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Charleston, West Virginia

CELEBRATE THE SEASONS

Join the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Board and the Symphony League for this year's Gala, "A Symphony For All Seasons," on Friday, October 23rd, 2009. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at the Governor's Mansion, hosted by Governor Manchin and the First Lady. This will be followed by an evening of gourmet dining, dancing to music provided by **The Big Lipzz Band**, and a silent auction in the Grand Lobby of the Clay Center.

Tickets for the entire event are \$150 each or \$300 per couple before September 25th, 2009. After that date, tickets will be \$175 each or \$350 per couple. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ruth Joseck at (304) 549-7398.

Honoring Senator Foster

The 2009 Gala honoree will be Senator Dan S. Foster, M.D. who is the newly elected president of the WVSO Board of Directors. A gift honoring the Senator may be made in addition to the purchase of tickets for the Gala, or may be sent separately. Honorary donations do not include tickets and are 100% tax deductible. Checks may be made payable to: "West Virginia Symphony League." The memo on the check should read: "Honoring Senator Foster." Donations should be sent to: West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, 2009 Gala, 300 Leon Sullivan Way, P.O. Box 2292, Charleston, WV 25328.

FALL GENERAL MEETING

The Fall General Meeting of the West Virginia Symphony League will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Governor's Mansion. Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be served at 10:00 a.m. and the business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

It is important that reservations be received before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11 using the WVSL reservation line (304) 340-1102. The staff at the Mansion needs time to check security clearances for all those attending the meeting.

The WVSL has been advised that it may be very difficult to find parking near the Mansion that morning as the West Virginia Legislature expects to be in Special Session that day. Plan ahead. Leave home early to search for a space. If possible, car pool. If all else fails go to Laidley Field, park there, take the shuttle and ask the driver to stop at the Mansion.

Overcome the obstacles. Enjoy meeting friends old and new. Join the many activities that usher in a bright new season for the WVSL.

WVSL Hosts Bears?

If you go down to the woods that day, you had better not go alone. In fact, it is far better to avoid the woods altogether. It is better to stay at home until December 6. Circle the date in red on your calendar for that is the day the teddy bears have a very formal tea party at the Clay Center Grand Hall from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The very best thing to do is to reserve your tickets early by calling the Clay Center Box Office (304)

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I am honored to serve as the 67th WVSL President.

It is with great excitement that I look forward to working alongside each of you, as we fulfill our mission to support The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Through the League's teamwork we will once again play a significant role to help provide symphonic performances to communities throughout our wonderful state.

In accordance with my theme for this year, I would like to invite each of you to "Celebrate the Universal Language of Music" in this Seventieth Anniversary season of the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

Each one of the volunteers, in this long-standing organization, works to the rhythm of the cause, alongside the WVSO Staff and with the WVSO and WVSL Boards to provide maximum fundraising support.

Let us also celebrate the fellowship of old and new friends within the League, as we work together to achieve our common goal.

As Danish author Hans Christian Anderson said, "Where words fail, music speaks."

Sincerely,

Shelia Lorene Neal

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WVSL President 2009-2010

LEAGUE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

In the beautiful setting of Berry Hills Country Club on May 20, 2009, the newly elected officers of the WVSL were installed by Past-President Janice Lessley. President Shelia Neal, President-Elect JoEllen Zacks, Secretary Helen Epps, and Parliamentarian Kelly L. George solemnly promised to faithfully perform all the duties of the offices to which they have been elected. Each new officer was given a red rose symbolizing dedication, love, and loyalty.

Three additional newly elected officers were unable to attend the formal ceremony. Madhu Chaturvedi, vice-president of community services and public relations; Beth Bloch, vice-president of fundraising; and Ruth Joseck, treasurer will be installed at a WVSL function within the next week or two.

An exciting new Season for the WVSL begins.

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WVSL HAS CERTIFIED PARLIAMENTARIAN

The WVSL has a Certified Professional Parliamentarian for the first time. President Shelia Neal appointed Kelly L. George early last year to serve with her this 2009-2010 year. Kelly quickly explained that she advises and the president rules. "The president makes all appointments and they are to be approved by the board. The president presides at all executive, board, and general meetings," she stated. Kelly was first registered with American Parliamentarians in 1970. She is a

WVSL Life Member since 1983. She has long been active in this area serving many clubs and organizations. She often reviews Bylaws for various organizations. She has presented seminars locally and across the country. She often starts with, "One tap of the gavel brings the meeting to order. One tap of the gavel restores order and one tap of the gavel adjourns the meeting." She is available to any of our members who have questions and she welcomes inquiries.

