

## Past President's Letter

It was a privilege to serve as president of the Symphony Guild for the year 2013-2014. Thanks to all our members who volunteered and helped us achieve our mission of supporting Today's Symphony and Tomorrow's Musicians.



Highlights of the year included the following:

- Launched a new website donated by members Catherine and Wilton Connor. Our website has a secure members only section which allows for an online membership directory and the capability to make changes to our profile and also has a more robust donation and online purchase capability. One of the best features is the ease of making changes and adding or removing documents.
- Hosted a Master Class for three CSYO Flutists with Ben Smolen, principal flutist for the Pacific Symphony and a former member of the CSYO.
- Held two new fundraisers **Breakfast at Nordstrom A Children's Fashion Show** and the **Hendrick Honda Car Raffle**. Enhanced Festival of Trees by hosting the trees for bidding at SouthPark Mall prior to moving them to the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center for the Magic of Christmas concerts.
- Held four Guild 101 events for 37 new members "Getting to Know You, "Everything you Wanted to Know about the Guild", which included a one page (front and back) synopsis, "New Member Night at the Symphony", and "Getting to Know the Symphony Family".

Find out more about these highlights plus other accomplishments from last year in the [Annual Report here](#).

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### Upcoming Events

Nov 8 at 10am  
Lollipops Concert  
10am  
Pre-Concert  
Festival with  
Musical

Again, thanks for your past support and let's all support the 2014-2015 officers and Board of Directors (listed on right sidebar)!

Sallie Moody

## Incoming President's Letter

As I was preparing for the Fall Meeting, I started thinking about how the Guild has built value and awareness for our namesake, the Charlotte Symphony, its Youth Orchestras and Oratorio Singers since our birthing in 1950. I came up with this remarkable list and wanted to share it today:



- Through our names - first as the Charlotte Symphony Women's Association and now as the more inclusive Symphony Guild of Charlotte.
- Through our reputation as passionate supporters of symphonic music, and our commitment to youth education initiatives and nurturing the musicians and theatre-goers of tomorrow.
- Through our financial donations to the Charlotte Symphony not only as an organization - over \$5.1MM and almost \$900,000 to our youth music endeavors but also by many generous individual member donors. Let's also not forget the ticket purchases by our members to symphonic performances by the CSO, YO's and Oratorio. We have truly helped keep the music playing over these past 64 years!
- As ambassadors for the CSO through the myriad networks and spheres of influence of our dedicated, talented and highly regarded members.
- And finally, we've built value and awareness by who knows how many volunteer hours, maybe a million, on fundraising events like our just-concluded inaugural Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour and 37-year run of designer houses, on youth music activities like our award-winning Musical Petting Zoo, concerts like Classical Idol, board meetings, committee assignments, task forces, master classes, retreats, and

Petting Zoo.  
11am Concert

Nov 15 at 10:45am  
MPZ at ImaginOn

Dec 7 at 6pm  
Holiday Party at Trolley  
Museum Tickets on  
sale now! [Click Here](#)  
(1507  
Camden Rd)

Feb 10 at 11:30am  
Winter Membership  
Meeting  
Bonterra  
Restaurant

Feb 14 at 10am  
Lollipops Concert  
10am  
Pre-Concert  
Festival with  
Musical  
Petting Zoo.  
11am Concert

Feb 21 at 10am  
Young Artists  
Competition  
Dana  
Auditorium,  
Queens  
University

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## CSYO Concert Dates

Nov 25 at 7:30pm  
CSYO and JYO Fall  
Concert  
Halton  
Theater,  
CPCC

by opening our hearts and houses to yes events.

I'm proud to lead an organization that continues to contribute money, brains and talent to what I consider to be the cultural heart of the city, the Charlotte Symphony. Our community is a better place because of the work of The Guild; cultural enrichment truly underlies everything we do.

