

TAKE NOTE

Winter '17-'18

A message from Eledith Falk

As **President** of the **Women's Symphony League of Austin**, it is my privilege to join you in celebrating our **65th year** of supporting the **Austin Symphony Orchestra (ASO)** and inspiring a love of music in the next generation. Our membership is diverse, comprised of women with varied talents and strengths, but we are united by our belief in the ASO as one of our community's greatest assets and their educational programs as vital to the children of Central Texas.

The Women's Symphony League plays a key role in supporting and coordinating a wide variety of events and programs, requiring the

efforts of many volunteers. When we give of our time, let us remember that every successful program hinges upon many components, and when our efforts and passion come together, the result is something so much greater than the sum of our individual roles. From introducing a child to a trumpet at the **Instrument Petting Zoo** to chairing a major fundraising event, every WSL member's contributions are necessary, significant, and deeply appreciated.



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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.

Our year began with a series of delightful events, culminating in the **63rd Jewel Ball, Night at the Pops**. **Soirée** was transformed into the **Soirée Music Festival** enjoyed by teens from all around Austin, and the contemporary vision for the **Fashion Show** proved a success. The Jewel Ball itself was an evening of unforgettable beauty to be cherished for years to come by members of the Royal Court, their families, and all who attended. A thousand thank-yous to the chairs of these events and the many WSL volunteers who made it all possible. (Cont. on Pg. 2)

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Even while celebrating the Jewel Ball, preparations were already underway for another fabulous edition of our award-winning **Red Haute Valentine's Party and Children's Style Show**, slated for February 11, 2018. Our dynamic team of fun and creative WSL members are hard at work to make this year's event, *To Paris With Love*, truly special. Sponsorship opportunities and event tickets are currently available online, and those coveted model spots are already sold out! Invitations will be mailed in January. This is an event you will not want to miss!

This fall, the **Halloween Concerts**, held for the first time at the beautiful **AISD Performing Arts Center**, were a truly wonderful experience for all who attended. We have also seen the beginning of another dynamic year for the **ASO Youth Leadership Council**, providing high school students with the training and inspiration to become the leaders of tomorrow. Two YLC programs have already taken place, including a special appearance by WSL member and **First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott**. Two more YLC programs are just around the corner, and it is not too late to give your high school student this unforgettable opportunity.

In addition to these events, we will be providing volunteer support for a variety of programs that assist the **ASO** and its educational mission. **Children's Day Art Park and the Young People's Concert Series** are facilitated by WSL volunteers, and our financial support allows the ASO to continue its in-school educational programs for children of all ages. WSL members are also active in the schools through **Simon Simon**, our award-winning, bilingual music education program for elementary students.

To accomplish all that we do takes the combined efforts of a large and passionate team. As a WSL member, your contributions are pivotal to the success of every program and every event. I would like to thank each of you for all that you do, and special thanks to our **Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Fundraising Chairs** for the vision and leadership you give to our organization. It is my pleasure to undertake this journey with you, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the year to come.



The poster features a red Eiffel Tower in the center, with a banner above it that says "TO PARIS WITH LOVE". Below the tower, it reads "WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF AUSTIN". A "SAVE THE DATE" banner is positioned above the event title: "THE SEVENTH ANNUAL RED HAUTE VALENTINE PARTY & CHILDREN'S STYLE SHOW". At the bottom, it lists "SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WSLAUSTIN.ORG" and "FEBRUARY 11, 2018 11:00AM - 2:30PM OMNI BARTON CREEK RESORT & SPA". It also includes contact information for the co-chairs: Kara Belew, Cynthia Pittenger, and Michelle Johnson.

**Make Plans to attend the Seventh Annual
Red Haute Valentine Party & Children's Style Show**

**February 11, 2018
11:00am-2:30pm
Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa**

**Co-Chairpersons
Kara Belew, Cynthia Pittenger, Michelle Johnson**

During the month of September, annual WSL fundraising events were held which culminated in our organization's most celebrated event, **The 63rd Annual Jewel Ball; "Night at the Pops"**.

Jewel Ball Chairperson, **Pasha Moore** worked tirelessly with her Committee to plan the beautifully orchestrated events which included **Soiree Dansante 2017, "Soiree Music Festival"** held Labor Day weekend and attended by hundreds of area 9th and 10th grade students, and the **Rhythm Runway Show**, held at **Vault Space** on September 22nd, featuring local boutiques and designers, **Estilo, Found, Knot Standard, Nha Khanh, Linda Asaf, Zoltan David, and Weathered Coalition**.

This year's **Jewel Ball** was held on the evening of September 23rd at the **Palmer Events Center**. The **Royal Court, Visiting Jewels, and Junior Royalty** were presented with Trumpet Fanfare in the glamorously decorated room which was absolutely transformed. After the presentation, guests dined and danced the night away to the music stylings of **Divisi Strings** of Houston.

The **2017 Jewel Ball Honorary Chairs** were **Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Vaughn**. Karen Vaughn has been a member of the WSL since 1989 and has taken on numerous roles within the League including WSL Treasurer. She was also involved with the Wine Auction Committee, Membership Committee and Jewel Ball Committee. Dr. Vaughn has served on the **Executive Board of the Austin Symphony** as **Vice President** for 21 years. He is a member of the **Knights of the Symphony** and was chosen as **Lord Chancellor** in 2007-2008 and **King Brio XLVI**.

