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**GENERAL BOARD
MEETING**

January 21, 2016

9:30 a.m.

***Charlie's Restaurant
1638 Tollgate off Dussell
Maumee**

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Other League Events:

Rite of Spring*
Thursday, March 10, 2016
**Hilton Garden Inn
Levis Commons
Perrysburg**

***NEW DATE & VENUE**

***Tune In Tuesdays**
~Keith McWatters~

Feb. 16, 2016

~Damon Coleman~

April 12, 2016

~Amy Heritage~

May 10, 2016

***Toledo Country Club**

Parties of Note
~Savoir-faire with Chefs~

Marty & Christine

April 28, 2016

~Time for Tea~

June 2, 2016

President's Letter

Greetings, Toledo Symphony League Members.

Hope springs eternal! The members of the Toledo Symphony League provide that hope on an ongoing basis for musicians, young or seasoned, by chairing events, serving as committee chairs and members, attending Tune In Tuesdays, Parties of Note, Special Events, ushering, organizing, donating, spreading the word, and underwriting from the heart.

January brings an opportunity to renew our dedication by supporting the plethora of involvement choices available to us in the new year. Do you enjoy a great party? Do you enjoy digging in to make things happen? Do you have a hunger for expanded knowledge? Do you relish an afternoon or evening shared with friends? Are you eager to meet new people? Now is the time to bring these joys to life.

To bring you up to date, **Dorothy Bonser** and **Sandra Lass** have secured Toledo Country Club for our **Tune in Tuesdays** for the remainder of the year. Menu choices are expanded; Manager/Percussionist **Keith McWatters**, Cellist **Damon Coleman**, and Flautist Amy **Heritage** will educate you in most entertaining ways. What a lovely way to share lunch, leisure, and educational opportunities with League friends and guests! (See flyer)

Rite of Spring will be celebrated at **The Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg on March 10**. Chairmen, **Barbara Bettinger** and **Mary Beaber**, have many surprises planned for us, while keeping our cherished traditions in the mix. Do you love the Flour Garden, Dinner Packages, Vendors, and Auction Items? Be certain to make your reservation when your invitation arrives. You may wish to serve on a committee.

Do you savor a sit down elegant dinner in an elegant home? Party of Note, **Savoir-faire with Chefs Marty & Christine**, featuring two fabulous chefs (Main Course and Dessert), will be presented in the home of **Don and Venice Michel**. This is a beautiful night planned for groups of friends as well as couples. Don and Venice are excellent hosts and lots of fun. Seating is limited, so send your reservation to **Bev Zielinski** as soon as possible. (See Finance article)

Education has boundless opportunities for volunteerism. Contact the individual chairmen listed in our Pink Book. They love willing hands and smiling faces.

Above all, plan to attend the many TSO concerts, as well as the Side by Side and Youth Concerts. I promise you will be thrilled and entertained.

Enjoy the New Year.

**Wishing you a music filled year,
Barbara Brown
Toledo Symphony League 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 Rusty Phlegar A New Year's Resolution

All the Christmas decorations are safely put away for another year. The New Year has arrived, and our hopes are running high as we embrace the dreams of positive change. Even though you hear people say they don't make 'resolutions', it is a reality that they do *think* about personal changes. The acts of dieting, getting more exercise, reading more books, finishing long ago started projects, or cleaning out the attic are ever-present in our minds - even if we fail to accomplish anything on our list.

It occurred to me that our resolutions might be directed toward a community effort instead of just ourselves or our surroundings. As a group, The Symphony League has focused its attention largely toward augmenting the program of our Toledo Symphony financially. I'm a regular attendee of several Symphony series, and it saddens me that the audiences are smaller than in previous years. The times are changing, and all the arts, both classic and popular, are competing for our presence as well as our dollar. Responses to surveys tell us that many younger folk don't think of attending classic concerts. How can we challenge the future generation of concert-goers? How can we rethink the concert experience? In what way can we cultivate a taste for classical music in those who are not part of an audience?

Many cities across our country have faced similar dilemmas as to how they might reach those outside the concert hall. Breaking down the barrier between performers and audience members, as well as inviting the audience into the creative process has been successful in many places. Examining the cost factors is still an area that needs addressing.

