



Noteables

The Symphony Guild
of Charlotte, Inc.

Volunteers Supporting Today's Symphony and Tomorrow's Musicians

O'-ver-ture Event Promotes Huge Community Commitment

By Melissa Woolf

At lunchtime on Thursday, May 7, The Symphony Guild hosted the first O'-ver-ture at Myers Park Baptist Church. Heaton Hall was filled with over 200 Guild members and their guests who were invited not only for lunch but to gain an in-depth look at the worthwhile work of The Guild and its impact on the Charlotte community.

The purpose of the luncheon was to increase *funds, family and friends*: *funds* to ensure the music keeps playing...*family* to support the work of The Guild...*friends* to bring the message of our work to the community. It was an hour-long gathering filled with great music, good food and compelling stories celebrating The Guild's continuous support for symphonic music in our community for almost 60 years.

A special note of thanks to the 38 members who served as table hosts and co-hosts, inviting friends to fill their tables and underwriting the cost of the lunch for their guests. [Ed. Note: See page 8 for a list of hosts and donors.] As guests took their seats and enjoyed a box

lunch, the story of The Guild was told by PowerPoint on a large screen at the front of the hall. This presentation was created by event co-chair **Linda Weisbruch**.

Following a warm welcome by our own Mistress of Ceremonies, **Mary Staton**, entertainment was provided by members of the Charlotte



Mistress of Ceremonies **Mary Staton** (Left), and President **Cookie Parnell**

Symphony Youth Orchestras. Jennifer Wescott, on cello was accompanied by her sister, Lauren, on piano. They played *The Swan* by Camille Saint-Saens. Later in the program guests were entertained by Anna Boyle, violin, Joshua Boyle, cello and Hannah Prendergrass, violin. They played the finale from Ludwig von Beethoven's *Trio in C Major, Opus 87*.

Additional participants in the program included Anna

Brock, former Youth Orchestra member and now a Charlotte Symphony orchestra member; Mike Warner, Vice President of Development for the Charlotte Symphony; and Teresa Cain, MLIS, ImaginOn. Each participant told a compelling story about the vital role The Symphony Guild has played in the lives of the children in our region. They also emphasized the unfailing support that The Guild has provided the Charlotte Symphony for nearly six decades.

Closing remarks were made by David Tang, Associate Conductor of the Charlotte Symphony from 1996-2003. Currently, David is the Founding Director of the Firebird Arts Alliance and the Artistic Director of Carolina Voices. He also serves on the Advisory Board for Charlotte Chamber Music. As an energetic supporter of The Guild, David spoke to the crowd saying, "especially in times like these, I would argue that feeding our souls, our hearts and our minds is equally, if not more important, than feeding our bodies and keeping roofs over our heads. I

believe that the human spirit requires extra nourishment to face the challenges before us as a global community, and without faith that tomorrow can be better than today, even full stomachs and secure housing cannot help us muster the will to pursue that better tomorrow for us and those we love."

Following the inspiring program, guests were asked to make a commitment to the mission of The Symphony Guild and to help "open new doors for music." Thirty-two new members joined our organization that afternoon and over \$20,000 in gifts and pledges were received.



O'-ver-ture Co-Chairs **Linda Weisbruch** (Left) and **Melissa Woolf** (Right) with Vice President-Marketing **Kathy Prokay** celebrate success!

o'-ver-ture: *opening new doors for music*

from the desk of the outgoing President . . .

It seems like it was just yesterday that **Christie Clardy** passed the gavel to me and I became President of The Guild. Despite the financial challenges that The Guild has had this past year with the downturn of the economy, I enjoyed my year as President of this wonderful organization. The Symphony Guild of Charlotte is comprised of talented members who are passionate about symphonic music and youth education. Each of you helped to make my year as President special to me.

The Guild has had many challenges this year, as other non-profits have had. Your support, dedication, tireless energy, enthusiasm and creativity have made a difference. We ended the year on a high note with "O'-ver-ture: opening new doors for music." **Linda Weisbruch** and **Melissa Woolf** did an outstanding job



organizing this event on May 7. The Guild gained 32 new members. It was truly a great day for our organization.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of this dynamic organization. I am indebted to the 2008-09 Board and Committee Chairs for all of their hard work this past year. As The Guild continues to meet challenges and make plans for the future, I leave you in good hands

with **Kit Ramage** as President. Many thanks to each of you for your part in keeping the music playing in our community.

Cookie

from the desk of the incoming President . . .

