

TAKE NOTE

Fall 2018

A message from Molly Benson...



As **President of the Women's Symphony League of Austin**, I am honored to celebrate our **66th** year of supporting the **Austin Symphony Orchestra** and inspiring a love of music in the next generation. These past few months have been a whirlwind of joyful activities! We have welcomed new members, volunteered in the community and raised money to support the ASO.

This summer, **Children's Day Art Park** moved from **Symphony Square** to the world-renowned **Austin Central Library**. Our entire organization came together to host the **64th Annual Jewel Ball, "An Austin Tradition"** and its signature events: **The Jewel Tea, Soirée** and the **Fall Fashion Luncheon**. The **Youth Leadership Council** recruited dozens of Austin-area high school students for a new year of leadership training. Almost 60 new members have started their year of learning all about the many opportunities to engage in the **WSL**, from **Orchestra Relations** to general meetings.

As a **WSL** member, you are an integral part of every activity you read about in this newsletter. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm for our mission.

Congratulations
Sue Webber

2018 WSL First Chair Award Recipient
WSL honors Sue for her long term dedication, leadership, and commitment to the success of the **Women's Symphony League**.



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MISSION

The mission of the Women's Symphony League of Austin is to provide service and financial support for the Austin Symphony Orchestra and its programs, and offer educational opportunities for the children and the community to further develop appreciation of music.



Jewel Ball

The **Women's Symphony League of Austin** kicked off Austin's social season with the **64th annual Jewel Ball, "An Austin Tradition"**. On Saturday, September 22nd, over 1000 supporters gathered to enjoy a night of pageantry, dinner and dancing. The evening began with a tribute to legendary arts philanthropist and Honorary Jewel Ball Chair **Jane Sibley**. King

Brio LIII, **Andrew R. Heller**, welcomed the Diamond Queen, **Ms. Corinne Renée Moffett**.



Corinne Renée Moffett
Diamond Queen



Jane Sibley
Honorary Jewel Ball Chair

Escorted by **Mr. John Gray Bryant**, they led the **Royal Court** procession followed by **Princesses** and **Escorts** from Austin, and generations of **Junior Royalty**. The **Visiting Jewel Court** represented symphony supporters from around the state of Texas.

Said WSL President **Molly Benson**, it was such a joyful way to honor families for supporting their local symphonies and the **Austin Symphony Orchestra**. Events this year were chaired by WSL members **Christian Wells** and **Michele Zurovec**. All proceeds from Jewel Ball events benefit the **Austin Symphony Orchestra**.



King Brio LIII, Andrew R. Heller and the Royal Court and visiting Jewels.



Jewel Tea

The Past Presidents' Council hosted the Jewel Tea at the home of member Stacy Toomey. The May 18th event introduced the 2018 Jewel Ball Royal Court.



Austin-area 9th and 10th graders gathered over Labor Day Weekend at Brodie Homestead to honor the 2018 Beaux and Belles. Soirée was chaired by Wendy Daniel, Cate Daboub, Catherine Manley and Vanessa Tufto.



"Wild About Austin" Soirée 2018

Fall Fashion Luncheon

The 2018 **Fall Fashion Luncheon** was a huge success thanks to the impeccable details planned by Chairpersons **Rhonda Hissey, Jennifer Vinklarek, and Meredith Wood** with invaluable assistance from **Sue Webber**. Guests were treated to a sneak peek look at gorgeous fall fashions with a modeling presentation by luxury retailer **Neiman Marcus**. Following lunch, guests enjoyed an interactive discussion with **Tim Gunn**, the American fashion consultant and television personality, actor, voice actor and author, most known for his role co-hosting Project Runway with Heidi Klum on Bravo TV.



DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, December 17th, 6:30pm

at the home of Mary Ellen Borgelt

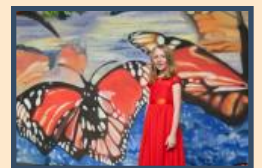
3608 Windsor Road, Austin, TX 78703

Spouses welcome to attend!

Knights of the Symphony, King's Party



*Late Night
at the Jewel Ball*



The Women's Symphony League
invites you to save the date!

HATS OFF
TO LOVE



Valentine Party and Children's Style Show

Sunday, February 3, 2019

JW Marriott, 11:30 AM

The Austin Symphony

YLC

Youth Leadership Council

YLC welcomes

Judy Maggio

Editorial Director of
News and Public Affairs,
KLRU-TV, PBS Austin

January 27th

Abel's on the Lake

4:30-5:30PM

WSL Members Welcome

Children's Day Art Park

In 2018, Children's Day Art Park, chaired by **Lisa Irvin**, **Amanda Pettitt** and **Mary Kaye Wheat** an exciting new chapter unfolded, reinventing this beloved Austin tradition for the young and the young-at-heart. Moving last summer to the beautiful new Austin Central Library, we were able to maintain our most popular activities, including the instrument petting zoo and our toe-tapping musical performances, while adding lots of fun new activities, such as instrument-making, crafts, and interactive percussion!



Get to Know Our New Members...



Julia Null

Birthday - June 11th

Sponsor: Tara Akins & Laura Lee Daigle

Where did you grow up? Dallas, TX

What are your hobbies? Tennis, Piano, Reading, Traveling & Exploring

Favorite travel destination? Florence, Italy

Favorite Austin Tradition? A Christmas Affair, Trail of Lights, Zilker Tree...

Anything else you'd like to tell us? I am very much looking forward to getting to know my fellow members. Everyone I have met has been a joy to be around. I am so proud to be part of this organization.



Yoli Arriaga

Birthday - Jan 21st

Sponsors: Molly Benson & Laureé Moffett

Where did you grow up? Weslaco, TX

Do you have children? Their ages? Hana, 19 & Mia 15

Do you work outside the home? Yes. Owner/Operations Manager of Taco Shack.

Favorite Restaurant? Taco Shack!

What is your favorite travel destination? Seaside, Florida



Ruth Ruggero Hughes

Birthday - May 17th

Sponsors: Michou Shell & Amanda Pettitt

Where did you grow up? Corpus Christi, TX.

Favorite Restaurant? Odd Duck and Tacodeli

Favorite Travel Destination? Any beautiful beach or mountains

Anything else you'd like to tell us? I enjoy the camaraderie of WSL and the positive impact we have bringing music into children's lives.



Valerie Caldwell

Birthday - Jan 9th

Sponsors: Hope Scallan & Araminta Sellers

Where did you grow up? Kearney, NE

Where did you go to school? Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

What do you do for fun? Gardening, Flying, Golfing and Traveling

What is your favorite travel destination? Anywhere tropical or to NE

What do you love about Austin? All of the wonderful holiday festivities; The Driskill Hotel activities with Santa, Mozart's for cocoa and the light show, and the wonderful performing arts the city has to offer.



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