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Newsletter of the San Antonio Symphony League

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President's Message

"We are the musickers, And we are the dreamers of dreams."

Ode, by Arthur O'Shaughnessy



The opening of the 2013-14 season for The San Antonio Symphony marks a year of celebration, a year of anticipation, and a year of transformation. Next year we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of The San Antonio Symphony. The first event of the celebration will be the 75th Anniversary Concert on June 14, 2014.

The Symphony was created as an independent organization by Max Reiter in 1939. Over the years it has inspired and enriched our community "by vigorously influencing the artistic fabric of San Antonio through excellent symphonic performance, education, and service." (San Antonio Symphony Mission: <http://www.sasymphony.org>)

Throughout that history, The Symphony League has provided countless hours of volunteer service and has raised over \$2,000,000 for The Symphony. We celebrate not only the 75th anniversary of the Symphony, but also the critical role the League has played through its support of symphonic music in San Antonio.

This year we anticipate the opening of the Tobin Center in 2015. The Tobin Center will transform performing arts in San Antonio and will be the new world-class venue for The Symphony. The opening of the Tobin Center will provide an opportunity for the League to take part in the Tobin Center's "transformational catalyst – for the performing arts, for children, for downtown." (Tobin Center: <https://tobincenter.org>)

This year will be a year of transformation for the League because of numerous opportunities to collaborate with The Symphony, The Youth Orchestra, and with groups that promote symphonic music. This transformation will include an increased role for The League in The Symphony's support of musical education.

I hope that each one of you will join us in this year of celebration, anticipation, and transformation, and that we can be music makers, dreamers of dreams, and instruments for change.

C. David Kinder

Martin Kushner, Editor

Upcoming Events

October 2 - 11:30 am
Orchestra Hospitality Luncheon
Majestic Theatre Rotunda

October 4 and 5 - 8:00 pm
San Antonio Symphony -
Opening Concerts (Classical)
Majestic Theatre

October 9 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
SASL Opener Reception
San Antonio Country Club

Oct. 25, 30, 31 - 9am to Noon
Young People's Concert #1
"The Physics of Sound"
Trinity University
Laurie Auditorium

November 1 and 2 - 8 pm
San Antonio Symphony -
Opening Concerts (Pops)
SASL Appreciation Concerts
Trinity University
Laurie Auditorium

November 7 - 11:30 am
Orchestra Hospitality Luncheon
Majestic Theatre Rotunda

November 22 and 23 - 8 pm
San Antonio Symphony -
SASL Appreciation Concerts
Majestic Theatre

SASL End of Season Challenge Grant Surpassed!!

Last May, the Symphony League offered a Challenge Grant to the Symphony in the amount of \$50,000. Within 6 weeks, the San Antonio Symphony was thrilled to receive \$67,000 in additional contributions! We are all proud of the outcome of this effort and thank everyone who contributed to the financial health and continuing excellence of our San Antonio Symphony.

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www.sasleague.org

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SEASON OPENER RECEPTION - OCTOBER 9, 2013**



The San Antonio Symphony League
 Invites you to our Season Opening Reception
 Wednesday, October 9, 2013
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 7:00 pm Concert by SA Symphony Musicians
 San Antonio Country Club
 4100 N. New Braunfels
 Heavy Hors d'oeuvres | Cash Bar

Your check in the amount of \$30.00 is your reservation
 Please make payable to the SASL
 and mail to: Mrs. Vickie Kinder
 215 Winding Way San Antonio, TX 78231

Reply e-mail is:
vkinder@gmail.com
 Reply phone is: 210.545.1618

Sign up for a Committee | Bring a guest | Enjoy seeing friends | Save Great Music

Freshman Belle Informational Tea

The San Antonio Symphony League is pleased to welcome our newest Belle Class! On Saturday, August 24th, mothers and their daughters attended an Open House hosted by Joy Fuhrmann and Niti Volpe. They had the wonderful opportunity of hearing all about the San Antonio Symphony League and the Belle Program. After hearing all about being a Belle, the young freshman girls watched a DVD of last year's Ball and listened to Belles on track talk about what to expect while as a SASL Belle. Cucumber sandwiches, cupcakes, cookies and lemonade were served for all to enjoy. After a little socializing, mothers registered their daughters to become official Belles on the SASL Belle Track.

These darling new freshman Belles will be announced at the Spring Fashion Show! The San Antonio Symphony League is so happy to have you all!!