The time has come for me to put to use all the excellent training I have received from last year's LAO conference, SOVA workshops, working on a variety of committees over the years, the marvelous input of **Cookie Parnell**, and most importantly from you, The Guild volunteers. I wouldn't be here without you all.

Let's all give Cookie another round of applause for a job extremely well done. Cookie is AWESOME! She took me under her wing all year, keeping me abreast of all that was going on so I wouldn't take office with blinders on. On top of being thoroughly organized, Cookie was great fun to work with. I cannot thank you enough, Cookie, for all you have given The Guild and me during your tenure.

Despite the sinister economy, I am very optimistic about the upcoming year in The Guild. We have many new faces who, I'm sure, will bring us many new ideas. O'-ver-ture made it clear that the community was not aware of what The Guild does. The positive response to the luncheon was a shot of adrenaline. Sometimes we take for granted the importance of what we do in the community, but O'-ver-ture made us all look at ourselves objectively, and the mirror reflected an impressive image.

Have a relaxed and carefree summer, and be prepared to hit the ground running when we gather again in the autumn.

Kit

Mission Statement

The purpose of The Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc. is to create, develop and promote an interest in symphonic music in the community of Charlotte and the surrounding metropolitan area and to provide financial and volunteer support to the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Society, Inc., the Charlotte youth symphonies and symphonic educational activities.

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IMPORTANT!!

Please be sure to call Office Manager **Ellen Crowley** before planning to use the office for meetings or work sessions, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays when The Guild's Office Administrator, **Stephanie Levin**, is in the office.

The Office Manager **MUST** approve any items that are to be sent bulk mail **BEFORE** they are printed. This is to ensure they conform to strict USPS standards.

PROCEDURE FOR USING CONFERENCE ROOM...

The conference room is now locked at all times. After reserving the conference room through **Ellen Crowley**, be sure to obtain a key from the building office, Suite 100, and lock and return the key to the building office after use.

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2008-2009 Annual Meeting

By *Marta Fales*

The annual meeting of The Symphony Guild of Charlotte was held on May 12 at Southminster Retirement Community.



The social hour began at 6 o'clock with members being treated to delicious

food prepared by Guild members and wine or soft drinks. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to see old friends and meet new members. Quite a few of our newest members who joined at the O'-ver-ture luncheon, were present. **Cookie Parnell** introduced all the new members.

Kit Ramage announced that **Carol Follmer** will organize The Guild notebooks for the incoming board members. She has offered to do this task in memory of our dear friend, **Bobby Brenner**, who did this previously.

The business meeting included the reading of reports from the area vice-presidents. **Priscilla Sabatelli**, Enrichment Vice President, reported

that the work was completed with the help of all of the volunteers. Next year's Youth Festival will again be held at Ovens Auditorium. Fundraising Vice President **Betty Siefert** reported on the fundraising activities for the past year. Oscar Night was a success as were the three retail events, and the newest venture, the O'-ver-ture luncheon chaired by **Linda Weisbruch** and **Melissa Woolf**, brought us 32 new members as well as generous donations and pledges. Once again, The Power of Women Fashion Show will be an evening event in the autumn. **Kathy Prokay**, Marketing Vice President, thanked her committee and announced that an article about the O'-ver-ture luncheon will be in the July issue of *SouthPark Magazine*. She also announced that the Summer issue of *Noteables* will be on-line through The Guild's website. Membership Vice President **Marta Fales** announced the increase in membership from 200 to 238 due in a large part to the O'-ver-ture luncheon. She thanked the new members for helping

The Guild "to keep the music playing." Incoming Treasurer, **Anne McKnight** explained that The Guild has a healthy reserve to help us through these rough times. We gave the Charlotte Symphony a cash donation of \$25,000 plus an additional \$11,740 from the sale of swag bags and balloon pops at Oscar Night. This makes our total donation to the CSO \$36,740.

Cookie Parnell, with the assistance of **Lisa Phillips**, gave a special award to **Julia Church**. Julia, along with Lisa, has been the heart and soul of the Musical Petting Zoo. For ten years Julia has kept the Musical Petting Zoo moving forward. This year **Lisa Phillips** will make a presentation at the National League of American Orchestras when the Musical Petting Zoo receives a Gold Book Award. It is thanks to Julia and Lisa that the Petting Zoo has made such a huge impact on the community. As Julia retires from the Petting Zoo, **Cookie** spoke for all when she told her, "you have made a difference!"