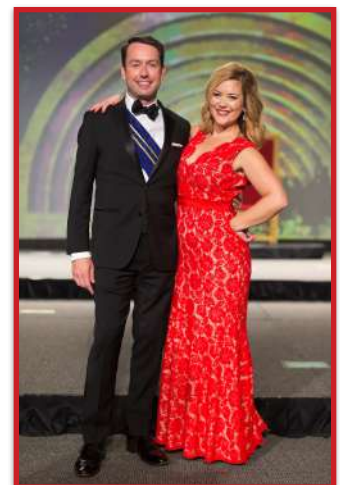
(Pictured L-R) Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Vaughn, King Brio LII, George Gibbs with his family, Wroe Jackson & Pasha Moore)



Jewel Ball

Committee Members

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| Alex Bradshaw | Melissa Jackson |
| Courtney Boswell | Katie Kaighin |
| Stacey Brewer | Ginny Lewis |
| Kristen Brown | Lindsay Mabry |
| Holly Deshields | Marisa McClure |
| Jacqueline Dudley | Tina McCutchin |
| Ellie Fitzgerald | Marion More |
| Karen Gerstein | Claire Myers |
| Beth Grimm | Leslie Pardue |
| Lisa Gilbert | Lauren Wied |
| Elizabeth Hadley | Sharon Wilson |
| Missy Harris | Meredith Wood |





2017 WSL Jewel Ball Royal Court

(Pictured L-R) Princess Suzanne Leigh Whittenton & Mr. Henry Kiper Allen III; Princess Reagan Nichole Helburn & Mr. Quentin Oliver Benton; Princess Caroline Mays McCaul & Mr. James Whitfield Barksdale; Princess Allison Marie Klein & Mr. Connor Lane Downing; Diamond Queen Jessica Lynn Whittenton & Mr. William Daniel Baselice; Princess Christina Nicole Garcia & Mr. Markos Aurelio Salisbury; Princess Catherine Jewell McCaul & Mr. Alexander Szejnberg; Princess Caroline Elizabeth Grace Goodwin & Mr. Austin James Firth



RHYTHM RUNWAY SHOW



WSL Makes \$100,000 Donation to ASO

WSL President, Eledith Falk presents ASO Board President and WSL member Karen Leeke with a check for \$100,000 at the December ASO Board meeting. Thanks to all WSL supporters who worked to generate this donation!



The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) has gotten off to a great start this year with an exciting program put together by co-chairs **Laurée Moffett & Kimberly Bove**. The Council held their first gathering on Sunday, September 18th, at **Abel's on the Lake**. Over 50 area high school students were in attendance to listen to former **NFL and UT Longhorn Football player, Cory Redding** speak to the group.

The Austin Symphony
YLC
Youth Leadership Council

The second YLC event took place on October 22nd when **WSL Member and First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott** spoke to the council about her **"Texanthropy"** initiative to promote volunteerism and serving others.

The YLC will hold their next event on **January 28th** when they welcome **Beau Armstrong**, Chairman and President of **Stratus Properties**, and **Ed Clements**, **KLBJ AM Radio** personality and Morning Talk Show host and television actor.



WSL Membership Enrichment Trip San Antonio



On October 10th, WSL members climbed aboard a chartered bus and departed Austin for San Antonio where they shopped and enjoyed lunch in the **Pearl District**. After lunch, members took a docent lead tour at the **McNey Museum**. A great time was had by all!

Look for details soon about the Spring Membership Enrichment activity!

ASO Young People's Halloween Concert AISD Performing Arts Center

The **Austin Symphony Orchestra's Annual Young People's Halloween Concert** was held on October 29th in a new location, the **Austin ISD, Performing Arts Center (PAC)**.

Co-chairs **Emily Avila** and **Megan Rankin** organized the decorating of the PAC which set the tone for parents and children alike to come in costume and enjoy music from **Peter and the Wolf, Jaws, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Jaws**. The Youth Leadership Council and WSL volunteers assisted in making this a successful event! Join the ASO for the Young People's **Spring Concerts April 30th - May 4th and May 7th** for six fun filled concert days for area elementary school students at the PAC!



Get to Know Our New Members...



Joi Gamble

Birthday - June 22nd

Sponsor: Shannon Owen & Karen Temborius

Where did you grow up? Chicago, IL

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

Favorite travel destination? Fiji, Bora Bora

Favorite restaurants? Swift's Attic, Beluga

Do you work outside the home? Yes, I'm a Microblading Salon Owner & Trainer



Jennifer Marsh

Birthday - Aug 19th

Sponsors: Celeste Hubert & Karey Oddo

Where did you grow up? Indianapolis IN, Weston CT, London, England, Tokyo, Japan

Do you have children? Their ages? Yes, ages 12 & 16

What do you love about Austin? It's open minded and diverse

Do you work outside the home? Yes, in residential architecture



Kim Day

Birthday - Oct. 21st

Sponsors: Natalie Brown & Stacy Leonard

Where did you grow up? Austin, TX.

Favorite Restaurant? Elizabeth Street

Do you work outside the home? Yes, as a strategic and legislative consultant in the healthcare arena.

Favorite Austin Tradition? Walking around Town Lake Trail, Live Music, Visiting the Zilker Christmas Tree



Beth Newton

Birthday - Feb. 15th

Sponsors: Jene Bearse & Lisa Brinkman

Where did you grow up? Houston, TX.

Where did you go to school? University of Texas at Austin

What do you do for fun? Walk on Town Lake, Read, Play with my dog

What is your favorite travel destination? Greece

What do you love about Austin? The laid back, healthy culture



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