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Dear Members,

As we bid goodbye to winter which is just about behind us and say hello to spring which is upon us, the BSA has much to look forward to and "shout about"! Being an event driven and volunteer service organization, our thrust is to raise money for BSO education programs, provide volunteers to support BSO and BSA projects and express appreciation to our world class BSO musicians. I see the BSA in the midst of exciting times that offer opportunities to achieve these goals.

The BSA's longest running service project, Ushering, is one way to help. Jo Kendig, Education VP, and her team are looking for new ushers to assist with school mid-week concerts, open rehearsals and other special events. Contact Jo to learn more about this project.

There will be a fabulous 2017 Symphony Decorator Show House (SDSH), "MAYFAIR"; the third season of Music Adventures; AMSOV conference in Los Angeles; spring brunch and fashion show at Gertrude's; trip to the Kennedy Center to see the New York City Ballet; a new BSO President & CEO and so much more.

This year's SDSH is going to be spectacular! Our chairs, Barbara Dent, Barbara Kelly and Carolyn Stadfeld, and their capable committee have been hard at work planning an extraordinary experience for all who attend. Our designers are enthusiastic about implementing their design

visions which we know will be awesome!

Chair Florence McLean has arranged an outstanding line up of musicians for this year's Music Adventures education series. This is a wonderful chance to be a part of a small gathering of music enthusiasts and be one on one with BSO musicians. Every year "Brunch at Gertrude's" is a sold out event and I know this year will be no different. Brunch chair Joy Munster is planning a unique fashion show you are guaranteed to enjoy. Mark your calendars for April 8th and plan to attend. Do you love ballet? If you do, reserve June 11th. Helene Breazeale, VP for Special Services & Events has planned a lovely day at the Kennedy Center in DC. Helene was fortunate to get a small group of prime seats for the New York City Ballet.

If you haven't already heard the good news, I am delighted to report that the BSO has a new President and CEO, Peter Kjome. The BSA will officially welcome Mr. Kjome at our March 15th lunch meeting where he will be the guest of honor and program speaker. A very festive and enjoyable event has been planned. You won't want to miss this special afternoon. Call the BSA office, 410-783-8023, and make your reservation.

Yes, spring is going to be a productive and rewarding BSA season. Together we can do our part to secure the future of our organization and at the same time, share in camaraderie, learning and service! I look forward to seeing you on March 15th and at other events this spring.

Warmest regards,

Sandy



Welcome

Peter T. Kjome

We are very excited to welcome our new President and CEO, Peter T. Kjome, to the BSO beginning Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

In a note to the BSO Board Peter wrote: "It is a privilege to have been selected to serve as the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's next President. The BSO is an extraordinary orchestra of international stature, with a remarkably strong connection to the Maryland community. I look forward to working with Music Director Marin Alsop, the board of directors, musicians, staff, volunteers and the entire BSO family as we begin the orchestra's second century."



Prior to his BSO appointment, Kjome (pronounced "Cho-mee") served as president and CEO of the second-largest performing arts organization in Michigan, the Grand Rapids Symphony, for eight successful seasons. Kjome brought strong management and financial skills developed during his time at 3M Company, a leading global company based in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Prior to that, Kjome performed as an oboist with Grand Rapids for eight years, building on a career that included performing as a substitute musician with the Cleveland Orchestra and Pittsburgh Symphony. Kjome received his bachelor's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and his master's degree in business administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Peter will be our special guest at the membership meeting on March 15 – this is your opportunity to learn about his vision for the BSO and to help us welcome him to the BSO community!



October Party of Note



Tom Hall and Helene Breazeale (standing) with Jane and Andrew Constantine at Café Troia

On October 30, 2016, BSA members and friends were treated to a concert at Goucher College featuring the Reading Symphony Orchestra and the Baltimore Choral Arts Chorus with Andrew Constantine conducting. That was followed by a discussion with the guest artists led by Tom Hall, Director of Baltimore Choral Arts. Afterwards BSA members and friends went to Café Troia to celebrate a wonderful afternoon with a sumptuous dinner.

Membership Brunch and Fashion Show

Gertrude's at the BMA

Saturday April 8

Mark your calendars!

COMING NEXT MONTH! OUR 40TH DECORATORS' SHOW HOUSE - **MAYFAIR**



You may have already heard that this year's Decorators' Show House will be in a stately home originally built by a member of the Cockey family in 1812. *Mayfair* is in the Lutherville-Timonium area. Part of the original property of Mayfair Farm was sold to developers in the 1970's and is known as the Mays Chapel community. Several groups have scheduled private parties at Mayfair for the week of April 23 through April 29. The house will be open to the public (six days a week) from April 30 through May 21. In addition to viewing the rooms in the house, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a meal or snack prepared by Chef's Expressions in the Café, shop for unique gifts in the Boutique, or pick up a bargain in the Encore! Shop. The Show House Committee has been working hard to assure that this year's event will be one of the best ever. We've selected some well-known and creative designers to transform the house into a breathtakingly beautiful home. Several local businesses – including Graul's Markets – will sell Show House tickets at the advance-purchase price. A plan to publicize the Show House has been developed and the program book is well underway. Preparations will continue to ramp up over the next several weeks. One thing you won't want to miss will be an Opening Brunch on April 30 from 10 am until noon. At that time, our Honorary Chairs – the BSO's new CEO, Peter Kjome, and his wife, Kristen Morrison -- will cut the ribbon to officially open the house. Information about the brunch will be forthcoming.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT?