The Board members from 2008-2009 were recognized and **Linda Weisbruch**, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2009-2010 slate. The 2009-2010 Board was accepted by the membership.

Cookie thanked the membership for the "privilege of serving." She said she will have "great memories" to carry with her. She then gave the gavel to incoming President, **Kit Ramage**, but not before a few timely 'gifts' were bestowed upon Kit by **Cookie**. Included was a bottle of Tylenol PM, copy paper, chocolate for stressful moments, and a 'that was easy' button.

Kit then assumed her position as president. She presented to **Cookie** a beautiful, large crystal Tiffany bowl with an inscription to **Cookie** for her undying service to The Guild. **Kit** then introduced the new Board to the members.



Guild 101 Graduates

By *Betty Lou Newcomb*

The Month of May sees many commencements, and this year The Guild had one too. On Tuesday May 19, Guild 101 held its "graduating activity" for those new members who have been in The Guild for more than a year at The Symphony Guild Office.

Incoming President **Kit Ramage** spoke about being a member. She also talked about becoming a future committee chair/officer once they felt secure in their knowledge of the various Guild activities and were ready to step ahead to a new role.

Next year's curriculum for Guild 101 for our newest members is already being planned by both New Member Chair **Rebecca Klepser**, and Mentor Chair **Francie Lopez**. The first meeting to be held later this summer will begin acquainting new members with the inside workings of The Guild.



Guild Coffees a Big Success

The last Guild Coffee of the year was held April 7 at the home of **Anne and Richard McKnight**. Members and a prospective new member enjoyed the evening with refreshments, coffee, and wine.

At the coffee, the O'-ver-ture luncheon and future plans for The Guild in the upcoming year were discussed.

Four coffees were held this year for the membership. Each one provided a great opportunity for all members to hear about upcoming Guild events. They allowed prospective members to meet our

members and learn about our organization as well as providing all members an opportunity to socialize.



We hope you will make plans to attend the coffees next year. It's a great way to meet fellow members.

ENRICHMENT

Thank You, Musical Petting Zoo Volunteers

The Musical Petting Zoo Co-Chairs, **Julia Church** and **Lisa Phillips**, wish to pay tribute to the 161 Symphony Guild members, the CSYO and JYO, the Providence Day Keyettes, and Friends of the Musical Petting Zoo volunteers who helped at 16 events at *ImaginOn* and at an all day street festival. These volunteers who worked from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, helped bring music into the lives of 3,052 children, teens, and adults.



We appreciate your dedication and support...**YOU KEPT THE MUSIC PLAYING!!!**

Musical Petting Zoo at the Lollipops Concerts

By Priscilla Sabatelli

The CSO's 2008-2009 Lollipops Concerts have been a huge success with sell-out crowds. "Cinderella" was so popular that a second concert was added. In the hour before each concert, both the Charlotte Symphony's Education Department and The Guild's Musical Petting Zoo provided musical hands-on entertainment for the concert goers. Many families came early to fully enjoy this hour and even a few parents tooted a horn. It was wonderful to see many of the same families at each concert and make the acquaintance of children who relish their ability to "play" the MPZ's instruments.

Many Guild members and their families too have become mainstays of the Musical Petting Zoo's appearances

at the Lollipops Concerts. Without them and the student volunteers, what would we do? Many hands made it possible to keep up with the crowd and keep those mouth pieces clean—and tasting of spearmint alcohol. Helping little ones who can hardly hold a French horn or a trombone, but who can really belt out some sounds is good fun. Seeing other children come back time and time again to play one favorite instrument or to finally get that flute to sound can only make you smile. What a thrill for them and what fun for the helpers who made this possible. True, it was often loud, but the musical sounds are such fun and so joyful.

With the help of JYO and CSYO members, and the more musical among the

Guild members, the children have some expert help getting to know the instruments and how they work. This year, Providence Day students also helped with the Musical Petting Zoo. They have been a great addition to our cadre of volunteers. Most volunteers stay for the concert and then help hand out the Lollipops after the concert.

Music and children bring joy to life and what a wonderful way to share in both. We are looking forward to a new year of interesting concerts and children having fun with the instruments



Guild Helps With Youth Orchestra Auditions

By Janet Cauley

Auditions once again went like clock work. And clock work it is with an audition every 6 to 7 minutes, 8 days in all, countless hours made up of nervous minutes for aspiring CSYO and JYO members. Students sign in, are assigned a practice room to warm up, and then are brought out just a short while before their audition. All this works because of the dedication of Dr. Pereira, the coaches, the superb organization of the Youth Orchestras' manager Chris Rydel and her "box," Guild Youth Orchestra representative **Jackie Slaughaupt** and her all day Sunday stints, and the numerous volunteers who come in to help on afternoons and

evenings!

