNeel will chair the Bach, Bridge and Brunch fundraiser event at River Hills Club on February 6, 2011. JSL VP of Education Paige Sessums will gather outstanding high school music students as JSL hosts a "Side By Side" educational event. High School Band Directors will nominate students to share an evening with the MSO during rehearsal for Bravo V on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Thalia Mara Hall. JSL will close out the year with a celebration luncheon at The South on April 12, 2011. JSL's final spring meeting will feature award-winning handcrafted glassware craftsman Annie Morhauser of *Annieglass*. The exciting news is the JSL "Under 35," under the leadership of Kendall Poole, will host this event for us all to enjoy.

I would like to thank each and every member for giving so much of their valuable time, their financial contributions and sharing their multi-faceted talents in making 2010 such a success for JSL and MSO. I cannot imagine what 2011 will hold for JSL and MSO—the sky is the limit.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY and BLESSED 2011.  
Always,

*Donna Hild Russell*  
2010-2011 JSL President

## Save the Date!

For Jackson Symphony League's

### *Spring Luncheon*

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

11:30 a.m.

The South

Featured Speaker: Annie Morhauser  
Founder of *Annieglass*

Hosted by JSL Under 35  
Kendall Poole, Chair  
Amanda Polles, Co-Chair



## Side by Side

Years ago, JSL created the project "Side by Side...Kids on Stage with the Symphony," which gives children the opportunity to see an orchestra rehearse on stage with the conductor. Students are paired with a musician and sit at their side throughout the rehearsal.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Paige Sessums at 601.278.9438.

# Bach, Bridge and Brunch

Monday, February 7, 2011  
at River Hills Club

Gather: 9:30 a.m.  
Bridge: 10:00 a.m.  
Brunch: 12:00 p.m.



Receipt of your check ensures your reservation. Mail your check made out to Jackson Symphony League to Jean Bush, 2206 Heritage Hill Drive, Jackson, MS 39211. **If you have a partner or a table please list them with your check. If not, we will seat you at a table.**

For questions, please call Charlotte McNeel at 601-214-8047.

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## Symphony Calendar

- Jan 15**      **Bravo III: Images from Around the World**      **7:30 pm**      **Thalia Mara Hall**  
Join MSO for Claude Debussy's colorful and engaging *Iberia*, plus two new songs by Maestro Crafton Beck: *Old English* and *Letter from the End of the World*. The evening ends with Prokofiev's sophisticated movie score for *Alexander Nevsky*, featuring mezzo-soprano Catherine Keen and the Mississippi Chorus.
- Jan 29**      **Pops II: Classical Mystery Tour - The Beatles with MSO!**      **7:30 pm**      **Thalia Mara Hall**  
Didn't catch the Beatles during the Sixties? Now you have another chance, as the incredible cast from the Broadway musical *Beatlemania* comes to Jackson to perform all your favorites with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra.
- Feb 5**      **Chamber II: Mozart by Candlelight**      **7:30 pm**      **Belhaven University**  
Bathed in the glow of hundreds of candles, MSO Concertmistress Marta Szlubowska and Ole Miss faculty pianist Ian Hominick join MSO for an evening of favorite Mozart concertos, plus the Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro* and Mozart's playful *A Musical Joke*.
- Feb 26**      **Bravo IV: Orchestral Virtuosity**      **7:30 pm**      **Thalia Mara Hall**  
MSO performs pieces by three composers who use the orchestra to its exhilarating extremes: Wagner's *Entry of the Gods into Valhalla*, Bartok's sweeping *Concerto for Orchestra* and Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 5*, featuring 2007 Cleveland Piano Competition winner, Alexander Ghindin.
- Mar 11**      **Chamber III: Tales from the Road**      **7:30 pm**      **Galloway**  
MSO collaborates with some of the Metro area's finest singers and composers—Viola Dacus, James Martin, James Sclater and Andrew Sauerwein—to create an evening of travelers' stories including Mahler's *Songs of a Wayfarer* and music based on the poetry of C.S. Lewis. This concert is the world premier performance of a new work by Mississippian James Sclater. Stravinsky's vibrant and popular *Pulcinella* closes the evening.
- Mar 26**      **Bravo V: Beethoven's Incomparable Fifth**      **7:30 pm**      **Thalia Mara Hall**  
Beethoven's timeless symphonic statement finds a kindred spirit in Mussorgsky's *Wild Night on Bald Mountain*, followed by Concertmistress Marta Szlubowska's contemplative performances of Ralph Vaughan Williams' soaring and beautiful *The Lark Ascending* and Verdi's ballet music from Shakespeare's immortal *Macbeth*.
- Apr 2**      **Chamber IV: Chamber in the Chapel**      **7:30 pm**      **Tougaloo College**  
Join the MSO String Quartet, Woodwind Quintet and Brass Quintet in an alluring selection of chamber music for winds, brass and strings, held in Tougaloo's stunning Woodworth Chapel.
- May 6**      **Pepsi Pops – 30th Anniversary Gala**      **7:30 pm**      **Old Trace Park**  
A signature event in the region, Pepsi Pops is family-friendly and picnics are welcome! Presented at Old Trace Park on the Ross Barnett Reservoir, the orchestra performs light classics, show tunes and patriotic marches. The starlit evening ends with a fabulous fireworks display.