Submitted by Joy Fuhrmann

The 2017 Belle Class (As of September 10, 2013)

Katherine Adelman; Kate Ballantyne; Julianna Bathie; Jane Beck, Claire Blecher; Margaret Booke; Emma Calvert, Sophia Cantu; Tate Cervera; Arianna Davidson; Katie Dubrof; Abbie Farrimond; Maddie Guy; Micaela Hogan; Chappell Hollingshead; Abigayle Hughes, Paige Johnson; Caroline Kelleher; Abigail Kirby; Alice Lammers, Annabelle Linder, Peyton Lucke; Andrea Magoon; Hanna Mann; Mia McFarland; Eden Miller, Elina Murphy, Lauren Prichard; Aubrey Rosenthal; Blake Shetler; Madeleine Shetler; Margaret Shetler; Audrey Simpson; Juliana Simpson; Estee Steves; Alison Tolin; Mia Tolin; and Carson Wolff.



Freshman Belles - Class of 2017



Belle moms Lisa Kelleher and Niti Volpe sign up new Belles

2014 Presentation Ball

We are honored to announce “*An Evening in Monet’s Garden*,” Saturday, March 1, 2014, at the J.W. Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort. We will celebrate with a live performance by the San Antonio Symphony; enjoy food, wine, a night of dancing to “Chinatown,” and a formal presentation honoring the 2014 Symphony Belles.

We are working hard to make sure that this year’s Ball is a profitable fundraising event for the San Antonio Symphony League. Individual seats for adults this year will be \$275.00 per person, with tables of ten costing \$2,750.00. Individual tickets for teens are \$200.00 per person, with teen tables of ten costing \$2,000.00.

We are offering additional Symphony Ball sponsorship levels to help raise funds that the San Antonio Symphony League will donate back to the San Antonio Symphony. We hope that you will participate in one of the various sponsorship levels. The additional sponsorship levels include a table of ten, plus the following:

<p>BRONZE: \$3,750.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Seating Table of Ten • Recognition as Sponsor in Ball Program 	<p>SILVER: \$5,000.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Seating Table of Ten • Full-page recognition as Sponsor in Ball Program • Four (4) tickets to a Symphony performance (Classic or Pops)
<p>GOLD: \$7,500.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Seating Table of Ten • Full page recognition in Ball Program • Recognition as a Symphony Maestro Silver Level Donor • Wine tasting with a Symphony Guest Artist • Four (4) tickets to a Symphony performance (Classic or Pops) • Invitation for Two to a Symphony Rehearsal 	<p>PLATINUM: \$10,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Seating Table of Ten • Full page recognition in Ball Program • Recognition as a Symphony Maestro Gold Level Donor • Dinner with Symphony’s Music Director • Wine Tasting with a Symphony Guest Artist • Eight (8) tickets to a Symphony performance (Classic or Pops) • Invitation for Two to a Symphony Rehearsal

Should you have any questions, please contact me, Kelly Strange, at 210-316-4080 or kstrange09@att.net.

On behalf of the San Antonio Symphony League, we thank you for your support of our Belles and the Symphony. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 1, 2014, to celebrate “*An Evening in Monet’s Garden*,”

Submitted by Kelly and Matt Strange, 2014 Symphony Ball Chairs

Limited Openings In Each Belle Classes

Know Someone Interested in the League’s Belle Program?

Every year, the San Antonio Symphony League sponsors a new class of Belles, who participate in Belle service, symphony education and social activities throughout their four years. During their senior year, Belles are escorted down the runway by their fathers as they are presented at the exquisite Symphony Ball - a beautiful culmination of an unforgettable time for the lovely assembly of Symphony Belles and their families.

The League still has a few openings for high school-aged ladies in all four classes: 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. If you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece, great-niece or know of someone who might be interested, check out our website at www.sasleague.org and click the Belle Program header to learn more about the program. Or contact Joy Fuhrmann, Belle Development Chair, at tfuhrmann@aol.com or (210)771-9735.

2013-14 Membership Drive Include Donations

For SASL Education Programs

- Mr. and Mrs. M. Bell
- Mrs. Charles Buck
- Mr. And Mrs. S. Gilbert
- Mr. Ronald C. Keller
- Ms. B.C. Kyse
- LTC and Mrs. Richard F. Malone
- Mrs. Terri McDowell
- Mrs. Wilbur Matthews
- Ms. M. McCormick
- Mrs. Claire O. O'Malley
- Mrs. Joe B. Tye, Jr.
- Ms. Frances J. Vogel

For SASL General Operations

- Mr. Ronald C. Keller
- Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Lattimore
- Dr. P.M. Feuillet
- Mrs. Joan Fritze

Special Dedications

- In memory of M. Elisabeth Vaughan Bishop,
From Mr. and Mrs. C. Vaughn III.
- In memory of Louise Gordon-Hasselbach, From Mrs. A. Castro-Rios.
- In memory of Dorothy Massy, From Ms. Sharon Kocurek.
- In memory of Gayle Perron, From Tracy Kirby.
- In memory of Doris Staffel, From Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Lowe.
- In honor of Maxine Farrimond, From Mrs. F. Redmond.

