

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS!



Notes from the President

Hello April! **April 4th** there are some delightful surprises in store for you at the League's annual **Rite of Spring** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg. **April 18th** is our final **Tune in Tuesday** of the season featuring **Nancy Lendrim**, TSO harpist, at Toledo Country Club. **April 30th** is the **TSL Showcase of the Arts** at the Imagination Station. No foolin', the League is showering you with fun this April!



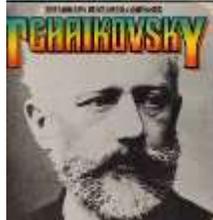
Members and friends of the League had a grand time for sure at the **"Luck o' the Irish" Party!** March 5th at Caper's Restaurant. The Jiggs Dinner with a brew, decadent dessert buffet and the Celtic airs of Toragh and Sonast was lovely. Kudos to **Beth Bowman, Kim Kearns, Sue Meadows, and Rusty Phlegar**. May the Luck o' the Irish be with ye!

Sunday, March 12th was the **Side by Side Concert** at the Peristyle featuring the League's **Young Artist Competition** winners as soloists with the TSO. Immediately following the concert, the families, teachers and, friends of the winners gathered at Manhattan's Pub 'N Cheer for a celebratory reception. Special thanks to **Dorothy Bonser, Beth Bowman, Rusty Phlegar** and **Claudia Trombla** for making this a truly memorable event!



*May 2nd is the League's 65th Anniversary Tea
Come celebrate our past, present and future!*

Do you know?



With a body of work of 169 compositions, whose genres include symphonies, concertos, operas, ballet, chamber music and even a choral setting of the Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy, Tchaikovsky composed some of the most popular theatrical music within the classical repertoire. On April 7 & 8 the TSO will perform Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony as part of the Classics Series. Always an audience favorite!

Cathy Fifer

TSL President

The MISSION of the Toledo Symphony League is to provide financial, educational and volunteer support to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra so that it may provide quality musical performances for the entire community.

By Nancy Phlegar

REFLECTION

The day was very cold – at least colder than the spring-like weather we had been experiencing in northwest Ohio. The fourth grade concert at the Peristyle was expecting 1100 students for the first of two back-to-back concerts. The Toledo Museum staff and Symphony League volunteers were ready to get the young people to their seats as smoothly as possible. We were used to seeing a variety of emotions as the students entered the Peristyle – surprise, wonder, perhaps a little fear of the unknown, or elation at being away from the classroom. And then we saw him – a medium-sized young boy in a neatly pressed white suit, shirt, tie, white shoes – looking like he had stepped out of a fashion advertisement. Every volunteer noticed him immediately perhaps because most of the students are dressed as they usually are, in casual clothing, suitable for school activity. We should have taken a picture, but with many students arriving and the need to get one and all seated, there was not enough time to do so. Many thoughts entered my mind as this child passed by me. For him, or his parent, this was a special event and required attention to his attire. Maybe he had been made aware that an orchestra of seventy musicians and a conductor would be performing for him in a very special place, the Peristyle. Maybe he had never been part of an audience as large as 1100. Maybe he was about to experience music that he had not ever heard before today. Whatever the reason, this was a defining moment that he might recall in later years – being specially dressed, sitting in front of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and listening to beautiful music. This experience for this child and many others will produce the audiences of the future. How often we hear adults say “I remember when...” A defining moment changes a life!

Eric-Friedenwald-Fishman suggested, in a recent address, that arts and culture are a necessity because:

1. There is no discipline, sector or issue area that nurtures, protects and sparks the cognitive ability to imagine and unleashes the creativity and innovation we need every citizen to command more than arts and culture.
2. There is no approach that breaks barriers, connects across cultural and linguistic differences, and engages our shared deeply-held values more than the arts.
3. There is no investment that strengthens our core human asset – the ability to connect with each other, to be moved to action and to make collective choices – more than arts and culture. We need our communities to experience and to demand arts **as a necessity not a nicety**.

We are fortunate in this city that support for the arts is readily available within a short distance from our homes. We have access to visual arts, music, and theater within our reach. Many areas across our country do not. The National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities reach out to every sector of our nation. We must challenge our representatives to hear our support of these organizations. We must urge them to keep the arts alive in our country!

