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T O L E D O
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From the President

Dear Symphony League Friend,

Recently, I read a research publication dedicated to the study of neuroscience and discovered why music gives us chills. Apparently, the audience attending a musical performance can and do draw emotion from the notes that are heard. Composers play with subtle, intricate changes and rates of change to try and elicit emotion. In recent studies, scientists found that people already familiar with the music are more likely to catch a chill at key moments: when a symphony turns from loud to quiet, upon entry of a solo voice or instrument or when two singers have contrasting voices. It was found that people covered in goose bumps also tend to be driven more by rewards, and less inclined to be thrill- and adventure-seekers, according to research conducted at the Institute for Music Physiology and Musicians' Medicine in Hanover, Germany. Oliver Grewe, a biologist and musicologist at the Institute found results that suggest that chills depend on our ability to interpret music. He states that "music is a recreative activity." Even if it is relaxing to listen to, the listener has to recreate its meanings, the feelings it expresses. It is the listener who gives life to the emotions in music. There are also physiologic

changes that occur from listening to music which I will discuss next month.

I want to remind you that we have several exciting youth music education projects coming up. On March 29 the Toledo Youth Orchestra will perform its Side-By-Side concert. On April 25, we have the 2009 Young Artist Competition and on the following day, April 26, is the Showcase of the Arts at the Toledo Zoo! We have a very full calendar in the next few months and an extensive community outreach with our various programs. If you would like to help, please notify the chairmen of these events and offer your assistance. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming TSL events and projects. I encourage you to participate and enjoy those who bring joy through their music.

On March 26, the Rite of Spring Luncheon promises to be a special TSL event. It will be a day of informative gardening ideas from Michael O'Rourke, "The Garden Guy," coupled with vendor displays and demonstrations. This is our last fundraising event for this fiscal year and we need the entire membership

to assist us in making our pledge goal to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. Please consider a donation or reserve a table for you and your girlfriends!

The next General Board meeting will be March 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the Region 2B, UAW Administration Building in Maumee. If you are on the General Board it is expected that you attend these meetings to provide input, insight and direction to YOUR Toledo Symphony League.

The League is its membership, but it is only through a dedicated membership that we can accomplish our goals. I look forward to working with all of you on these projects and events. The success of the League's educational programs and our financial pledge to the Symphony depends on all of us to participate, support and work together.

All My Best,
Joanie Barrett, President

Upcoming Events

March 26	Rite of Spring Luncheon
March 29	Youth Orchestra Side-by-Side Concert

Mission

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.



ADMINISTRATION

by Carol Sizemore, Vice President of Administration

Everyone must be totally confused by now regarding the site of our closing luncheon. It's quite simple, the spot we had scheduled, The Rouge Restaurant, has gone out of business. After some quick maneuvering, our Chairman, **Cookie Westmeyer**, was able to reserve to the Toledo Country Club. The date remains the same, May 21, with the luncheon beginning at noon. **Cookie** and her co-chairman, **Diane Shull**, have selected a wonderful menu for us. This luncheon marks the end of our season, and medallions will be presented to the outgoing officers and the members of their committees who have done an exemplary job for The League for the past two years. These medallions are presented at the discretion of the outgoing officers and are not to be confused with our Crescendo pins which are awarded for overall volunteer points earned. Our new slate of officers will be introduced and approved. Please mark your calendar for the May 21, 2009. I am sure **Cookie**, **Diane** and **Susan Mason** will provide us with another great luncheon.

Please keep in mind that if you have been thinking about getting more involved in The League by chairing an event, serving on a committee or performing one of the myriad of tasks it takes to make this a great organization, now is the time to let one of the current officers know. As we elect our new officers, there will be many committee vacancies. We always welcome people with fresh ideas to serve on the board. There are many positions that do not require a major time commitment, so why not consider getting more involved.

Despite all of the snowstorms this winter, **Norene Drewicz** was able to deliver her hospitality baskets last month, accompanied by **Sue Lovett**. (I heard it was her birthday also.)

