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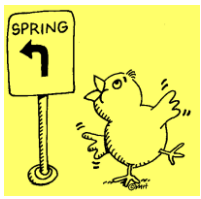
Notes from the President



It's March, the month of Leprechauns, Daylight Savings Time and spring! Be sure to mark your calendars. Sunday, March 5th is the **"Luck o' the Irish" Party!** at Caper's Restaurant. Enjoy a Jiggs Dinner with a brew and a decadent dessert buffet then head over to the TSO Chamber Concert. Move your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 12th and go to the **Side by Side Concert** at the Peristyle. The League's **"Rite of Spring"** event is Tuesday, April 4th at the Hilton Garden Inn. The signs point to one thing. Spring is just around the corner!

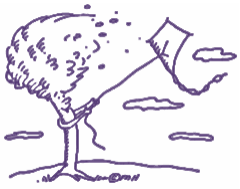
Toledo Country Club was the venue for Tune in Tuesday on February 2nd. The presenter, **Maestro Giordano Bellincampi,** was engaging and most enlightening. Thank you to the event chairs **Dorothy Bonser** and **Sandra Laas** and committee members **Beth Bowman, Judy Helm** and **Helen Patterson** for giving us a truly wonderful afternoon!

February 14th was Valentine's Day and the League hosted a Valentine's Luncheon for the TSO Staff at Symphony Space. It was a huge success with the gift bags creating a lot of excitement! Thanks to **Deborah Born, Dorothy Bonser, Beth Bowman, Cindy Champer, Lynda Gilbert, Kim Kearns, Marcia Helman, Rusty Phlegar, Sue Potts, Kathy Scheer, Claudia Trombla,** and **Kris Young** for their helping hands & big hearts!

Leaguers Who Lunch was at Byblos February 20th. Good food. Good company. Good time!

Do you know?

Gustav Mahler was the last of the great line of German symphonists. He was one of the musicians who bridged Romanticism and the early Modernist era at the turn of the 20th century. His musical expressions are considered autobiographical based on his personal outlook on life. On March 17 & 18, Stefan Sanderling will conduct the TSO Classics Series Concert "Heidi Grant Murphy and Mahler."



Happy Spring!

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

Change and Choice

During our adult lives, we face changes that alter how we live our lives, spend our incomes, engage in recreation and join with others in community endeavors (or not) and view our world as it ebbs and flows. Change is not always under our control. Countries and communities experience economic decline, natural disasters, industrial successes or declines as well as modifications of government rules and regulations. What individuals do have in many instances is choice. Not necessarily just what kind of a car we will purchase or what flavor of ice cream we'd like to eat today, but serious choice that may impact our future.

Currently there are some serious changes before us as our federal government considers whether it will eliminate or make serious financial cuts to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Building a strong organization takes time; demolishing it takes only a pen stroke. The NEA has funded projects related to affordable housing, job training, making sure children have access to playgrounds, historic preservation, improving health care, designing better parks, and promoting social justice --- along with funding museums, fine arts, dance and theater. In addition, the NEA has worked with other arts organizations to bring issues before congressional committees that will improve the visa process for visiting artists. They have brought awareness to policies that affect musical instruments containing exotic woods or ivory. They continue to monitor and impact policies that serve symphonies across this country no matter what the size. Since 2015, the NEA has funded 2300 grants and NEH 882 projects---all of this with a budget of $148 million for each organization in 2016. This is a minuscule 0.004% of the nearly $4 trillion federal budget. It remains a mystery as well as a question as to why cutting or eliminating such a small item of the federal budget would be considered a fix toward an accumulated deficit. There are very few resources for the arts in unrepresented and low income communities. As much as 40% of the activities supported by the NEA and the NEH take place in high poverty neighborhoods. A country that doesn't fund the arts is saying that culture doesn't matter! In 2016, the NEA and NEH administered grants to support the arts and humanities in each and every congressional district in the country. The Bureau of Economic Analysis recently released a report that attempts to put a dollar amount on the arts economy and its impact. They found that arts and cultural production contributed more than $704 billion to the U.S. Economy – which accounts for 4.2% of the United States GDP and is greater than the contributions of the constructions, transportation and warehousing industries.

So, the choice is before us. What would replace our arts culture? Would it be our interaction with other cultures and the exchange of ideas – or will we slip into a time where our country's historic values of individualism, rationality and responsibility disappear. The choice is in our voices to our senators and representatives.