Volunteer Symphony Office Receptionists Needed

League members serve as the sole receptionists in the downtown Symphony Business Office, 7-8 hours everyday, throughout the year. In addition to phone work, these volunteers greet all who come into the Symphony Office, directing them to the appropriate person or office. Additionally, they are regularly called on to assist with filing, folding and stuffing mail-outs, posting and mailing, research projects and maintaining archives. Parking is provided.

Currently, there is an opening to fill Thursdays on a permanent bi-monthly basis. Additionally, substitutes are needed to relieve the five permanent daily volunteers for days off, vacations or emergencies. A one-on-one orientation session is provided to League volunteers who enjoy being close to the inner workings of a strong, active Symphony Office. For more information, please contact Volunteer Chair B.J. Neal at 210-260-9638.

Year-end Treasurer's Report

The San Antonio Symphony League's Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. I am pleased to report to you that the most current fiscal year, ending June 30, 2013, was one of the best years in recent memory. We ended the year with a cash balance of \$149,775.54. This was an increase of \$47,639 over the previous year! Most remarkable is that this increase occurred AFTER our donation of \$160,000 to the San Antonio Symphony. How did we get there? Here are some of the specific numbers:

Income from General Operations:	\$41,750.02	
Expenses for General Operations	<u>\$22,602.80</u>	
Gross Profit from General Operatons		\$19,147.22
Income from Belle Program	\$381,470/00	
Expenses for Belle Program	<u>\$192,978.51</u>	
Gross Profit from Belle Program		<u>\$188,491.48</u>
TOTAL GROSS PROFIT		\$207,638.70
LESS: Donation to Symphony		<u>\$160,000.00</u>
NET PROFIT For Fiscal Year		\$47,638.70

Clearly, the financial success of the past year was due to the large 2013 Belle Class and financial success of the 2013 Presentation Ball. Since the 2014 Belle class will be significantly smaller than the 2013, the SASL Executive Committee decided to take a portion of the 2013 Ball profit and establish a "reserve" for the following year (2014). That fund stands at just under \$50,000 and will help allow the League to stabilize our annual donation to the San Antonio Symphony..

Submitted by Martin Kushner, Treasurer



SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY LEAGUE

2013-14 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Title:
Individual or Couple Name(s):
Social Address:
Mailing Address:
City: State: Zip:
Home Phone: Cell: Work:
E-mail Publish in Directory: __Home__ Cell__ Work__ Email
To save postage, may we send some correspondence to you via e-mail? Yes__ No__

Membership Levels

TOTAL DUES: \$ _____

Active (*) \$50 _____ Contributing \$100 _____
Active Couple (*) \$75 _____ Contributing Couple \$125 _____
(*) volunteer for one activity

Honorary Members: Symphony Staff and Musicians and the Mastersingers

Underwriting Donation

TOTAL DONATION: \$ _____

For Education Programs \$ _____ For Operational Costs \$ _____
In Honor or In Memory of (Name/Address) _____ \$ _____

VOLUNTEER AREAS OF INTEREST

ADMINISTRATION: __Bylaws/Policies/Procedures
COMMUNICATIONS: __Newsletter __Website
EDUCATION: __Paint to Music __YPC Docents __YPC Usher
MEMBERSHIP: __Database __Directory __Recruitment __Retention
SERVICE: __Advocacy __Archives __Historian __Guest Artist Hospitality __Office Volunteers __Orchestra Luncheons
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: __Fall Season Opener __Holiday Coffee __Spring Evening Out __End of Season Celebration
WAYS AND MEANS: __Belle Development __Belles Service __Belle Style Show __Senior Belles __Symphony (Belle) Ball

BELLE PROGRAM

The League sponsors a 4-year Belle Program for members' children and or grandchildren. If you would like to suggest a 7th or 8th grader or a high school-aged girl to be considered, please provide us with the following information so that we may include her in the planning.

Name _____ Address _____
School _____ Grade in Fall of 2014 _____
Member/Sponsor Name _____ Phone _____
Member/Sponsor Address _____

Please mail completed membership form and check made payable to
SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY LEAGUE - PO Box 6986 - San Antonio, TX 78209
For further information, contact Kathleen Meriwether, VP Membership (kathleen0966@att.net or 210-824-2082)