They faced the bitter cold and trudged through 20 or so inches of snow, but successfully got the basket to our guest artist. Once again, this proves just how dedicated and determined our TSL volunteers are.

Dr. Joseph Fenwick was the solo driver on Friday night for piano soloist **Cornelia Hermann** since **Faye** was busy. **Barb Murbach** was her Saturday driver. Thanks to **Faye**, **Joe** and **Barb**, and several others who regularly drive and usher. We can always count on them to fill in whenever needed.

Don't forget to get your pictures and newspaper articles to Historian **Dorotha Baum**. We would like to keep records of all of our Parties of Note and other fun events.

Faye Fenwick has been asked by the Toledo Symphony office to appeal to our members for additional volunteers for their office. They would like a volunteer or several volunteers to work one, two or three mornings a week doing basic clerical duties such as filing, answering phones, assist with mailings, and other administrative tasks. If anyone can spare some time, please call **Katie Grames** at 419/418-0021. What a great way to learn the inner workings of the orchestra and staff.

ATTENTION
TSL Closing Luncheon
location has been changed to the
Toledo Country Club.
May 21, 2009 - 12 p.m.

The SCORE newsletter is published monthly. Please send articles by the 15th of each month to:
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Masterpieces From Our Symphony League Kitchens Update

by Ann Randolph, President-elect

More than 300 family favorites, special recipes as well as Encore recipes from the first cookbook, *Recipes of Note: A Collection of Favorite Recipes by Toledo Symphony League Members, 1998*, have been received to be reviewed prior to placing in our attractive three ring padded cookbook.

Pre-sales of these appealing cookbooks will be available during the Rite of Spring Event at the Toledo Hilton on Thursday, March 26, 2009, for \$20. It is anticipated the books will be ready for distribution at the Opening Luncheon this coming September.

Beth Bowman, **Fran Darcy**, **Rusty Phlegar**, **Barb Topping**, **Sue Potts**, **Helen Relation** and I are grateful to all of you who submitted recipes. We are all looking forward to sharing with you this eye-catching keepsake cookbook.

The cookbook will contain more than 300 well-loved recipes, along with the contributor's name, enabling you to find your recipe/s as well as the entries of family and friends.

Along with making great gifts, the funds raised will be used for our children's education programs. So plan on placing your order for this very special cookbook at the March 26 **Rite of Spring** Event or call Ann Randolph, 419/882-3284.

Happy Birthday!
Our hearts are bursting
for our March Leprechaun
Birthdays. . .
From the
Toledo Symphony League

ARTS ADVOCACY



by Nancy Phlegar, Vice President of Finance

A recent article in the New York Times noted that as the Obama Administration tackles the challenge of bolstering the economy through the infusion of capital and job creations, cultural leaders keep urging the President not to forget arts institutions which are shaken by the market turndown. The President is considering the establishment of an arts and culture portfolio within the White House's Domestic Policy Council. Some cultural figures even have been calling for a cabinet level "arts czar." Arts leaders are also lobbying for more funds with the argument that the economic activity of the arts help drive the economy. The country's 100,000 nonprofit arts groups employ some six million people and contribute \$167 billion to the economy annually. This is not a bailout for the arts, but an economic investment in the arts.

In another article, in the Wall Street Journal Opinion section, a different perspective on the idea of creating a cabinet level position for the arts was offered by David A. Smith. Opposing this post is not to oppose the National Endowment for the Arts or a government role in the culture of the nation. The arts are important, but there is a fallacy in thinking that all government arts policy should be centralized and placed within a cabinet level Department of Culture. The false assumption here is that more centralization is the best way for the government to address a problem and signify its importance. This belief, that efficiency and better advocacy flow from such centralization, was founded in the Progressive Era in the early 20th century. The varied and widespread cultural programs resting within a single department may create a bureaucracy which tramples individual expression. Whatever your opinion might be, it is wise to remember that history tells us that when cultures neither value nor support the arts – THEY DECLINE!