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561-3551. Tickets are \$25.00 each for adults and children. The number available is limited.

Invite a child, or two, or three (each with a chaperone, of course). Each child and adult is encouraged to bring (admission free) a favorite teddy bear, stuffed animal, or doll friend. This is a very special event so choose your prettiest dress or best suit and come to the Teddy Bear Tea.

Oh, the wonders you will see and hear there!

The sounds of holiday music will fill the air. Poinsettias and garlands of seasonal greenery will decorate the Grand Hall. Tea tables will be laden with plates of tea sandwiches, delectable cookies, and real English scones. There will be miniature cups and other favors for each child to take home. Over this beautiful scene will drift the wonderful aroma of tea.

After all of the goodies have been devoured it will be time for a seasonal story. Other entertainment may include dancing, a parade of the animals, or a grand surprise.

It has been rumored that Chairperson Ilene Beckett will bring the most recent addition to her collection of teddy bears and will introduce her at this time. Is it true? Come to the tea and see.

Who Will Shine and Glitter this Holiday Season?

Symphony in Fashion will launch the fabulous fall holiday collections on the runway of the Clay Center, November 10, 2009. This year's catwalk will showcase designs from local boutiques, with fashion guru Tommie Sue Roberts as commentator.

Sallie McClaugherty and Helen Lodge are in the process of finalizing plans for the scrumptious food, gorgeous models and exiting entertainment. It is going to be another delightful and successfully entertaining event! Tickets will go on sale soon, so please keep your eye on the WVSL website for the latest information. You may contact us at wvsymphonygala@gmail.com.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12, WVSO Symphonic Series, TRIUMPH OF SPIRIT, Orli Shaham, piano soloist, 8:00 p.m., Clay Center.

Wednesday September 16, WVSL Fall General Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Governor's Mansion (rsvp mandatory to Sara Walker for security reasons).

Saturday, October 4 WVSO Montclair String Quartet, Soft Colors, 3:00 p.m., Kanawha United Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday October 13, WVSL Executive Committee and Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. Clay Center 3rd Floor.

Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, WVSO Symphonic Series, REGALLY ROMANTIC, Jon Nakamatsu, piano soloist, 8:00 p.m., Clay Center

Saturday, October 17, WVSO Family Series, Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln, pre-concert activities begin at 10:00 a.m.; performance 11:00 a.m., Clay Center.

Friday, October 23, Symphony Gala. Senator Dan S. Foster, M.D. honoree. 6:00 p.m. reception at Governor's Mansion; Main Event Clay Center following reception.

Saturday, November 8, WVSO Montclair String Quartet, Classical Lines, 3:00 p.m., Kanawha United Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday November 10, WVSL Executive Committee and Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. Clay Center 3rd Floor.

Tuesday, November 10, Fashion Show, Clay Center Maier Performance Hall.

Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, WVSO Symphonic Series, THE WONDER OF LOVE , Audrey Babcock, mezzo-soprano, 8:00 p.m., Clay Center.

Sunday, December 06, 4th Annual Teddy Bear Tea, 2:00 p.m., Clay Center Grand Hall. Chair: Ilene Beckett.

Wednesday, December 9, WVSL Executive Committee and Board of Directors and New Member Brunch, 10:00 a.m. the Carnemolla's home.

Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, WVSO Pops Series, Home for the Holidays, 8:00 p.m. Clay Center

Saturday, December 19, Tchaikovsky's THE NUTCRACKER, WVSO with the Charleston Ballet, Kim Pauley, Artistic Director and Choreographer, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Clay Center.

SOUND LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Once again this year, the WVSO will be presenting educational experiences with its Young People's Concerts. Back by popular demand on November 18th and 19th, 2009, will be *Boyz in the Woods* by our own Maestro Cooper. *Romeo and Juliet* will follow on February 24th, 2010. This is a special program exploring how several composers have treated the Shakespearian story in their orchestral works. Lastly, *Stories and Legends* on April 20th and 21st, 2010, will showcase the "Power of Music as a Storyteller."

All WVSL members who would like to usher are asked to contact Laura Lee Albert or Mary Rose Nair. Members who have ushered in past years report that adults and young people alike have found these programs enriching, enjoyable, and sound learning experiences.

MELONIOUS

Linda Jernigan reports that the watermelon man merchandise is currently on sale at the shop in the Clay Center.

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