There are many challenges that call for a New Year's resolution. It might be an interesting experience for each member of the Toledo Symphony League to offer (just) one suggestion of a way we might increase the audience for the Toledo Symphony. Wouldn't it be a confirmation of the League members' prime mission to hand the Symphony CEO a list of suggestions, which might be implemented in the future, to expand what our Orchestra administration may consider viable ways to attract more concert goers. If each of us thought of one new avenue -- such as a social event, a concert in an unexpected place, a cost-saving measure, an open session rehearsal, an age-specific small orchestra experience, the use of social media, or a pop-up concert, something might be just the 'spark' that explodes into a beautiful 'flame', can you imagine how this might increase the relevance of a Toledo treasure, as well as revolutionize a person's encounter with orchestra music in northwest Ohio? Many resolutions that we make may not be successful, but at least we have risked possibility. As we begin the New Year, I offer the challenge: Will you make a symphony resolution?

Happy New Year

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BEST OF STAFFING CLIENT 2013



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

Sandra Laas and Jettie Sansbury, co-chairmen, are refining their plans for our **TSA Showcase of the Arts 2016**, a multifaceted program which offers opportunities for many volunteers. Among these are assembling packages, judging and labeling art works, reading and evaluating essays and poetry, and setting up and dismantling the Showcase Reception. If any of these interest you, please contact the chairmen to discover how you can get involved.

The **TSO/ TSYO Side By Side concert** featuring performances by our Young Artists Competition winners is **Sunday, March 20, 2017 at the Peristyle**. Plans are underway to obtain a block of tickets for the concert and a post-concert dinner at an area restaurant. All members will receive an invitation with reservation information in February. Please 'Save the Date' and see Toledo's youngest and finest musicians shine while benefitting from a League scholarship program.

Tune in Tuesday will resume **Tuesday Feb. 16** at the **Toledo Country Club**. **Keith McWatters**, TSO Manager and percussionist will be speaking. Don't miss this opportunity to hear 'the score' on the interworking of the Orchestra. A reservation form for 'TNT' is enclosed in this issue.

The Vice Presidents of Education want to express their sincere thanks to Chairmen **Sandra Laas, Jettie Sansbury, Dorothy Bonser, Janet Keener, Claudia Trombla, Lynda Lieto, Marianne Payne, Helen Rogge, Ann Lieder** and **Dorothy Coats** for their efforts in 2015. We hope all TSL members experience one or more of 'our pet projects': **Showcase of the Arts; Young Peoples Concert; Side by Side Concert with YPC Contest Winners; and Tune in Tuesday** during 2016. Why not make it a New Year's Resolution? You will have fun AND gain an appreciation for the many ways by which Toledo Symphony League serves its mission of music education throughout our community.

Remembrance Fund Chairman, Janet Keener reports the scholarship auditions applications were mailed to 200 TSYO members on December 4, 2015. The auditions will be held March 5, 6, and 17. All judges have been selected for the three days. Janet appreciates all the wonderful volunteers who have helped in this process.

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TOLEDO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS By Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestras Manager

Following a three week break for the holidays, the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras are back at work preparing for their January 31, 4:00 pm concert at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle.

Under the direction of **Dr. Elaine Colprit** the Concert Orchestra compositions will include 'Dance of the Clowns' from *Midsummer Nights Dream* by Mendelssohn, *Fantasia on 'Sleepers Wake'* by Bach and *Divertimento* by Haydn. Also featured will be Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances*. Respighi was a student in Bologna in 1917, when he became very interested in early music that was virtually unknown at that time. He wanted to introduce these 16th century Italian airs and dance treasures to modern audiences and thus adapted and orchestrated early transcriptions of them for today's orchestras. They are still favorites of concert goers. *Marche Militaire Francaise* by Saint Saens and the first movement of Schubert's perennial favorite, *Symphony #8 Unfinished*, will comprise the Symphonic Orchestras part of the concert. **Patrick Barrett** will conduct.

Conductor **Wasim Hawary** has chosen three works for the Philharmonic Orchestra. *Fantaisie* by Rimsky-Korsakov and 'Nimrod' from *Enigma Variations* by Elgar will begin the final segment of the program. It is interesting to note that Elgar's 1899 *Enigma Variations* is seen today as the first real British musical masterpiece since the time of Henry Purcell, some 200 years earlier. The closing work will be the majestic final movement of *Symphony #2* by Sibelius.