This is my last SCORE article concerning Arts Advocacy. For the last fifteen years, I’ve enjoyed the research and the opportunity to bring before you the ideas and events that are occurring in our country as well as internationally. You have given me the chance to express my thoughts; and now it is time for a new perspective and a fresh voice. Thank you for being my audience.

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By Deborah Born, Vice President of Administration

Anyone with any information can contact me to place it on the TSL website. Moreover, anyone with media, and or press articles is encouraged to contact **Cynthia Champer**, Public Relations Chair or Mailings, contact **Sue Potts** and **Fran Darcy**. Labels that are requested should contact **Trina McGivern**, Score Ads, **Linda Mc Bee**. Ads are \$150.00 and business card size.

Lastly, I would like everyone to keep **Beth Williams** in your thoughts and prayers! She was hit head on by another driver in Oregon, Ohio a few weeks ago. Beth has been involved with Mailings this year.

Membership

By Susan Lang, Vice President of Membership

Spring is a great time of year to think of attracting new members! Our fabulous event, The Rite of Spring, is a perfect venue to invite friends and prospective members. It is an opportunity for all of us to “show off” our terrific league.

Who doesn't love a delicious lunch, wonderful boutique shopping, chances to win great raffle baskets and luncheons, and our iconic bake sale? Add to that time to just converse and enjoy each other!

And when you think about who you would like to invite, don't forget someone who may have just moved here from another area. Being a member of the Toledo Symphony League will increase their likelihood of making new friends and widen their view of our city! I will be sure to have New Member Applications available and look forward to meeting your guests!

TOLEDO SYMPHONY LEAGUE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT SCHEDULE 2016-2017

May 1

TSYO Pops

7:00 p.m. Public Schools Performing Art Center

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Luck O' the Irish Party-Decadent Dessert Table

By **Beth Bowman and Nancy Phlegar**, Vice Presidents of Education

Work nurtured by Chairs of the TSL Education Projects comes to fruition in the Spring.

The 4 winners of the **TSL's Young Artist Competition** performed with the TSO, Sunday March 12 at the Peristyle. **Maestra Sara Jobin** conducted when **Soyoung Cho, violin, Isabella Banks, marimba, and Catherina Lu and Jack Naglick, piano** took the stage. Chair **Claudia Trombla** introduced the winners after their performances. She was assisted by her "honorary co-chair" **Dorothy Bonser**, in presenting the \$750.00 cash awards, certificates, congratulatory roses, and (new this year!) engraved crystal trophies! After the concert, 50 family members, friends, teachers, TSO staff and musicians, and League members enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner at Manhattan's. **Zak Vassar, TSO President and CEO**, attended with his wife **Emilie**. He offered a warm welcome to our winners and their guests. It was a wonderful finale to a special day. The last guests lingered until 8:00, seeming reluctant to have the recognition and warm reception end. As the TSL Young Artist Competition Chairmanship is a yearlong responsibility, **Claudia** is working on mailing/disseminating 2017-18 registration forms. Auditions will be held Memorial Day weekend at Symphony Space.

Judging for the **Toledo Symphony League's Showcase of the Arts, Presented by Yark Auto Group** was March 21-23 at Symphony Space. Chairs **Jettie Sansbury and Sandra Laas** enlisted working artists **Penny Gentieu and Sally Hobnib Rumman** and TSL member **Bev Wolcott** to judge artwork. **Kim Kearns** and **Dorothy Bonser** judged written work. Blue ribbon and Rosette winning entries will be displayed at Imagination Station during April, 2017. The Awards Ceremony and reception will be **Sunday April 30, 2017 at Imagination Station**.

Winter 2017 has been historically mild, UNLESS a Young Peoples Concert was scheduled. Concerts on **Thursday February 16 and Friday March 3**, chilled usher Chair **Lynda Lieto's** volunteers. They were warmed by the student's excitement at being in the Peristyle. Volunteers included: **Janet Spencer, Teresa Linares, Marynette Hipp, Alice Cole, Helen Patton, Marti Bair, Sue Hirsch, Rusty Phlegar, Kim Danes**, and others. Special thanks to **Linda Olrich and Kim Ferguson, TSO staff** and "friends of the League" for supplying coffee and bagels.

