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A Newsletter Of The Symphony League Of The South Carolina Philharmonic

Dear League Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome to the 2009 – 2010 Symphony League year. We are excited about our plans for the year and look forward to seeing each of you at our general membership meetings, the First Chair Gourmet parties, the Masterworks concerts and the Valentine Ball.

Our first general membership meeting is just around the corner. A big thank you to hostess **Susan Brill**, and to co-hostesses, **Jane Kulbersh** and **Sally Wood** for their generosity. Our special guest will be  the Philharmonic's dynamic conductor, **Morihiko Nakahara**. He will update us on upcoming Philharmonic events and, of course, remind us to attend the first concert on September 12th.

Our First Chair Gourmet committee has worked all through summer to plan 13 great parties. A booklet with information about all of these fun events will arrive any day now. **Octavia Lewis, Meredith McKee** and **Judy Small** have pulled together an amazing group of hosts and mixed up the parties by adding new events while keeping perennial favorites. I am sure you will enjoy the booklet cover — **Faye Jeffcoat** has outdone herself by designing this wonderful cover.

Our first party, the Shag Party is on Saturday, September 26th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the Gregg Park Clubhouse. The fabulous “Heart and Soul” band will provide entertainment, and Hudson's will serve their unrivaled barbeque. The party is limited to 200 people so don't wait to reserve your space.

If you think September is busy, just take a look at opportunities in October. The Masterworks series will continue on Saturday, October 17th with Oktoberfest featuring Peter Kolkay and the Columbia Choral Society.

We will celebrate Halloween in a fun way with our First Chair Gourmet party on October 31st. Thirty guests will be entertained with margaritas and wonderful food while watching the USC - Tennessee football game.

The Southeastern Orchestra Volunteers Association (SOVA) will host a roundtable on October 30th in Greensboro, NC. For more information, talk to **Emmala Barnett**, our SOVA liaison, or with one of our many active SOVA members. To register for this informative program go to www.sovaonline.org/registration.htm. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and exchange ideas.

And last, but certainly not least, please mark your calendars for the Valentine Ball. It will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at the Columbia Marriott Hotel Ballroom. Preceding balls have been a great success and raised much



At the Arthur Fraser Concerto Competition 2009:
L—R Frances Webb, Chair Arthur Fraser Competition with Mrs Arthur (Ruth) Fraser and Susan Fraser (daughter)

needed funds for the Philharmonic. The event is a Black Tie affair and will feature an open bar with a seated dinner and dancing to the music of the Dick Goodwin Big Band. If you or anyone you know would like to serve as a corporate sponsor, please let **Maxine Sullivan** or **Liz Wheeler** know. They have been working all summer to ensure that we have a lovely and profitable event. Thank you to **Liz** and **Maxine!**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to work with such talented women and men in our community.

Coretta D Bedsole
President

You are cordially invited to
**The Symphony League
General Membership Meeting**

on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM

Hostess: **Susan Brill**

at 401 Oak Brook Drive (WildeWood)
Columbia, SC 29223

Co-Hostesses: **Jane Kulbersch** and **Sally Wood**

Special Guest: **Morihiko Nakahara**, Music Director
SC Philharmonic

Coffee and refreshments will be served.



Office Bearers for 2009—2010: L-R: Front Row: Maxine Sullivan, Ann Britton; 2nd Row: Brenda Argoe, Anna Griswold, Coretta Bedsole; 3rd Row: Ellen Brown, Jeannine Stokes.

SPECIAL SERVICES REPORT

Symphony League Receptions

The Symphony League is in charge of the reception for donors following the first concert of the season on Saturday, September 12, 2009. There will be another reception for which the Symphony League is responsible. That reception will follow the January 16, 2010 concert in which the Arthur Fraser Competition winner will be the featured guest.

In addition, the Symphony League provides food for the orchestra for the Young People's Concerts scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23, 24, 2010 at the Koger Center. These two programs are available for students in grades K – 5.