As noted in the December **SCORE**, plan to arrive at the concert by 3:15 to hear four winners of the TSYO Concerto Competition. **Charles Abowd** and **Kaleb Ringer**, cellos; **Glenn Mills**, trumpet and **Lang Liang**, viola will perform their solos at that time.

Remember the concert is **FREE and very listenable**. The students will appreciate your support! It's a great way to spend a wintry Sunday afternoon,

Late January will be a very busy time for TSYO members. Numerous students will be participating in the Ohio Music Education Association District 1 Solo and Ensemble Contest on January 23. Many of these same students will also try out for Remembrance Fund Scholarships in March. Also, up to 21 TSYO members won auditions for membership in the OMEA All State Orchestra which will meet during the OMEA State Conference at the Cincinnati Convention Center January 27 – 30. Orchestra members will be housed in a Holiday Inn and have 2 ½ days of concentrated rehearsals, culminating in a free 8:00 pm concert in the Convention Center on Friday, January 29. Featured on the program will be *Carnival Overture* by Dvorak, *Capricio Italian* by Tchaikovsky, and *Espana* by Chabrier. Noted educator, music arranger and expert in all things for young orchestras, **Sandra Dackow**, will conduct the All State Orchestra.

NEWS FLASH!! Two faculty members from Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan will give a short recital followed by a master class during part of TSYO rehearsal time on January 11!

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By **Deborah Born**, Vice President Administration

Deborah Born and **Barbara Brown** plan to meet with Brian Strong early in the year 2016 to tweak and update the website. **Dr. Joanie Barrett** has been doing a wonderful job as Webmaster Chair. If you have information for the website, please send it to **Barbara Brown** for processing.

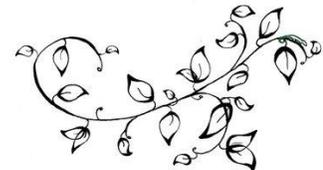
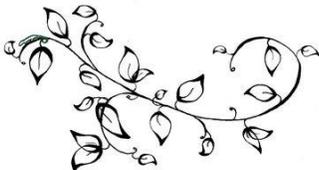
Any news releases or items need to be sent to **Cindy Champer**, Public Relations Chair. Thank you to Cindy for all she is doing for the Toledo Symphony League. It is greatly appreciated.

Beautiful dishes are needed for our Rite of Spring Flour Garden.

For each dish you donate, you will be entered in a drawing to be held at the spring luncheon.

You may bring dishes to any board meeting, TNT, Party of Note, or
You may request pickup.

JOIN THE FUN!!



Membership

By **Kim Kearns**, Vice President of Membership

Just a reminder, that all members are invited and highly encouraged to attend General Board Meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either **Kim Kearns** or **Barbara Brown**.

**The January General Board Meeting is
Thursday, January 21, 2016 at
CHARLIE'S RESTAURANT, 1638 TOLLGATE off DUSSEL in MAUMEE.
This is the same plaza that houses the Cookie Lady.
9:30 – Social
10:00 - Business
We hope to see you there.**

If you are chairing an event, please send a list of your committee members to **Fran Darcy**. It is the road to accumulating points toward becoming a Crescendo.

Are you looking for members to fill committee positions? Volunteer tracking lists are available by contacting **Trina McGivern**.

By **Lynda Gilbert** and **Joni Fought**, Vice Presidents of Education

Thank you to **Jane Wurth** for opening her lovely home for the League's Holiday Brunch last month. We are pleased to report that it was sellout, netting \$1,600 for Parties of Note! Forty ladies enjoyed Jane's beautifully decorated home, a scrumptious buffet, spirits, and a yummy array of desserts. Jane's hospitality and generosity put us all in the holiday spirit! It was a great way to begin the Christmas season.

Our next Party of Note is planned in April and is going to be so much fun, you won't want to miss it.

Party of Note Thursday April 28, 2016 4-7pm

At the home of **Don and Venice Michel**

6543 Wayne Court, Maumee

Savoir-faire with Chefs Marty & Christine

"Grazing in the Garden"

Featuring Marty Kokotaylo, Local Area Chef

Chef Marty Kokotaylo has 30+ years experience as a cooking teacher, 8 years as store chef at Williams Sonoma and has made many appearances on WBGU and WTOL cooking segments.

