

“Twilight at the Symphony”

Annual Gala Ball, February 21, 2009



Odessa Symphony Guild Oct. 2008

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that it is almost November! Seniors, be sure to work your concerts and attend at least one concert before the Ball. Senior moms, be sure to attend your two meetings before the Ball. Our Gala Ball will be Saturday, February 21, 2009, and we want all of our senior Belles and Beaux to be presented! The first sitting for senior pictures will be taken on November 13th at 7:00 pm at #14 Preston Oaks. Please contact Sally Osborn if you plan to attend this sitting. As a reminder, Senior Belles, please wear the gown you plan to wear to the Ball and Senior Beaux, there has been a slight change of attire for your senior picture. Please contact Jeannie Tripp for details at 367-0597.

I want to thank all of the members who attended the September General Meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 3rd, 7:00 pm, at the home of Jill Sparkman, 10 Santa Ana Court. In addition to a Guild update, we will have a special fall program on Thanksgiving centerpieces that you won't want to miss!

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale 2008-2009 Season began with a huge turnout for the first Masterworks Series concert entitled *Dancing with the Orchestral Stars*. We discovered that we need to have a drive for the small water bottles as they are very popular at the concerts. Please bring as many as you can to the next general meeting or contact our wonderful Arrangements Chair, Janet Smith, for drop off information. Janet can be reached by email at ranjan99@cableone.net. If your Belle or Beau is in need of additional Texas Scholar hours, contact Janet Smith, via email, as she has many work opportunities available for the Belles and Beaux.

The first Pops Series concert entitled *Rich Ridenour Big Band Piano* will have occurred as this newsletter goes to print. The MOSC has granted the OSG permission to sell raffle tickets at all the concerts up until the Ball. Please contact Lesli Coody to inquire about shift work for selling raffle tickets. Belles and Beaux, if you have not received your shift work for this season, please contact Lesli Coody for your times and dates.

The Holiday Pops, December 6th, will be a day of holiday cheer! The Odessa Symphony Guild has been invited to join the Midland Symphony Guild in their service project which will be a children's Christmas matinee with Christmas activities to follow. We will need several Belles and Beaux as well as the Belle/Beaux committee members to assist with the matinee crafts. In addition, we will assist with the usual concert preparation and ushering that evening. It will be a wonderful day of holiday giving to the MOSC! Contact Lesli Coody for potential work opportunities.

Thank you for your support of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale through your membership in the Odessa Symphony Guild. You are very much appreciated!

**Sincerely,
D'Ann Hervada
President, OSG**

I want to say a big thank you for all of you who already picked up your raffle tickets at the last meeting. Everyone else can pick up tickets at the November 3rd meeting. We are asking everyone to go ahead and pay the \$50.00 for 50 tickets required by everyone to sell. This is really helping on the bookkeeping and has worked great so far. Please make arrangements to pick up your raffle tickets if you cannot attend the November meeting. In addition, check the website for the silent auction donation form. If you are donating an item or vacation home, etc., please fill out the form and send it to me so I can verify donations. This will also help the Ball Committee know whom to send thank you notes and certificates. Remember to email or call Ann Smith to reserve your Ball table. There are only 2, \$1,200, 8 top tables remaining! Jill Sparkman and her decorating committee with Janette Midkiff, Jeannie Tripp, and Debbie Breaux will make "Twilight at the Symphony" one of the most beautiful events ever!

**Sincerely,
Deanna Peden
Vice President, OSG**

Dear Belles and Beaux,

Please remember your shift work. If you are unsure of your dates please contact me via email at Lesli.coody@ectorcountyisd.org. Committee members please return concert sign in sheets to me either by mail or drop them off at 1412 Idlewood.

Sincerely,
Lesli Coody
Belle/Beau Chair

TASO 13th Annual 2009 Juanita Miller Concerto Competition is now taking applications for high school musicians interested in competing for cash prizes and performance opportunities. The categories are winds, strings, and piano. Please see www.tasovolunteers.com for more details. The application deadline is October 31, 2008.

Odessa Symphony Guild

Board Meeting

Monday, Nov. 3rd
6:00 PM

Jill Sparkman's home
10 Santa Ana Court
561-5113

General Meeting

Monday, Nov. 3rd
7:00 PM

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Upcoming Concerts

Chamber Series

Chorale

Oct. 25, 2008
7:00 PM

West Texas Winds

Nov. 22, 2008
7:00 PM
CEED

Masterworks II

Texas Artist, Nancy Curtis, Soprano

Nov. 8, 2008
7:00 PM

Mid-Cities Community Church

Pops II

Holiday Pops: Sounds of the Season

Dec. 6, 2008
7:00 PM
CAF

Redeem your MOSC FlexPasses by calling the MOSC office at 563-0921 for concert reservations.