

“Twilight at the Symphony”

Gala Ball, February 21, 2009



Odessa Symphony Guild

Jan. 2009

Dear Guild Members,

Let me begin by wishing you and your family a Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were joyful and restful!

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale launched us into the Christmas Season with the *Holiday Pops: Sounds of the Season*. This concert as well as the Children's Christmas Matinee really got us into the Christmas spirit! The Lone Star Brass Christmas concert topped off the season with a very special evening performance of original Christmas music composed and performed by our very own musicians! This elegant evening was complete with the Arrangements Committee providing superb refreshments. The holiday concerts are not to be missed!

The third Masterworks concert, *Russian Spectacular Alexander Ghindin, piano*, will be on Saturday, February 7th, 7:00 pm, at Mid-Cities Community Church where the Odessa Symphony Guild will be completely responsible for ushering and refreshments as the Midland and Guild will be having their annual Ball that evening. Belles and Beaux, please consider attending the concert as your one concert attendance requirement, if you have not already done so.

The annual Gala Ball entitled *Twilight at the Symphony* will be Saturday, February 21st at the Odessa Country Club. Be sure to read Deanna Peden's newsletter submission regarding the Ball as it contains many important pieces of information. I must add that donations to the Silent Auction and decorating for the Ball are not exclusive to the Project Committee. All members are encouraged to help in some way. Please contact Deanna Peden with your commitment.

The next Pops Series entitled *Side Street Strutters Jazz Band*, March 7th, 7:00 pm at the CAF, will be reminiscent of the musical flair of Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras. One very lucky auction winner from the Ball will earn the opportunity to conduct the Midland-Odessa Symphony in the Star Spangled Banner while his well-wishers cheer him on from their exclusive premier table. It is sure to be a memorable evening!

The next General Guild Meeting will be on Monday, January 26th, 7:00 pm, at the home of Rhonda Gilliam, 2544 Palo Verde. As usual, the Board will meet one hour prior to this meeting. This meeting is very important as it will focus on our one and only fundraiser, the annual Gala Ball, as well as the final opportunity for Active Members with Senior Belles/Beaux to fulfill their meeting requirements. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

If you are interested in attending one of the upcoming concerts, please contact the MOSC office at 563-0921 for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are an Odessa Symphony Guild member with FlexPass privileges.

Thank you for supporting the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral through your membership in the Odessa Symphony Guild. They could not serve the community as well as they do without you. Many thanks!

D'Ann Hervada
President, OSG

Hi Everyone,

The Gala Ball is just around the corner. Thanks to the Ball committee and all other members who are donating items or who have solicited donations for the silent auction. Please write descriptions of the silent auction donations like the sample below and email to Sondra Eoff: Sondra@odessapumps.com [Sample: **Sweet Smell of Vanilla** Buttery vanilla decorative candle with stand. *Boutique*] Remember to procure 2 copies of the donation forms from the odessaasg.org website. Give one to the donor and one to the Ball committee. We need everyone to help out in order to have a successful silent auction and get the silent auction program guide completed in a timely manner. If you want to donate something but are not sure what we need please call me for suggestions @550-5588.

We need everyone to help with the Ball and Silent Auction as usual. We are going to do the baskets this year so everyone can contribute in a small fun way to the auction. Please bring your basket item to the January meeting or by my house and put in the cooler on the porch at 6408 Mecca. Freshman will bring items for a gardening basket. Sophomores bring an item(s) for a movie night basket. Juniors bring an item for a kitchen basket. Seniors bring fast food gift cards like Starbucks, Sonic, Bahama Bucks, Rosa's, etc. Other Actives and Patrons can help out in your favorite basket idea above. Thanks in advance for all you do and will do for our fantastic fundraiser.

The decorating committee of Jill Sparkman, Janette Midkiff, Jeannie Tripp and Debbie Breaux are planning a beautiful memorable Ball for all of us. All Ball committee members must help decorate and clean up after the Ball. We still need to sell 3,000 raffle tickets. If you need more tickets please let me know! We will be selling tickets February 7, 2009 at the Mid Cities Venue. If there are any seniors who still need hours, please let me know so that you can complete your requirements.