The third installment of "Tune in Tuesday, 2017" will be **Tuesday, April 18** at the **Toledo Country Club**. **Nancy Lendrim, TSO principal harpist**, will be our guest. Please come and learn about this "heavenly" instrument and Ms. Lendrim's efforts to enhance harp teaching locally and nationwide. **Cost is \$25.00** and includes lunch, and our speaker's honorarium. An order form is contained in this issue of the Score. For information, please contact "Tune in Tuesday" Chair, **Dorothy Bonser at 419-382-4680 or dbonser@bex.net**.

~SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS 2017~

Chairs **Jettie Sansbury and Sandra Laas** are pleased with the progress on the upcoming Showcase of the Arts 2017. **Rachel Zeithamel**, Toledo Symphony Education Director, is also assisting this year.

The theme of the 2017 Showcase is "Water Music."

Students' work submitted before January 26th, 2017, was considered for display on the HD screen during the February 16th Young People's Concert. Five local schools met the early deadline and some of their work was displayed on the HD screen. The deadline to submit the remaining entries was March 17, 2017 and judging of all entries was held the week of March 20th. Winning works are scheduled to be displayed at the Imagination Station during the month of April, with the Awards Ceremony and Reception to be held April 30, 2017.

Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestra Manager

With the completion of a very successful Side by Side Concert, the flurry of activities to finish the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras season has begun.

Preparations are underway for their May 1st, Pops Concert to be held at the Maumee Public Schools Performing Arts Center. Music to be performed will include tunes from *Phantom of the Opera*, Harry Potter, Bruno Mars and many others, concluding with *Stars and Stripes Forever* by Sousa. **Wasim Hawary** and **J. Patrick Barrett** will conduct.

Preceding the 7:00 pm concert, beginning at approximately 6:20, additional winners of the TSYO Concerto Contest will present a pre Concert recital. Featured soloists will be violinists **Freya Klaas** and **Julia Xiong**; **Amanda Withrow**, oboe and **George Kim**, clarinet. Freya, a member of the Concert Orchestra, is in third grade and the daughter of Toledo Symphony Orchestra clarinetists **Georg Klaas** and **Jocelyn Langworthy**. Julia is a sophomore and member of the Philharmonic Orchestra. Also, in the Philharmonic, Amanda and George are principle players in their sections of that orchestra.

As the orchestra's only fundraiser, general admission Pops Concert tickets for a donation of \$10:00 will be sold by orchestra members or at the door. All students are free.

Remembrance Fund Scholarships are very much on the minds of numerous TSYO members. Those in the Symphonic and Philharmonic Orchestras auditioned on March 18th and 19th. Concert Orchestra and Senior class members will audition on April 8th and 9th. Scholarships will be presented during the Pops Concert.

Last year's very successful "Bring a Friend" event will be repeated. TSYO members may invite their musician friends to sit in and play along with the orchestra during a Pops Concert rehearsal.

Auditions for the TSYO 2017-2018 season are scheduled for May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, between 4:00 and 8:00 pm and will be held in Symphony Space at the Professional Building across the street from the Toledo Museum of Art. Students should prepare two contrasting selections (in the same piece or a different one) not to exceed a total of six minutes. Go online at <https://sites.google.com/site/thetsyo> and click on AUDITIONS for scheduling and sign up information.

~Chamber Concert Ushers~
Ann Lieder, Chairman

"Sounds of Nature": sounds of Blackbirds, Wrens and Thrushes will wrap up the Blade TSO Chamber Concert season. League volunteers at the door of The Toledo Club on Sunday evening, April 23, will be **Judi Breese**, **Wanda Anderson**, and **Susan Hirsch**. Concert starts at 7:00 pm.