Donna Russell, JSL President; Mary Stuart Thompson, President Sub Debs; Caroline Griffin, VP Sub Debs; and Kay Pace, Sub Deb Chair.

## Sub Deb Save the Dates!

### Cotillion

Sunday, February 6, 2011  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Fairview Inn

Speakers include Pamela Nail on etiquette and posture and Flo Bryan of Persnickety on table etiquette. The Pink Bombshell girls will put on a fashion show with tips on accessories. Mothers are welcome to attend.

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### Masquerade Ball

Friday, March 4, 2011  
8:00 p.m.  
Plantation Commons, Gluckstadt

If you would like to volunteer to decorate or chaperone the Sub Deb Ball, please contact Kay Pace at 601.826.9000.

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## 2011 Spring Luncheon | Annieglass

Ann Morhauser is the founder of Annieglass, a highly successful line of glass tableware sold through the finest luxury stores and resorts in the nation. Handcrafting her products in Northern California since 1983, Ann developed her company throughout the years to become one of the largest and most successful American glass studios. By combining skills as a designer, artisan, and businesswoman, Ann has been able to build a highly regarded brand as well as a successful company.

Ann's work is in the collections of such noted museums as the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Luce Foundation Center for American Art in Washington DC; the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow, Scotland; and the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York.

As an alumna and successful business owner Ann brings a unique perspective to her role as advisor to the DMBA Program at CCA. She is an active fundraiser for hunger, children's health and art education. She mentors young women in business and supports scholarships at CCA and local high schools.

Ann has accomplished something rare: crossing over into the commercial world while tenaciously retaining her fine art approach. In 2008 she celebrated 25 years in business combining artisanal techniques and contemporary design with new technology. The Annieglass studio, originally 400 square feet, is now a production studio of more than 15,000 square feet. Twenty-five full-time employees handcraft a minimum of 60,000 plates, bowls, serving dishes, and decorative accessories annually.

In 1993, Annie launched a retail store in downtown Santa Cruz, offering all of the Annieglass collections as well as fine gifts, crafts and jewelry by other well-known and emerging artists.

Contact Jean Bush at 601.502.6668 for reservations to the Spring Luncheon to hear Annie Morhauser.



*Annie Morhauser is the featured speaker at the annual Spring Luncheon on April 12, 2011, at The South.*

## 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

January 14, 2011 11:30 am  
February 25, 2011 11:30 am  
March 25, 2011 11:30 am

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



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

## 2010-2011 Jackson Symphony League Executive Committee

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## Sub Deb Events

### Chrysalis Event

On December 5, 2010, Amy Head Cosmetics, Bella Bridesmaid, and Chandelier Luxury Linens teamed up for the Sub Deb Chrysalis. The experts were on hand to teach the ladies proper etiquette as well as how to do their makeup and hair.



### Mother-Daughter Tea

On January 9, 2010, Sub Debs and their mothers enjoyed an afternoon of tea at the home of Lisa Paris. Although the weather was wild, all 300+ ladies (young and younger) had a wonderful time.



## **MSO**

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### **Keep It Growing!**

Keep It Growing is one of Jackson Symphony League's newest programs. Vases are \$50 and help support the Eddie Hodges Scholarship and the Instrument Loan program.

Call Donna Russell at 601.941.5698 for more information or to place your order today!

### **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.
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- *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.**

### *The Jackson Symphony League*

#### **League Purpose**

The purpose of the League is to support and promote the growth and well-being of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Association; and to sponsor projects of various nature in support of said Association; to raise money for the assistance of the said Association; to do such things as will enhance the well-being of said Association, including such promotional activity with the public as may be deemed desirable.



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!

If you are unable to make the Membership Coffee on September 9, contact Membership Chair Pamela Prather at [pprather@watkinsludlam.com](mailto:pprather@watkinsludlam.com).