TOLEDO SYMPHONY CONCERT VOLUNTEERS

Kristin Celek, Web site Coordinator-Box Office Sales, is need of volunteers for the remaining 2009 concert performances. There are two positions open to volunteers: Box 2 and Will Call. Box 2 helps the person selling tickets at the window by getting them change and answering the phone. Will Call gives out the pre-arranged tickets and is a separate window. When a concert starts at 8 p.m., the volunteers are asked to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Please contact Kristen Celek at KCelek@toledosymphony.com, or call her direct line at 419/418-0053. For every concert worked, two complimentary tickets are given out, depending on the sales and if any tickets remain.

Rite of Spring Update

by Beth Bowman

Enjoy an early taste of springtime at *Rite of Spring*, March 26, 2009, at the Toledo Hilton. Vendors will show their wares beginning at 10 a.m.! Featured merchandise will include garden supplies, ladies accessories, art, and more! Tickets for *Rite of Spring* are \$35 and \$50. The \$50 patron ticket includes preferred seating and a chance to win a gorgeous white Dooney and Bourke purse filled with symphony tickets, a photographer's gift card, and other items totaling more than \$500 in goods and services!

During the mid-day shopping spree, the Toledo Symphony League will have tables full of raffle baskets. Items up for raffle include three glorious "faux" arrangements, a tea basket centered by a country French white tea pot and matching cups, a wonderful "birding basket" courtesy of Wild Birds Unlimited, a "Mothers' Day Breakfast Basket" anchored by a majolica orange juice pitcher, plus "A Salad Bowl Basket," and a "Gardening Basket." Hostesses for "Lunch in the Garden" have planned amazing events which will be silent auctioned. Newly announced hostesses include **Joni Fought** who will offer a delightful lunch for four on her riverfront patio; **Joanie Barrett**, who will offer tea in midsummer; and **Marlene Uhler**, who will host six couples for cocktails and a light supper in her Eagle Point Colony garden in June. Each lunch and garden offered is as distinctive as its hostess! This would be a great time to get together with friends and choose which "Lunch in a Garden" you'd like to bid on!

Mike O'Rourke, Toledo's Garden Guy, will entertain and inform us after lunch. This will be a terrific opportunity to ask questions concerning awakening bulbs, winter weary turf, or other nagging horticultural mysteries!

Rusty Phlegar, **Susan Mason**, **Trina McGivern**, **Marilyn Ulrich**, **Ann Leider**, and other TSL members have been working overtime to create a fun and profitable event. Please call a few friends and make March 26 and "Rite of Spring" a terrific girls' day out!



EDUCATION

by Claudia Trombla, Vice President of Education

The last BLADE Chamber Concert of the season will be on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at the Toledo Club. The theme of this musical event will be "Something Old, Something New." **Ann Lieder** reports that the following members will be greeting the guests, taking tickets, and handing out programs. They include **Norene Drewicz**, **Sandra Laas**, and **Carol Mohler**. We appreciate all of the ladies who have willingly volunteered their time to do this activity.

Janet Keener reports that the Remembrance Fund Committee will meet with the director of the Toledo Youth Orchestra, **Dr. Kenneth Thompson**, on Sunday, March 15, 2009, at 12:15 p.m. This will take place in the Symphony Space prior to student auditions for scholarships in the Toledo Youth Orchestra for next season. The auditions begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m. We wish all students participating the best of luck or should we say "break a leg."

Dorothy Coats reminds us of the upcoming concert on Sunday, March 29, 2009, which is the Side-By-Side Concert, featuring the TSO, the TYO and the Symphony League Young Artist Competition winners as soloists. Be sure to read her article to get more details of this exciting performance featuring our scholarship winners. TSO is proud of its educational endeavors.