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By: Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns, Vice Presidents

The Toledo Symphony League

Presents

The NEW Rite of Spring

Tuesday, April 4th 2017

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn

6165 Levis Commons Blvd

Perrysburg, Ohio

THE BUFFET MENU

is a mixed green salad with cranberries, apples, crumbled blue cheese & walnuts; a Nicoise Salad with lemon vinaigrette; chicken salad; egg salad; chicken noodle soup; tomato basil soup; fresh fruit; croissants; cookies & brownies. The beverages included are Coffee, Iced Tea & Tazo Tea.

SEATING

Although seating is open, you can reserve a table by writing the names of whom you want to be seated with on the response card. Tables will be numbered.

CASH BAR

will be available in the Dining Room.

TSO MUSICIANS

will provide the musical ambience in the Dining Room.

MASTER GARDENERS

will be on hand to answer all of your individual gardening questions.

RITE OF SPRING FAVORITES

Raffle Baskets, the Flour Garden and Vendors will all be there!

Please invite all of your friends. Everyone is welcome!

Toledo Symphony League 65th Anniversary Tea

Tuesday May 2, 2017

12:00 p.m.

The Toledo Club

\$40.00 Regular Ticket

\$65.00 Sponsor Ticket with a chance to win MacKenzie-Childs Teapot

You are invited to the anniversary tea celebrating 65 years of the Toledo Symphony League.

Enjoy a formal tea, white linens, Silver Tea Service and incredible edibles

served high tea style at your table.

Relive past events with friends, look through the photo albums, and view a video of
past events.

Attire: Your best hat and gloves.

Party is limited to the first 65 people.

Young Artists Competition Reception



Sara Jobin



Side By Side Concert



Dorothy Bonser & Claudia Trombla



Gene & Rusty Phlegar

Luck O' the Irish Party



Jeanne Pifer & Irene Brooks



Carolyn Eldridge & Beth Bowman



Kathy & Marvin Scheer

Tune in Tuesday

We will enjoy seeing you at the final Tune in Tuesday of the 2016-17 Season!

Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas



The Toledo Symphony League's

Tune in Tuesday

presents

Nancy Lendrim

TSO Principal Harpist

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:30 Toledo Country Club
Lunch Selection (\$25.00):**

_____ Raspberry Salad, Bistro Filet with Mushroom Bordelaise

_____ Raspberry Salad, Salmon Filet with Lemon Caper Sauce

Dessert for both: Lemon Cake

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please mail your reservation(s) and check by **Tuesday, April 11**
to TSL, 2146 Central Grove Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614.

**The TSL General Board Meeting to conduct the business of the League is
10:00 a.m. Meeting,
Stone Oak Country Club
Thursday, April 20, 2017**

CELEBRATE THE LEAGUE'S 65TH YEAR!

65 years look terrific on the Toledo Symphony League!

In its 65 years, the League has had 36 presidents, created 6 Education Programs, ushered at Young Peoples Concerts in ALL kinds of weather, poured gallons of tea, made tons of cookies and brownies, created and sponsored fund raising events, and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

WE are not done yet!

To celebrate "The League's ALIVE at 65" initiative, the League is selling number "65" charms. They are perfect to wear with your medallions. The charms are available for a minimum donation of \$10.00. Each \$10.00 donation will enter the buyer in a raffle for a "pass" to the 2017-2018 "Tune in Tuesday" series.

Proceeds will be used to fund Education Projects!

The winner will be announced at our closing Luncheon, May 2017.

Yes! I want to support "The League's ALIVE at 65"

Name _____

Address _____

I wish to order _____ "65" charm/charms at _____ each. (Minimum donation is \$10.00)

_____ total donation

Circle: Mail my charm to my address OR Bring my Charm to Opening Luncheon
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***UPCOMING
TOLEDO SYMPHONY EVENTS***

CLASSICS-TCHAIKOVSKY'S FOURTH

April 7 & 8, 2017-Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle-8:00 p.m.

THE TOLEDO BLADE CHAMBER SERIES-SOUNDS OF NATURE

April 23, 2017-Toledo Club-7:00 p.m.

WELLTOWER MOZART & MORE-BEETHOVEN'S MISSA SOLEMNIS

April 28, 2017-Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle-7:30 p.m.