If you haven't yet volunteered for this job, do give it a try. It is interesting to watch the different reactions of the students as they go in and as they come out from having played. Many times the parents are more nervous. Watching the harpist carefully lower the harp so as to go under the chapel door at St Luke's Lutheran Church gives one an idea of the many varieties of athleticism involved in being a musician. It is not all breathe control, embouchure, and bowing arm. When results are posted you can see if any of those you saw are seated for the upcoming year. Make sure also to go hear their concerts as they are truly fine.

Greetings Musical Petting Zoo Friends

By Lisa Phillips

Come join the fun at *ImaginOn*!

Periodically we will be emailing the Zoo's *ImaginOn* schedule and hope you will respond and volunteer to help us out! To be utterly frank, we no longer can call volunteers individually. **WE NEED YOU IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS PROJECT GOING!**

ImaginOn is easy to get to and has free parking. Lots of families from all walks of life visit us there and the Zoo really makes an impact. No musical experience is necessary. Now that summer is here, we have weekday and weekend dates.

Sat., May 30, 10:30 - 1pm

Wed., June 24, 1:30 - 4pm

Wed., July 22, 1:30 - 4pm

I look forward to hearing from you!

**THE SYMPHONY GUILD
OF CHARLOTTE, INC.
2009-2010 Board of Directors**

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**Thank You
From Your
Vice President-Fundraising**

By Betty Seifert

O'-ver-ture was a great success! Many people worked hard to bring this new event about. First and foremost I would like to give special thanks to **Linda Weisbruch** and **Melissa Woolf** who chaired the committee. Thank you also to **Peggy Dreher** who secured musicians, guest speakers, and wrote program notes; **Mary Staton**, Mistress of Ceremonies; **Linda Borders** for the table flowers and swag bags; **Shirley Fleetwood** who secured the catering; **Sharon Lacy**, table hosts; and **Kathy Prokay** for marketing. Thanks go to the CSO for providing vouchers for the swag bags and to

Laura Thompson for her valuable advice on "ask" luncheons.



It is with a glad heart that I retire from being Vice President-Fundraising. I hope that you will all support **Linda Borders**, incoming Vice President-Fundraising and incoming president **Kit Ramage** in the next year's fundraising projects.

Thanks to all of you who made this a great year in spite of the economy.

**Guild and Parents Association
Co-Sponsor CSYO Camps**

The CSYO 2009-2010 season begins with a free five-day residential summer camp from August 5-9, 2009 at Converse College, Spartanburg, SC. The CSYO will perform its first public concert of the season the last day of camp—Sunday, August 9.

This summer camp is a project of The Symphony Guild of Charlotte and this year will be financed through our fundraising projects and funds from the CSYO Parents Association.

The camp is the only youth orchestra camp of its kind in the United States. In 1994, the then American Symphony Orchestra League (now League of American

Orchestras) selected The Guild to present this project at its national convention and recognized The Guild with an award.

The JYO is planning an intensive one-day mini-camp in October. They will work with their sectional coaches and have a full orchestra rehearsal. At the end of the day, the students, their parents and the staff enjoy a pot luck dinner.

This event is hosted by The Symphony Guild and the CSYO Parents Association.



**Don't Forget to Renew
Your Guild Membership
for 2009-2010!**

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership and sent in their forms.

If you have not done so to date, and to be certain your name gets in the new Directory, be sure to send in your membership renewal forms to:

**Anne McKnight
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May 12, 2009

As the end of The Symphony Guild's 2008-09 year approaches, I am pleased to report that the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and members continue to focus on The Guild's mission statement to promote symphonic music within our community and support the Charlotte Symphony and the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras. Through the dedication of our membership, we have made a difference.

In lieu of a Designer House this year, we had several new fundraisers. For the first time, The Guild collaborated with the Charlotte Symphony in the production of "A Note-able Fanfare," a celebration of the 2008-09 Charlotte Symphony season. To open new doors for music and to celebrate The Guild's 60th year, The Guild organized a new venture, "O'-ver-ture." This event had a three-fold goal: to raise awareness of our organization, to increase membership and, of course, to raise money for The Guild's projects. The Guild continues to explore new and different ways to raise funds to meet the challenges of these difficult economic times.