Showcase of the Arts, under the capable direction of **Jettie Sansbury** and **Marianne Payne**, is rolling on ahead to its time when the contest will be over at the end of March. Judging of the art entries will take place on March 27, 2009, at the Sylvia Library, beginning at 9 a.m. The winning entries will be displayed during April in the Natural Science Building of the Toledo Zoo. This is such an interesting project with remarkable entries. We appreciate the Toledo Zoo and its personnel, particularly **Michelle Doyle**, who help so much to make this contest a success. Thank you to the Toledo Zoo.

Events that are still to come are the Young Artists' Competition on April 25, 2009, at the Symphony Space under the direction of **Jenny Barlos**; the Community Music Lesson Reception, chaired by **Penny Carson** and **Helen Rogge**; and the Awards and Recognition Reception for the Showcase of the Arts planned by **Brenda Riggins** on April 26, 2009, at the Toledo Zoo.

Lynda Lieto will be looking for volunteers for the final Young People's Concert of the season on Thursday, May 28, 2009. Details will be provided by **Lynda**. A BIG THANK YOU to the 30 plus volunteers on February 12, 2009, for assisting at the Peristyle for this performance. You do the TSL, the TSO, and the school children and teachers of Northwest Ohio a great service by helping to make this series a success.

How does the Toledo Symphony League's Garden Grow? The Rite of Spring is a "bloomin' event"!

Do you . . .

- play cards with a group?
- belong to a book club?
- attend a study group?
- have lunch with high school friends or college sisters?
- have friends from former neighborhoods you haven't seen lately?
- meet former colleagues with whom you worked?
- have neighbors who love to garden?



These are some possibilities with whom to share our garden event on March 26, 2009. So, dig in, plant some seeds and sprout tables to blossom at the Rite of Spring. Our results can be beautiful blooms in support of our mission!

EDUCATION/TYO TJYO



by Dorothy Coats, TYO/TJYO Manager

Special Side-by-Side Concert with TSO

The TSO Lifestyle Series concert on Sunday, March 29, 2009, will feature the Symphony League Young Artist Competition as soloists. **Andrea Darmahkasih** will perform the first movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto #1 and **Thomas Stuart** will play the first movement of the Saint-Saens Violin Concert #3. Both of these students are current members of the Toledo Youth Orchestra.

After intermission the TSO and TYO will combine (approximately 150 musicians) for these side-by-side compositions; Berlioz's Hungarian March and the rousing Final of Tchaikovsky's Symphony #4. **Chelsea Tipton II** and **Dr. Kenneth Thompson** will conduct the 4:30 p.m. concert at the Peristyle. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear so many talented musicians of many age groups perform together!

As reported last month, the Remembrance Fund Scholarship auditions will take place on March 15, 17-18 and April 6 at Symphony Space. See you at the concert!

TOLEDO YOUTH AND JUNIOR ORCHESTRAS 2009 CONCERTS

Sunday, March 29

Side-by- Side Concert - 4:30 p.m.
with Toledo Symphony Orchestra Toledo Museum of Art
Peristyle



FINANCE

by Nancy Phlegar, Vice President of Finance

February has flown by so quickly, along with the winter snow and we anxiously look forward to the beautiful colors of spring. Daffodils, tulips and hyacinths will be pushing their foliage through the ground in search of sunshine.

Our sunshine began in February with the warm and cozy "chick flick" hosted by **Trina McGivern**. Thank you, **Trina**, for the delicious lunch and a truly fun afternoon. Our shopping morning at Chico's was a colorful event. The citrus colors of this year's spring palette enticed everyone to shop – all purchases at a discount for us and rewards for the League. Thank you to TSL volunteers **Joanie Barrett, Myrna Bryan, Lynda Gilbert, Trina McGivern, Carol Mohler, Sue Neckers, Sue Potts, Ann Randolph, Claudia Trombla, Barbara Waite-Shenk, and Beverly Zielinski**, who greeted shoppers – and to Chico's for the delightful opportunity to enhance our wardrobes. Did you dance until you dropped? If you didn't, you missed a very lively 80's party hosted by **Pam Bettinger**. Thank you, **Pam**, for helping us recapture that special decade with music and memories.