Donors and Supporters

For the 2009-2010 concert season, the Piggly Wiggly on Forest Drive will provide fruit baskets for individual guest artists at each concert. The Piggly Wiggly on Devine Street will provide some food items for the receptions in September and January. And the Fresh Market at Trenholm Plaza will provide a large shrimp platter for both receptions.

If you are shopping in any of these stores, be sure to thank the managers for their support of the Symphony League and South Carolina Philharmonic.

We are preparing letters to Publix Corporate Headquarters requesting food items to support the Young People's Concerts in February. Publix supports education and youth programs and we felt it would be appropriate to request their support for the Young People's Concerts.

Arthur Fraser Competition

The 2009 Arthur Fraser International Concerto Competition was held on Friday, June 12 as part of the week-long Southeastern Piano Festival at USC. Symphony League members served as monitors throughout the day.

On the opening Sunday night concert, Symphony League presented each contestant and faculty member with beautifully wrapped gift boxes. On June 13, the winners were presented in recital to a packed house.

Mrs Arthur (Ruth) Fraser was present with her daughter **Susan Fraser**. In honor of her 91st birthday on June 17 and her presence at the concert, **Mrs Fraser** was presented a bouquet of flowers.

The winners of the 2009 Arthur Fraser International Concerto Competition are:

First Place:	Sean Yeh
Second Place:	Joseph Mohan
Third Place:	Baron Fenwick
Discretionary Awards:	Jacob Buser, Naomi Causby, Brook Zhang

Congratulations to the talented youngsters!

Frances Webb

Chair, Arthur Fraser Competition



*Winners of the Arthur Fraser Competition
Back row: L-R: Jacob Buser, Joseph Mohan, Sea Yeh
Front row: L-R: Baron Fenwick, Naomi Causby, Brook Zhang*

Members of the Symphony League support our receptions and Young People's Concerts by providing or donating food items for these events. Thanks to all of our members who support the South Carolina Philharmonic in this generous way.

Carolyn Donges & Jean Rhyne

Co-Chairs, Special Services

The Crescendo is designed and edited by Viji Sashikant.



Past President Shirley Henderson with Philharmonic President Bobby Stepp

Past President Shirley Henderson Honored

On June 17th, the SC Philharmonic hosted its Board of Directors' Annual Meeting and Past Presidents' Luncheon. **Shirley Henderson**, past president of the Symphony League, was honored with the Major General Robert B Solomon Award for outstanding service to the Philharmonic. **Shirley** was presented the award by outgoing Philharmonic president **Bobby Stepp**.

In presenting the award, **Stepp** recognized **Shirley** for her many contributions to the Philharmonic and to the arts community.

Congratulations, **Shirley**, for this much deserved award!

Coretta Bedsole
President

Our Newest League Members!

The Symphony League is pleased to welcome our three newest members:

Mrs Michael Gorman (Robin)

3 Governor's Hill
Columbia, SC 29201
(H/W) 765-9817 (C) 240-0383
rgorman@sc.rr.com

Robin's interests are First Chair Gourmet Parties, The Ball and Public Relations.

Melissa S Williams

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Melissa's interests are Public Relations and Receptions for Donors.
Her sponsor is Jeannine Stokes.

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"If you can dream it,
you can do it"

Symphony League
Valentine Ball 2010

Committee: Liz Wheeler (Chair), Shirley Henderson, Margaret Williams, Maxine Sullivan, Pam Adkins, Faye Jeffcoat and Beth Donelan.

This is the BIG fundraiser for 2009 — 2010 and even in these difficult financial times, we're hoping to make record profits. To do that, we must all pitch in and begin asking friends to join us for this special evening. Consider being a Patron, or better yet, get a group together to sponsor a table.

Sponsorship levels are:

Golden Baton	\$1,500 includes a table for ten
Silver Baton	\$1,200 includes a table for eight
Bronze Baton	\$ 900 includes tickets for six
1 st Chair	\$ 500 includes tickets for two
2 nd Chair	\$ 300 Contribution
Tickets	\$ 100 per person
Patrons	\$ 125 per person

Please contact Maxine Sullivan with your suggestions and offers of assistance in contacting corporate sponsors.