The standing committees met during the year to assure that The Guild continued to run smoothly. With the help of all of The Guild volunteers, much was accomplished for the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras, the Charlotte Symphony, and our city.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and committee chairs, I extend to you, The Guild volunteers, much gratitude for your continuing commitment this past year. Many thanks for your support and encouragement during the year to keep the music playing in our community. It has been a privilege to serve as President of this outstanding organization.

Respectively submitted,
Cookie Parnell
President 2008-09

2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT

Enrichment Accomplishments:

Underwrote \$33,965 for a five-day resident camp at Converse College for 100 Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra members and coaches.

Awarded \$11,250 in scholarships, tuition assistance, and private study need and merit scholarships.

Presented a full scholarship to a two-week summer camp at UNC School of the Arts jointly sponsored by the Wallenhaupt Family and the UNC School of the Arts.

Received \$9,455 in donations for the 22nd Annual Youth Festival. Richard J. Osborne was the Honorary Chair.

Continued to sponsor the Young Artists Competition, held at Queens University where the regions top classical student musicians auditioned for both monetary prizes and the opportunity to play with the CSO or the CSYO.

Musical Petting Zoo (MPZ) provided volunteers for 16 events at ImaginOn, five Lollipops concerts, one street festival, and one preschool. Over 3,000 children, teens, and adults were served.

The 2007-08 MPZ won a Gold Book Award for Excellence and will be presented at the League of American Orchestras Conference in Chicago in June 2009.

Volunteered at six school concerts attended by 30,000 students.

Volunteered at the auditions for the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras.

Held Youth Festival at Ovens Auditorium.

Fundraising Accomplishments:

Collaborated with the Charlotte Symphony to produce A Note-able Fanfare to celebrate the opening of the 2008-09 symphony season, netting The Guild almost \$16,000.

Presented The Power of Women Fashion Show at the Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte showroom with Fashions from Our Place and Nitsa's and jewelry from Perry's at SouthPark. Honorary Chairs were Linda Lockman-Brooks and Lucy Bush Carter. The project netted \$8,367. The Marie R. Rowe Award was given to Emily and Zach Smith.

Partnered with Simon Night of Giving in a retail fundraising event.

Sponsored a recital featuring Ben Smolen.

Restarted Gatherings, which included a scrapbook party, a chili party, and a Mediterranean Tea

Held O'-ver-ture, which gave The Guild the opportunity to tell how we impact the community. Two hundred people attended, 32 people joined The Guild and \$20,000 was received in donations and pledges.

Sponsorship Team revised the Fundraising Guidelines.

Management and Planning Accomplishments:

Long Range Planning: Worked on the tactical plans for 2009-10 and discussed fundraising ideas for The Guild.

Budget and Finance: Continued to review the finances of The Guild and prepared the budget for 2009-10.

Reduced the storage units to one.

Organized the materials for all committee notebooks.

Continued to go through past records to see what should be kept.

Marketing and Public Relations Accomplishments:

Developed new CSO playbill.

Nine issues of The Horn were e-mailed to the membership. The final issue was e-mailed to the membership as a link to our website.

Tri-folds were placed in local Realtors' Welcome Packets so newcomers could learn about The Symphony Guild.

A pilot study was completed to determine feasibility of e-mailing Noteables in order to save printing and mailing costs.

Three issues of Noteables were mailed to the membership; the final issue will be e-mailed.

Regular use of the Community Events Calendar to promote Guild events.

Regular use of WFAE.org and WDAV.org to promote Guild events.

Sent invitations to Olivia Fortsen of The Observer for event promotion.

Developed and maintained relationship with Meg Whalen from the CSO for joint publicity endeavors.

Developed relationship with ImaginOn publicity group for publicity purposes of MPZ.

Continued update of Scrapbook with many photos taken of 2008-09 events.

Prepared several power point presentations to highlight the work of The Guild.

Membership Accomplishments:

Printed 300 directories for Guild members, CSO, and to keep in office as needed; membership 238.

Sent cards and acknowledgements to members during the year.

Initiated Guild 101 for new members: each new member was assigned a mentor, given a Guild logo bag with a notebook and "hints" from the New Member Chair. Combining information with social activities, Guild 101 held several meetings/dinners to inform new members about Guild activities and to let them know how we use the money we earn.

Held four Guild coffees.

Held Guild Night at the CSO for a classics concert with a reception before the concert for Volunteer Appreciation Month.