By Deborah Born, Vice President of Administration

I am currently contacting office holders in Administration to see if they would like to continue to serve next year. Also, any information regarding events can be sent to me for the Toledo Symphony League Website. Any media items can be sent to **Cynthia Champer** Public Relations Chair. Score Ads can be purchased by contacting **Linda McBee,** Score Ads Chair.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

What Does Good Public Relations Look Like?
By Cindy Champer, PR Chair, Toledo Symphony League

What does good public relations for an organization look like? For the Toledo Symphony League, it looks like what we are doing - i.e. articles in local papers (Feb. 15 – Perrysburg Journal), past and future articles, radio programs - and more.

Thanks to all of the League members who continue to help in giving me ideas as to stories, media to contact and being very helpful with the spelling of names. But please continue to let me know if there is an article about us in the local media that I have missed; send me an email. I can cover your events, your Party of Note, even if I cannot attend the entire activity.

The other ways in which we measure our public relations success can be: (a) How much increased funds we raised at a PON; or (2) the fact that we can use these events to help increase our membership! Remember, many hands make light work, and also help contribute to an even better bottom line!

Thanks again everyone! Please contact me if I can be of help - CindyChamper@aol.com; or 419/350-0477 - phone/txt.

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BEST OF STAFFING CLIENT 2013

By Susan Lang, Vice President of Membership

HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER

As many TSL members can agree, there are many important reasons to volunteer!

** Many studies show that people who give more to others, in both time and resources, are happier!

** Volunteering to a local group provides support for programs that enhance the entire community!

** A Consumer Reports' article indicates that people who volunteer score better in overall health, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins University!

** Best of all, this improved happiness and health of people who volunteer and make charitable contributions have reduced rates of stress!

To continue the TSL Mission, to continue to provide financial, educational and volunteer support to The Toledo Symphony, **I ask you to seriously consider an area to volunteer for the 2017-2018 year. You may be happier and healthier!**

And spread the happiness, betterment of our community and better health! Bring a new member to the TSL!

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By Beth Bowman and Nancy Phlegar, Vice Presidents of Education

Spring brings all the TSL education programs into fruition. Audience members at the **Feb. 16 Young Peoples Concert** got a hint of "coming attractions" when some **Showcase of the Art** entries were shown on the HD screens. It was an exciting project between the Showcase Chairmen, **Jettie Sansbury** and **Sandra Laas** and the TSO staff.

Sunday, March 12 is the annual "Side by Side Concert" with performances by the **four** TSL Young Artists Competition winners. **Jack Naglick, piano, Isabella Banks, marimba, and Catherine Lu and Soyoung Cho**, **violin,** will take the stage with the TSO. Tickets for the very special concert are $10.00. It would be wonderful for League members to show their support by attending. The League is sponsoring our second annual "YAC Dinner" after the concert. The young musicians, their immediate families and music teachers attend as League guests. **The buffet dinner will be held at Manhattan's Pub and Cheer, 1516 Adams Street, Toledo. Cost is $20.00** and seating is limited. Attending this dinner is a chance to honor our award winners and offer a warm show of respect and gratitude to the families and teachers who nurtured their success.

There is still time to purchase a "Still Alive at 65" charm to support all of the League's education programs. Proceeds support our education programs.

TOLEDO SYMPHONY LEAGUE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT SCHEDULE 2016-2017

March 12	Side by Side with TSO	4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle
May 1	TSYO Pops	7:00 p.m. Maumee City Schools Performing Arts Center

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Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestra Manager

March brings the annual Side by Side Concert with members of the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras seated next to and performing with members of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. Always an exciting experience for the students, this year will offer a little different twist for them.

Each orchestra (**Concert, Symphonic and Philharmonic)** will offer an encore performance of one selection from their January concert, but enhanced and enriched with the sounds of the TSO musicians performing "side by side" with them! Additional "new" music will be included, namely *Apollo Fanfare* by Smith and "Mambo" from *West Side Story* by Bernstein. **Wasim Hawary** is Artistic Director of the Youth Orchestras and Conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra. **J. Patrick Barrett** conducts the Concert and Symphonic Orchestras. **Sara Jobin**. TSO Resident Conductor, will be on the podium for this 4:00 pm March 12 performance at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle.