Our major fundraiser is just a few weeks away. I would like to extend my thanks to **Ann Lieder**, hostess of the invitation addressing party for the Rite of Spring event, and her dedicated committee of **Marilyn Ulrich, Zana Sandys, Sue Potts, Edna Greenbaum, Madlynn Pizza, Judith Helm, Carol Mohler, Sandy Laas, Faye Fenwick, Trina McGivern, Claudia Trombla** and **Rusty Phlegar**. We hope all of you have received your invitations to the 'Rite of Spring' vendor event with luncheon and speaker. There is ample parking at the Hilton Hotel on Glendale Avenue. Please join us. We've many surprises in store for you and we think you will have a great day.



MEMBERSHIP

by Pam Bettinger, Vice President, Membership

Toledo Symphony League Crescendos look for your invitation in the mail for our annual Crescendo Brunch. It will be held on April 30, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Nazareth Hall. Hope to see you there!

Welcome New Member! Mrs. Janice Lane (Alan), 3812 Wrens Nest Blvd., Maumee, OH 43537
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What a wonderful time that was had by all at the Cauffiel Car Museum Party of Note! Thank you Ford and Phyllis Cauffiel.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

General Board Meetings (9:30 a.m. meeting time)
Region 2B, UAW Administration Building
1691 Woodlands Dr., Maumee *indicates different location
March 19, 2009
April 16, 2009
May 21, 2009 - Toledo Country Club, 10 a.m. meeting time

Executive Board Meetings - 9:30 a.m.
In the home of President Joanie Barrett
8646 Plum Hollow Point, Holland
March 12, 2009, 9:30 a.m., Trina McGivern's home
April 9, 2009
May 14, 2009



Going Green—Young People’s Concert

Lynda Lieto, YPC Usher Chairman

Continuing the theme of Going Green, the Toledo Symphony Orchestra entertained and educated more than 3500 school children on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at the Peristyle. We learned about Musical Hybrids and the combining of two different types to create an even more effective musical product. The TSL volunteers were tickled to have TSO Director, Chelsea Tipton, II, not only come out before the concert and thank them for the great job they do, but also take the picture of our group.

A big thank you to the following for another successful job:

Joanie Barrett
Equilla Roach
Rusty Phlegar
Janet Spencer
Faye Fenwick
Zana Sandys
Jan Lane

Jerry Baum
Christine Goslin
Judy Helm
Alice Cole
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Anna Marie Bolden
Ruth Moeller

Helen Rogge
Gene Phlegar
Betty Benjamin
Claudia Trombla
Brenda Riggens
Jean Hersland

Teresa Linares
Rose Dedricks
Muriel Williams
Ann Randolph
Phyllis Wadley
Flo Metzger

The theme of the last concert of the year, May 28, will be Musical Recycling. Please come out and join us for a fun and educational morning. Call 419-244-1753, or e-mail llieto@marykay.com to volunteer.



Thank you everyone for helping to address the Rite of Spring Luncheon invitations at Ann Lieder’s home.



Thank you to all who volunteered for the Young People’s Concert!



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Toledo Symphony Concert Schedule

KeyBank Pops Series - Peter Cetera

Saturday, March 7, 2009 | 8 p.m. | Stranahan Theater | Chelsea Tipton, II, conductor

Toledo Symphony Lifestyle Series - Harry Potter Meets the Toledo Symphony

Thursday, March 19, 2009 | 7 p.m. | Maumee Performing Arts Center
Chelsea Tipton, II conductor | Merwin Siu, narrator

Toledo Symphony Classics Series – Harp Premiere

Fri/Sat, March 27/28, 2009 | 8 p.m. | Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle
Christoph Campestrini, conductor | Nancy Lendrim, harp

Mercy Health Partners Lifestyle Series - Spotlight! Young Musicians

Sunday, March 29, 2009 | 3 p.m. | Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle



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