Our motto for this event is: *If you can dream it, you can do it.*

So let's all dream big and work to achieve that dream!

Liz Wheeler
2010 Valentine Ball Chair

H Sandra A Williamson

6 Leaning Tree Court
Columbia, SC 29223
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sandrawi@bellsouth.net

Sandra's interests are Receptions for Donors, First Chair Gourmet-Co-Host, Ball, and Public Relations.
Her sponsor is Shirley Henderson.

Let's all extend a warm welcome to **Robin**, **Melissa** and **Sandra**. They will be valuable assets to the League.

Anna Griswold

First Vice President

YEARBOOK DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Mrs Thomas S (Betty) Fitzgerald

Mrs Gina A (Sam E) McCuen

Mrs Jim (Gloria) Rhodes

205 Southridge Drive
Elgin, SC 29045



Marina Lomazov is presented with a Steinway at the end of the Southeastern Piano Festival and becomes a Steinway artist

New Member Wine and Cheese Reception

All new members are invited to join the Symphony League Board members on September 28, 2009 for a new member reception and orientation program from 5 to 7 PM. New members will receive a printed invitation in the mail.

Members who have joined since the last orientation are **Anna McCord, Martha Williams, Suzanne Fuller, Susan Ritchey, Robin Gorman, Melissa Williams and Sandra Williamson.**

SYMPHONY LEAGUE ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

Established in 1974, the Symphony League Endowment Fund has provided a source of continuous support for the South Carolina Philharmonic. A donation to the Endowment is a special means of remembering birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, friendships, job well done, births, or to say thank you.

All contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to:

Mrs Robert W Carswell (Lib)

2019 Riding Ridge Road

Columbia, SC 29223

P 803-788-8331; boblibc@bellsouth.net

GIFTS RECEIVED IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST:

In honor of Lynn Hodge..... Maxine Sullivan
 In honor of Jacque Sellors on her 90th birthday..... Donna and Curt Rone
 In honor of Jacque Sellors on her 90th birthday..... Marcia Halvorson, David Sturges,
 Susan and Gary Spagnola
 1/4 profits from 2008-2009 Special Projects..... Symphony League



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2009 – 2010

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your Symphony League membership and sent in your Member Profiles for 2009-2010. YOU ARE AWESOME!!! For those of you who haven't gotten around to it yet – DO IT NOW!

We value your past support and look forward to your participation this year.

- Dues:** Individual \$ 45.00
Family \$ 60.00 (*includes spouse and/or dependent children*)
Supporting \$100.00 (*for those who wish to provide additional support*)
Life \$500.00 (*after first year \$20.00 annually for printing and mailing costs requested*)

Please make checks payable to Symphony League and mail to:

Emmala Barnett
Membership Chairman
167 Peach Grove Circle
Elgin, SC 29045-7116

New members who join the League after January 1 each year will be considered members in good standing for the upcoming fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding membership please feel free to contact me at (803)788-4160 or embarnett@att.net.

Member Profile 2009 – 2010

Please make necessary changes to your address, phone number and e-mail. The information you provide will help to insure that your listing in the Symphony League Yearbook is accurate.

Mail to **Emmala Barnett**, 840 Sparkleberry Lane, # 512, Columbia, SC 29229

Name _____

List your name as you would like it to appear in the Yearbook. (Please print clearly and legibly)
Examples: Smith: Mrs John D (Jane) Smith, Mrs Jane Smith, Ms Jane Smith, Dr Jane Smith

Address _____

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Preference for receiving Crescendo: ___ E-mail ___ Mail to above address.

Select one or more areas of interest (to assist Committee Chairmen as they plan for the upcoming year):

Education and Service

- ____ Young People's Concerts
____ Receptions for Donors
____ Piano Competition and Festival
____ SCP Office Support

Projects

- ____ First Chair Gourmet Events
____ Host _____ Co-Host
____ Ball

Administrative

- ____ Refreshments for Meetings
____ Mentoring Membership
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____ Mailings
____ Newsletters
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