

News from the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra Society

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Upcoming Concert

February 22, 2015

3:00 p.m., Morehead Conference Center
"Water Music"
John Roberts, Conductor

Featured Works:

- *Suite from the "Water Music"* - George Frideric Handel, arr. Hamilton Harty
- *The Moldau* - Bedrich Smetana
- *The Blue Danube Waltz, Op. 314* - Johann Strauss II
- *The Thunderer* - John Philip Sousa
- *Victory At Sea* - Richard Rodgers, arr. Robert Russell Bennett

Concert information and tickets are available on the CRSO website
<http://www.thecrso.com>

Tickets:

February 22, 2015 concert tickets can be purchased at the concert or at the sites listed below.

Coffee Tree Book Store
Folk Art Center

Online:

<https://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/crsotickets>



by Catherine Rogers

The Kentucky Bank and St. Claire Regional Medical Center sponsor a Dinner Dance fund raiser for the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra

Get out you dancing shoes and get ready for a spring bash to lift your spirits out of the winter doldrums.

In celebration of its first successful year, the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra (CRSO) will host a big band dinner dance on Saturday, March 28, at 6 p.m. in the Gerald DeMoss Conference Room of the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER) building.

The benefit event is sponsored by the Kentucky Bank and St. Claire Regional Medical Center (SCRMC) and will feature a 22-piece dance band, directed by Ashley Summers for the listening and dancing pleasure of attendees.

The dress for the evening will be semi-formal, with women encouraged to wear cocktail dresses if desired.

The sit-down dinner will be prepared by SCRMC's Aramark Service. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. and cocktails will be available at a cash bar. Open seating is the rule. The menu will be Filet Mignon Oscar with crab, twice baked potato, asparagus, salad and dessert. The meal will include table wine served in souvenir wine glasses featuring CRSO's logo etched on them, which guests may take home. The glasses are a gift of Dr. Steven and Tippiie Koenig.

The steering committee includes Virginia Black, Gracie Grant, Sharon Jackson, Jan Lewis, Joyce Saxon and Sandra Scott.

Tickets will be \$100 per couple and \$50 for singles. "We want to encourage folks to make reservations early, but tickets will be available at the February 22, "Water Music" concert at the Morehead Conference Center at 3pm, assuming seats are available. Capacity for the event is 100." said Dr. Ewell Scott, CRSO board president.

Dinner Dance tickets will be available before the Feb. 22 concert by calling 606-783-2033 and asking for Patsy Bumgardner. Credit cards may be used.

Dr. Scott said, "We really think this event will be fabulous fun and it is for a very good cause so you won't want to miss it."



Meet the Conductor

Dr. John Roberts is Professor Emeritus in the Music Department of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY. Dr. Roberts served as chair of the department for fourteen years. During that time, he was the conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra. He was responsible for working with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to showcase the University Orchestra at the annual "Pops in the Park." The orchestra continues to lead the performance at this event.

Dr. Roberts came to Eastern from Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne, IN, where he was chair of music and conductor of the University Orchestra. *See expanded resume on website.*



• Donations:

- James Timothy Gotsick has donated \$5000.00 to the CRSO in honor of his parents, James E. and Priscilla Gotsick.
- The Whitaker Bank has donated \$5000.00 to the CRSO and will be a founding member of the symphony orchestra.
- Betty Barr has offered to fund two pianists at a future concert.
- Esteemed sculptor, Stephen Tirone has donated his time and talent to create a sculpture of the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra logo designed by Priscilla Gotsick. It will be ready for the February concert. It is mobile and will be moved to various locations.

December 6, 2014 Concert:

The Christmas Concert was a huge success. The Morehead Conference Center was overflowing with 800+ people. The Trailblazer uploaded a video of the concert to YouTube. Watch it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxu31SLiKeM#t=78>

Listen to Roma Prindle and Eric Brown sing excerpts from the seasonal classic "The Messiah".