My theme for the year is based on a quote from Billie Jean King, "Champions adapt." My thanks to our wonderful board, my executive committee, and the leaders Lisa Phillips and Marta Fales quickly come to mind - who are taking us to the next level as we adapt to the challenges inherent in today's volunteer-driven organizations.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I'm reminded to thank the others who have started our year off so well:

- To Sallie Moody, Jackie Slaugenhaupt and Evelyn Jones for their sweaty dedication to the Honda Raffle Ticket fundraiser at the CSO's Summer Pops concerts.
- To Beth Garges and Donna Kiser for their decades-long devotion to the CSYO both were counselors at our resident music camp in August, donating their salaries back to The Guild. Beth is our well-qualified liaison with the CSYO/JYO.
- Big thanks to Stephanie Stenglein, Julia Church, Donna Worstell and others for their hard work on our Fall Meeting held at ImaginOn, the residence of our Musical Petting Zoo.
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! to Barbara Kopald and her tireless and talented committee on our very successful first-ever Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour on Oct. 17 and 18. And warm thanks to Friday night's Prelude to the Tour Party Honorary Hosts Debbie & Pat Phillips we loved your energy and appreciated your support! It truly was all things culinary, cultural and classy! Plans are already underway for the 2nd Annual Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour - The Guild's new annual signature fundraiser to be held each fall.
- To Larry Bennett on Scholarships and Janet Cauley on Musical Petting Zoo, on their fine work.
- And to the young musicians from the CSYO (and their dedicated parents) who have volunteered their precious time and significant talent to appearances at our Pops booth, board meetings, Kitchen Tour, and our

Mar 2 at 7:30pm  
CSYO Concert - Kids  
by Kids  
Halton  
Theater,  
CPCC

April 29 at 7:30pm  
Youth Festival  
Belk Theater

May 11 7:30pm  
JYO Spring Concert  
Halton  
Theater,  
CPCC

May 17 at 3:30pm  
CSYO Spring Concert  
Halton  
Theater,  
CPCC

Jun 7 at 7pm  
CSYO at Summer Pops  
Symphony  
Park at  
SouthPark  
Mall

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## List of New Officers

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Mary Staton

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retreat, and for the joy they will bring at the member events we have planned for the winter and spring. We appreciate our long-standing relationship with the CSYO Parent's Association so very much.

And to all of you who continue to support our organization in so many ways, THANK YOU! I look forward to our Retreat on Oct. 30th, more Zoo events Nov. 8th and 15th at ImaginOn, the CSYO/JYO Fall Concert at CPCC's Halton Theater on Nov. 25th, and our Holiday Party on Dec. 7th at the Trolley Museum. All wonderful events for our members to look forward to experiencing first hand this fall.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

Mary T. Staton

President, 2014-2015  
Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.

## Car Raffle

*Last Chance for Car Raffle Tickets!*

Hit the Road with the Symphony Guild Car Raffle!

Support the Symphony Guild's youth music education initiatives by purchasing a car raffle ticket. The Guild is proud to be partnering with Hendrick Honda and Mecklenburg Optimist Club to offer the car raffle and the drawing for the Honda Odyssey minivan is set for November 8th.

Tickets are available online [HERE](#) - or you may contact Sallie Moody at [salliemoody01@gmail.com](mailto:salliemoody01@gmail.com) or 704-315-8171 to purchase by check or cash or questions. All purchases must be made by Wednesday, November 5th. Tickets are \$10 each with \$8 going to the Symphony Guild.

## Lollipops

*By Elizabeth Stewart*

The 2014-2015 Lollipops season starts off on Sat. Nov. 8 with The Emperor's New Clothes, an adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's well known fairy tale. Andersen's original piece from 1837 has been reworked into a puppet show by Grey Seal Puppets,



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Parents Association  
Rep  
\*Beth Garges

\*non-voting

the Charlotte based puppeteers. Cute and clever puppets will act out the story while the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra performs engaging music. Children in the audience will even have a chance to be a part of the show!

The Lollipops season continues with Beethoven Lives Upstairs on Sat Feb 14 and Peter and the Wolf on Sat May 16. All concerts take place at the Knight Theater and have a pre-concert festival beginning at 10am. Each pre-concert festival includes a drum circle, music-oriented crafts, hands-on activities for children, and our fabulous Musical Petting Zoo!

## Kitchen Tour and Prelude to the Tour

*By Barbara Kopald*



The first-ever "Heart of the Home" Kitchen Tour kicked off on Friday, October 17 with the Prelude to the Tour party hosted by South End Kitchens at 1500 South Blvd. Honorary Hosts for the evening were Debbie and Pat Phillips. Our guests were greeted by talented youth musicians, Hannah Silver, playing the harp and Lydia Silver, playing the cello. Next stop was the Snap Tap photo booth where souvenir photos were taken and given to every guest.