The Fall Membership Meeting honored members who had been in The Guild for 25, 30, 35 and 45 years. 92 members and spouses attended the Holiday Party, the Winter Meeting was held at Bonterra, and the Annual Meeting and reception was held at Southminster Retirement Community.

As of June 1, 2008, we had 16 new members. We added 36 new members during the year, including 32 from the O'-ver-ture luncheon.

Charlotte Symphony Support:

Because The Guild did not have a Designer House this year, we did not make a pledge to the CSO. However, we were pleased to be able to give the Charlotte Symphony \$25,000 for 2008-09. In addition, The Guild donated \$11,740 to the CSO through the sale of swag bags, balloon pops and the auction at Oscar Night.

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***The Symphony Guild of Charlotte
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The following list includes major sponsors of all our projects, including:

First Annual Opening Season Gala—A Note-able Fanfare—Fall, 2008

11th Annual Marie R. Rowe Award & Fashion Show—Fall, 2008

22nd Annual Youth Festival—Winter, 2009

as well as supporters of our Enrichment Endowment and our Musical Education Fund.

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On a Personal Note...



CONDOLENCES TO:

Jerry Brenner upon the death of his wife, our friend and fellow member **Bobby**;
Barbara Caine upon the death of her husband **Tom**, also a member.

WISHES FOR A QUICK RECOVERY TO:

Corinne Lindsay.

If you know of items for "On a Personal Note" that The Guild should know of, please call **Ann Guild** at 704.895.8604.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RICHARD MCKNIGHT

Richard has been a great help to The Guild this year. We called on him many times when we had computer and e-mail issues, and he always came to our rescue. He helped us take *Noteables* on-line in order to save printing and mailing costs. Thank you, Richard. We very much appreciate all that you have done for The Guild.

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for new members!



Thank You

Our thanks to Pfeiffer University for allowing our Board of Directors the use of their facility during the past six years. As always, we are most grateful for their generosity.

Dear Symphony Guild,

Thank you so much for the amazing opportunities that you extend to our community of young and aspiring musicians. As the Grand Prize winner of the Young Artists Competition that you sponsor, I had a once in a lifetime experience soloing with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. It was truly a night I will never forget. I am so grateful for everything that this organization does to support and promote music in our area.

Sincerely,
Sarah Sullivan

Dear Mrs. Sabatelli,

Even though it's a bit late, I would like to thank you and The Symphony Guild for presenting me with the 2009 Marie Rowe Scholarship. It is such an honor, and thank you for your and The Symphony Guild's upmost support of the CSYO!

Sincerely,
Holly Lien

Thank You

Many thanks to David Lacy and Southminster Retirement Community for their support of The Symphony Guild this year. Fruit and cheese trays were provided for several Guild functions. In addition, both the Annual Meeting and the reception for the O'-ver-ture table hosts were held in the Great Room on the Southminster campus. We very much appreciate their support of our organization.

Underwriting Opportunity

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Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 6 Kannapolis Summer Pops, Village Park, Kannapolis, 8:15 pm
- 7 Summer Pops at Symphony Park, SouthPark, 8:15 pm
Prelude, Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra, 7:00 pm
- 13 Matthews Summer Pops, Stumptown Park, Matthews, 8:15 pm
- 14 Summer Pops at Symphony Park, SouthPark, 8:15 pm
- 19 Lake Norman Summer Pops, Duke Power Energy Explorium,
Huntersville, 8:15 pm
- 21 Summer Pops at Symphony Park, SouthPark, 8:15 pm
- 25 **Guild Board & Committee Chair Meeting**, Pfeiffer University, 11:30 am
- 26 Pineville Summer Pops, Belle Johnston Park, Pineville, 8:15 pm
- 27 Cornelius Summer Pops, Bailey Road Park, Cornelius, 8:15 pm
- 28 Summer Pops at Symphony Park, SouthPark, 8:15 pm
Annual Picnic Contest

JULY

- 2 Kannapolis Summer Pops, Village Park, Kannapolis, 8:15 pm
- 3 "Celebrate America," Symphony Park, SouthPark, 8:15 pm

AUGUST

- 9 CSYO Summer Camp Concert, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC, 3:00 pm
- 15 *Noteables* fall issue deadline
- 20 **Guild Board & Committee Chair Meeting**, Pfeiffer University, 11:30 am

SEPTEMBER

- 24 **Guild General Membership Fall Meeting**, TBA, 6:00 pm