Prior to the Youth Orchestras, the first half of the concert will feature the Toledo Symphony League **Young Artists Contest** winners in performances with the **TSO**. Our own **TSYO** marimbaist **Isabella Banks** is one of the winners, along with **Soyoung Cho,** violin and **Catherine Lu**, and **Jack Naglick,** piano. These young soloists were profiled in a previous issue of the "Score".

Don't miss this very special concert! Tickets are $10.00 for General Admission. Contact the TSO Box office at 419 – 246 – 8000. See you there!

Also in March, the League **Remembrance Fund Scholarship Auditions** for TSYO members begin. Symphonic Orchestra members will be heard on the 18th and Philharmonic members on the 19th. Seniors and Concert Orchestra members are scheduled for April 8th and 9th.

It should be noted that a good number of TSYO musicians were selected by audition for membership in the Ohio Music Educators Association All State Orchestra. After concentrated rehearsals they performed last month during the OMEA State Conference in Cleveland.

~Chamber Concert Ushers~

Ann Lieder, Chairman

The first Sunday evening, March 5, The Blade Chamber Concert will perform at The Toledo Club, 7:00 pm featuring the Mendelssohn String Octet in E-Flat Major. League volunteers, **Susan Lang**, **Kris Young**, and **Ruth Alteneder** will be hostesses at the door, taking tickets, passing out programs.

The Toledo Symphony Office appreciates volunteer help from **Barbara Brown**, **Rusty Phlegar**, and **Wanda Anderson** at the January 29 concert performance. Next Blade Chamber Concert is April 23. Door hostesses will be **Judi Breeze**, **Irene Brooks**, and **Susan Hirsch**.

League Volunteers receive a complimentary ticket to enjoy a Blade Chamber Concert performance!

By: Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns, Vice Presidents

"Luck o' the Irish" Party!

Greetings Everyone,

Please don't miss a chance to enjoy an early St. Patrick's Day celebration, **Sunday March 5**, at Caper's Restaurant.

Besides a mouthwatering Jiggs Dinner and "a brew" plus a decadent dessert buffet, the party will feature:

Classic Irish Music by Toraigh and Sonas, a local ensemble that regularly platys at The Blarney and The Stones Throw in Bowling Green.

An Irish themed raffle table will include: a Waterford Crystal vase, a bottle of Jameson's Black Label (with whiskey stones), a bottle of Bushmills Black (with whiskey stones), and a GREEN basket!

A Silent Auction for a lab created, emerald, four leaf clover on an 18kt.chain

A cash raffle for a $100.00 prize!

Doors open at 4::00. Restaurant style service begins at 4:30. Those with Chamber Series tickets can enjoy the Party and easily make the concert at the Toledo Club.

This is a Party of Note. All costs are being underwritten by League members. Caper's can accommodate up to 80 guests. IF you come out to have a fun night with great food and toe tapping music, the League can earn **$3000.00, or MORE!**

Please help your Party of Note underwriters make this Party!

The TSL General Board Meeting to conduct the business of the League is
Thursday, March 16, 2017
9:30 a.m. Social - 10:00 a.m. Meeting,
Brandywine Country Club

Tune in Tuesday

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

Dorothy Bonser *and* ***Sandra Laas***

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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.

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. As with the "**Bite of the Big Apple"** and **"Joy!"** initiatives, **the charms are available for a minimum donation of $10.00.** Each charm purchased will enter the buyer in a raffle for a pair of Classics Series tickets for the 2017-2018 Toledo Symphony Orchestra season. I AM HOPEFUL I CAN GET THIS.

Proceeds will be used to increase the Young Artist Competition Scholarships to $750.00 each and to defray the cost of the incredibly well received and "NEW in 2016" YAC Reception. The winner will be announced at our Closing Luncheon May, 2017.

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

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UPCOMING TOLEDO SYMPHONY EVENTS

TOLEDO BLADE CHAMBER SERIES-MENDELSSOHN OCTET
March 5, 2017- Toledo Club-7:00 p.m.

KEYBANK POPS-PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO
March 11, 2017-Stranahan Theatre-8:00 p.m.

CLASSICS-HEIDI GRANT MURPHY & MAHLER
March 17 & 18, 2017-Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle-8:00 p.m.

WELTOWER MOZART & MORE-BACH, BEETHOVEN, & MOZART
March 25, 2017- Lourdes University-7:30 p.m.