As you entered the showroom you were greeted by Kelley from Napa on Providence who provided the wine for the evening. Delectable "wine country" themed hors d'oeuvres were passed as well as a buffet appetizer bar all provided by Ruth's Chris, South Park and Napa on Providence. Attractive displays of silent auction items were abundant in the showroom. The evening concluded with a lively demonstration of an Astin Martin luxury car provided by Maserati Charlotte.

On Saturday, the Kitchen Tour started at 10 am at eight lovely and stately homes in the South Park, Myers Park and Eastover areas of Charlotte. The Charlotte weather was perfect with warm, sunny Carolina blue skies. The ticket holders were treated to tastings from Ilios Noche restaurant, Clean Catch Fish Market, Southminster, Olive This!, The Chrome Toaster, Edible Art, Community Culinary Kitchen, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Orrman's Cheese Shop, Publix and Fresh Market. A floral demonstration was presented by

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[View more photos from the prelude here.](#) Special thanks go to Mike Harding at Genesis Photography for taking such great photos!

## **Fall Meeting at ImaginOn**

*By Stephanie Stenglein*

The Symphony Guild of Charlotte held its Fall Meeting on October 2, 2014 at ImaginOn in Uptown Charlotte. Close to 40 members attended along with guests from the Charlotte Symphony development team and the Youth Orchestra. Social time began at 5:30PM and members were able to catch up with one another over wine and hors d'oeuvres while enjoying entertainment from string players in the CSYO and JYO-- Catharine Jackson, Martha Grace Jackson, and Elise Bloom.



Guild President Mary Staton called the meeting to order and the new Guild member, Ann McCartan was recognized and welcomed. The executive committee was introduced and the Treasurer's report from Noel Humphreys was approved. CSO President Bob Stickler than gave an update on the Symphony. The big news is the Symphony ended last year in the black, the musicians have signed contracts and tickets sales for this season are very strong. Kudos to the CSO!

The meeting was focused on the new signature fundraiser, Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour. VP of Education Donna Worstell presented an overview of the vast youth education programs provided by Guild, highlighting the award-winning Musical Petting Zoo that is housed in ImaginOn.

[View the gallery of photos from the Fall Meeting here!](#)

The Winter Meeting will be held at 11:30AM on Tuesday, February 10 at Bonterra Restaurant.

## **Summer Camp**

*By Beth Garges*

The Youth Orchestras Are Off and Running....

The CSYO began its new season in early August with its annual residential camp at Converse College in Spartanburg. This was the 44th Summer Camp and the 18th at Converse. 90 students attended (35 were new to the CSYO), along with a teaching staff of 9 musicians from the CSO, 4 parent chaperones, 2 guild chaperones and 3 student counselors.

This year, the Guild honored 6 longtime Youth Orchestra teaching staff who have given a combined 134 years of service to summer camp. At the Sunday CSYO concert, Mary Staton acknowledged these dedicated teachers ... Ernest Pereira, Conductor (25 yrs.), Chris Rydel, YO Mgr. (16 yrs.), Lori Tiberio (32 yrs), Jeff Ferdon (25 yrs.), Kathy Jarrell (18 yrs.), Ning Zhao (18 yrs), Their commitment and dedication to the CSYO and to youth music education is remarkable.

This camp, the only one of it's kind in the country, is totally funded by the SGC and is the guild's largest financial commitment. Typically, summer camp is a 5-day camp, but this year it was shortened to 4 days because of guild finances. The total cost of this year's camp was just shy of \$36,000.

In September, the CSYO performed in the bandshell at Festival in the Park at Freedom Park. In addition, youth orchestra students have performed at September's Guild Board Meeting at Southminster, the Fall Membership Meeting at ImaginOn, the Kitchen Tour Prelude Party and at all eight of the Kitchen Tour homes. Students have also volunteered at the season's first Musical Petting Zoo at ImaginOn. Thank you to each of them.

The JYO began their season on Oct. 2 with a day long mini-camp of rehearsals, sectionals, and socializing. The Guild was responsible for the salaries for the 8 JYO coaches (\$1600) and the Parents Association contributed the snacks.

## **Open Job Descriptions**

As we embrace our new Guild year, there are still a few positions which could answer your desire to be more active in The Guild! You are the heart of The Guild and the Board could use your assistance with one of these positions:

- **President Elect**
- **VP of Marketing**
- **VP of Fundraising**
- **Grants Chair**
- **New Members Sub-committee Chair**
- **Social Committee Sub-committee Chair**

Full descriptions of these jobs can be found [here](#).