Many thanks to **Ron Fiel** for volunteering to be the Ticket Captain for future concerts. Thanks also to the support of the Morehead News and **Keith Kappes, Kent and Kay Freeland** for hanging the banner, and **Jeff Fannin** - Good Shepard Printing. Thanks to **Tony Netherly** of All Seasons Florist for the use of his dance floor. It takes a village!

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More News About the CRSO:

Annual Meeting of CRSO Society:

The Annual Meeting of the membership of the CRSO Society was held at 5pm on January 21, 2015 in the community room of the Rowan County Public Library. Four new members of the CRSO Board of Directors were elected from a list prepared by Kay Freeland. Everyone was welcome to attend the meeting but only CRSO Society members were able to vote.

The new board members elected are Robert Pryor, Greg Jenkins, Janet Hogge and Sharon Jackson for two year terms.

Ewell Scott will continue to serve as president, Mark Minor as Vice President and Chairman of the Logistics Committee, Robert Pryor as Secretary, and Janet Hogge as Treasurer. The board expresses its' sincere thanks to Jennifer Cooper and Phil Martin who served as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, for the past two years. Their service has been invaluable and we are grateful to them.

Other topics discussed at the Annual Society meeting were:

- MSU Foundation Services to CRSO
- Musical repertoire requests
- Board members responsibilities
- A proposed fund raising dinner dance
- Logistics Committee needed
- Needed short term volunteer jobs like manning the entry table, ushering, helping with riser positioning, monitoring the green room, help with serving catered lunch to CRSO performers, managing ticket distribution, hanging posters, writing handwritten notes during fund raising, writing thank you notes to donors, serving on fundraising committee, selling tee shirts and other merchandise, coordinating snail mailing to those without email addresses.
- Need for alerting members to 2015 dues.



Soloist Eric Brown sings "The Messiah" with Scott Buzza conducting at the 12/6/2014 Christmas Concert



CRSO Symphony Orchestra musicians at the 12/6/2014 Christmas Concert.

Photos by John Flvall

Review of the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra from the Morehead News:

On the basis of a single, three-hour rehearsal earlier in the day, the 66 classically-trained musicians of varying skill levels responded in remarkable fashion to the direction of guest conductor. Comprised of professional musicians, music educators and music students, the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra is proving each time it performs that such an eclectic ensemble can make beautiful, even stirring music.

The strategy seems clear for continuing to improve and grow the orchestra.

It involves matching young, aspiring musicians in instrument sections with experienced teachers and performers as principal players like John Viton on oboe, Curt Hammond on horn, Suanne Blair on cello, David Oyen on bassoon and Brian Mason on percussion, among others.

Review by MSU Trailblazer:

“It’s an opportunity for the people of the community to get involved themselves. To participate as musicians, to participate as volunteers, I think that it is a whole other level of authentic engagement that people in the community get to experience,” he said.

MSU alum, Cheryl Barber, attended the concert and had nothing but words of praise.

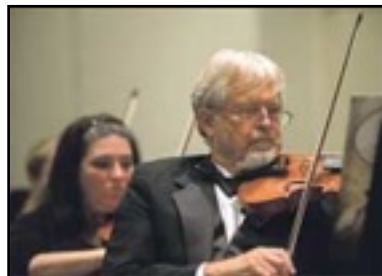
“They were all familiar tunes that you could really get excited about. It was just a fabulous performance, and the concert conductor was awesome, he was very entertaining and just a pleasure to watch,” Barber said.

According to Board of Directors member and treasurer, Phil Martin, the Orchestra has enough funding to operate for three more seasons.

“A little less than 20 percent comes from ticket sales and the rest comes from donations,” he said.

Name the Instrument:

bassoon, trombone, timpani, violin, tuba, cello, oboe



Thanks to John Flavell for photos.

Answers: top row - oboe, bassoon, tuba; bottom row, violin, timpani, cello, trombone

See you at the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra Sunday, February 22, 2015 Concert