Senior moms please be sure your child's bio. has been written, proofed, finalized and sent back to Kathy Rountree: klroutree@aol.com. Otherwise bio will have only the name and son or daughter of parent's names. The last day for Senior pictures is January 15th at Kim Tucker's house. Boys wear your black pants with black shoes and the rest will be provided unless you have your own white jacket, etc. We must have at least a bust shot for all Belles and Beaux for the newspaper and *The Odessan*. Your picture will not be included in *The Odessan* magazine if you don't meet the deadline as we must meet their deadline to be included in the Mar-Apr. magazine.

All members need to send your guests names to Stephanie Latimer: stelat@aol.com as soon as possible to be included on the invitation guest list for the Gala Ball this year. Don't forget your dance, voice, and favorite teachers and coaches in addition to family and other friends. Many of these people have followed your school and extra curricular career and are very interested in your accomplishments. We have 4- \$1,200 8 top tables and 2- \$800 8 top tables available. As soon as you get your invitations in the mail please send your money to hold your prior reservations if you haven't paid for you table yet. Thanks.

The last Ball committee meeting (hopefully) has been changed to follow the next general meeting January 26, 2009 at Rhonda Gilliam's home. Please try to finalize all of your silent auction donations by this time and bring donation form and write-ups if you haven't emailed them to Sondra by then. Please make a note of my new email: deanna.peden@yahoo.com.

Thanks,

Deanna Peden

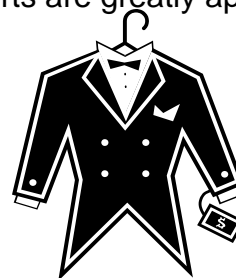
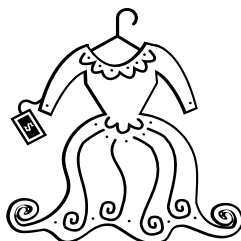
Dear Belles and Beaux,

Thank you so much for doing a great job at the concerts. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

To all Senior Belles and Beaux, if your shift work has not been completed at this time, please call or email me so that arrangements can be made. The next date for pictures is on January 15, 2009 at Kim Tucker's home, please call Sally Osborn (432-664-8381) to schedule an appointment. Beaux, please check your emails for the attire to be worn in your pictures. Belles, if you have not sent in your dress information, please do so to me by email lesli.coody@ectorcountysd.org or call me (432-634-7992) with the make and color. If you have not sent in your biography, please do so ASAP to klroutree@aol.com. One other item that needs to be turned in ASAP is your guest list. Please send this letter to Stephanie Latimer so that the invitations can be mailed.

Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Belles and Beaux if you are unsure of your shift work assignments please call or email me. Again, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Lesli Coody



Hi Ladies,

We have a new Patron I would like you to add to your yearbooks. Our new Patron is: Penny Stewart her address is 112 Waimea Drive, Odessa, Texas 79762. Her phone numbers are 432-366-3646 or 432-377-8977. Thanks so much for making her feel welcomed to the Odessa Symphony Guild.

Rhonda Gilliam

Dear Members,

Please mark you calendars for Saturday, Jan.24th for the "Special Event" planned for the new 2008-2009 Belles and Beaux. If you are able to drive and pick up with some of the new Belles and Beaux, please let me know. I will also need a list of what food you plan to bring. If you have any questions feel free to email me at elegantkt@yahoo.com or call 432-362-4188 or 432-638-9980. Remember, shhhhhh! It's a surprise for the newcomers, but not for the existing Belles and Beaux! We want all our wonderful Belles and Beaux (and their moms!) to attend for a great time of fun and fellowship!

Kim Tucker

Upcoming Concerts

Masterworks III

Russian Spectacular

Alexander Ghindin, piano

Saturday, February 7, 2009

At 7:00 PM

Mid-Cities Community Church

Chamber Series

Permian Basin String Quartet

Saturday, February 21, 2009

At 7:00 PM

CEED Building



Odessa Symphony Guild

Executive Board Mtg.

Mon., Jan. 26th

6:00 PM

Home of Rhonda Gilliam

2544 Palo Verde

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General Mtg .

Mon., Jan 26th

7:00 PM

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