Chef Marty has won numerous awards, including: Sutter Home Winery Build a Better Burger Contest, Hotel Sofitel Cooking Contest, and Wolfgang Puck/Gourmet Magazine Recipe Contest. He has also been named Vitamix Guest Star Chef.

His Professional job is Global Account Manager with 10 years as Unisys Marketing Director.

Chef Marty is an entertaining and innovative chef who loves food and has planned an exciting evening for us.

Chef Marty's menu selections are:*

Tenderloin (both pork and beef) Done Argentine Style with Chimichurri Sauce

Cold Tomato Tarragon Soup

Grilled Caesar Salad

Tomato Basil and Fresh Mozzarella Cabrese with Balsamic Fig Vinaigrette

Grilled Potato Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette

*This could change depending on what is freshest, more available or his whim.

In addition to wine, a special drink that night will be a "colonial shrub", probably strawberry, based on cider vinegar and vodka or rum as they do at Greenfield Village.

Chef Marty will be joined by **Christine Wilson**, French Chef and former owner of Gourmet Curiosities. Christine will be preparing a special French dessert.

This will be an evening to remember with great chefs and fun food in a beautiful setting.

Cost \$45.00 per person - Max people 60 - Contact **Marlene Uhler** 419-666-3038 for more information. Checks should be sent to **Bev Zielinski**, 4901 Lake Breeze Ln., Maumee Oh. 43537.

Deadline April 21, 2016.

Mary Beaber and **Barb Bettinger** have been planning our new and improved **Rite of Spring at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg**. Committee members are being called to help, so please say "yes" if you are asked to participate. We are very excited about our new location and we know you will be too! Mark your new 2016 calendars for Thursday, March 10!

Holiday Brunch



Left to right: Beth Bowman, Theresa Andrews, and Lynda Gilbert



Betty Britton



Patty Etue-Stephens with hostess Jane Wurth

Mark Your Calendars!

**Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras Concert Schedule
2016**

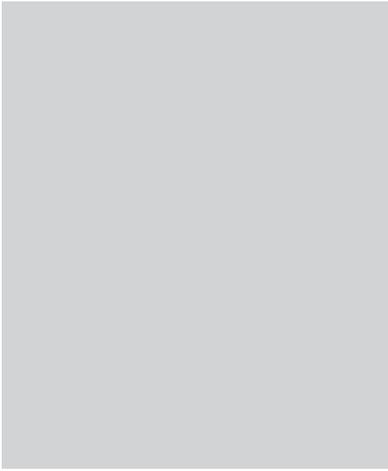
January 31	Concert #2	4:00 p.m.	TMA Peristyle
March 20	Side by Side with TSO	4:00 p.m.	TMA Peristyle
May 2	TSYO	7:00 p.m.	Maumee Schools Performing Arts



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THE BLADE CHAMBER SERIES-BEETHOVEN'S "SERIOSO"

January 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. - The Toledo Club

HEALTHCARE REIT MOZART & MORE - Mozart Violin Concerto

January 23, 2016 -7:30 p.m. - Lourdes College

THE CLASSICS SERIES – ROMAN ADVENTURE

January 15 & 16 - 8:00 p.m. - The Peristyle

ANDERSON'S FAMILY SERIES-SUPER WHY RETURNS WITH WGTE

January 24, 2016 3:00 p.m. - The Valentine Theater



June In Tuesdays

with the Toledo Symphony League

Enjoy lunch & a fine presentation from
a Toledo Symphony Orchestra professional ...

Tuesday, February 16, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Keith McWatters, TSO general manager & percussion

April 12

Damon Coleman, TSO cello

May 10

Amy Heritage, TSO & Lakeside flute

Toledo Country Club 3949 River Road Toledo

\$25.00 inclusive - per person, per event

RSVP, with your lunch preference, by Friday, February 5

___ **GREEK CHICKEN SALAD**

Feta crumbles, Kalamata Olives, Red Onion, Cucumbers, Tomato
Greek Dressing

___ **SEARED SALMON with a FIG CHUTNEY**

Potato Galette, Chef Choice Vegetable

___ **CHICKEN MARSALA**

Potato Galette, Chef Choice Vegetable

Number of Meals

_____ @ \$25 each

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

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