The Show House is the BSA's major fundraiser of the year in support of the educational programs of the BSO. Members can support the event by:

- **SPREADING THE WORD!** Make sure all your friends know about the Show House and encourage them to come. Make an announcement at your church or to your community group. Like the Show House Facebook page and post information on your social media. Post a flyer in a local shop. The success of the Show House depends on a large turnout.
- **SELLING TICKETS!** BSA members will all be asked to sell ten tickets at the advance-purchase price of \$25 (tickets at the door will be \$30). Think about buying tickets yourself – they make perfect Mothers' Day or birthday gifts for the person who has everything.
- **VOLUNTEERING!** With a large house open to the public for three weeks, we will need a lot of volunteers. Positions include serving as room docents, ticket-takers, cashiers, café helpers, and more. In March, you will receive a request to sign up for a task at times that will fit your schedule. Please consider this request seriously and do your part to assure the success of the Show House.
- **DONATING TREASURES!** The Encore! Shop sells gently used household items that are donated by our members and others. If you have something that you would like to donate, contact JoAnn Ruther or Trudy Wexler who will arrange to pick up your items. This is a great opportunity to clean out a cupboard or two and support the BSO.

Gifts of Gratitude

Together with her two grandsons, Helene Breazeale, VP for Special Services & Events, prepared 100 gift bags for the BSO musicians. They stuffed the bags with candy, colorful tissue paper and a glow-in-the-dark baton lanyard. The thinking was that if the lights would be dimmed at their rehearsal, they could all conduct in the dark and glow! Each bag had a greeting on the front that said: "Dear BSO, you light up our lives! Thank you from the BSA." They delivered all the bags to the Meyerhoff where BSO personnel placed them under the musicians' chairs in time for their rehearsal the next day. A message from Greg Mulligan, Chair of the BSO Players Committee, said, "On behalf of BSO musicians, thanks very much for the little gift bags left under our seats last week... much appreciated, as is all you [BSA] folks do for us!"



BSA Gift Bag

BSA Volunteer Recognition Event

June 2017

Plan to join us!



BSA Annual Meeting and Dinner

Wednesday June 7 6:00 PM

Hold the Date!

Smile - You're at the BSA Xmas Photo Booth!



At five concerts during the Christmas season, BSA volunteers manned a photo booth in the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall lobby. Guests posed with Santa and photos were printed for immediate pickup. This was a successful fundraiser for the BSA this year, thanks to the efforts of chair Jean Hartlove and all the volunteers who staffed this activity during this busy time of year.



Chair Jean Hartlove and one of our volunteer photographers, Dr. George Bedon, in the Christmas spirit

**Association of Major Symphony Orchestra
Volunteers (AMSOV) Conference
Los Angeles, CA May 4-7, 2017
Millenium Biltmore Hotel**

AMSOV is an organization dedicated to working with and for volunteers alone! There will be lots of time and opportunity for sharing ideas and projects among all the conference attendees.

Highlights:

- *Opening Evening Red Carpet Event
- *Friday Dinner at a beach venue
- *Lunches at the famous California Club and the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion.
- *Saturday evening concert by the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Walt Disney Concert Hall under the direction of Gustave Dudamel

Speakers and special guests:

- *Peter Sellars, world famous opera, theater, and festival director
- *Deborah Borda, President/ CEO of the LA Philharmonic
- *Cathy Alessandra, author of "Yes, I Can!"
- *Juliet Funt, author of "The Thieves of Productivity"
- *LA Philharmonic Musicians
- *Speaker and performance - Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (LOLA)

Registration fee (**due March 31**) for the conference includes: all meals, entrance fees to any/all venues, concert tickets, and any transportation required to get to the various venues. Our BSA will subsidize the registration fee for the four (4) delegates we are assigned, therefore, the only personal expense is the hotel and flight.

Anyone interested in becoming a "delegate" or seeking more information about AMSOV or the Conference should contact Office Manager Louise Reiner (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023)..



Let folks know about the BSA and all of the wonderful things that we do!

If you know a friend, relative, coworker, or anyone else who might be interested in joining the BSA, contact Office Manager Louise Reiner (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023). She will be happy to send them an information packet and membership form.

The more members we have, the more we can do to support the BSO!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-17



Mar 14	Music Adventures Part 1
Mar 15	Membership Meeting 11:30 PM Luncheon Guest: Peter Kjome
Apr 8	Lunch with Friends – Gertrude’s
Apr 22	Family Concert Luncheon
Apr 25	Music Adventures Part 2
May 16	Music Adventures Part 3
Jun 7	Annual Meeting 6 PM Dinner
Jun 11	New York City Ballet at The Kennedy Center
Jun 13	Music Adventures Part 4
Jun TBD	Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The Baltimore Symphony Associates invites you to a Party of Note



9:30 A.M.

Bus pick-up – front entrance of the Meyerhoff

11 A.M.

Guided Kennedy Center Tour

12 NOON – 1:15 P.M.

Lunch & exploration on your own

1:30 P.M.

Performance

Repertoire:

Justin Peck's Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes

Balanchine's Square Dance and Tarantella

A new work by Alex Ratmansky

Approximately 3:30 p.m.

Board bus for return to the Meyerhoff in Baltimore

If you require any further information, please contact Office Manager Louise Reiner (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023).

The New York City Ballet

Sunday June 11 2017

The Kennedy Center

Washington DC



24 Prime Orchestra Seats Reserved

Trip includes American Limousine's 24-passenger coach

Kennedy Center Tour
Performance ticket

Total cost per person - \$130 BSA Members

\$135 Non-members

Make check payable to:

Baltimore Symphony Associates

The Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall

1212 Cathedral Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION

**Deadline for reservation and payment:
April 17, 2017**

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday March 15 11:30 am

Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall

Our Special Guest is the new BSO CEO

Peter Kjome

\$26 BSA Members/ \$28 Guests

Please RSVP by March 9 to Louise Reiner
[Associates@bsomusic.org](mailto:Associates@BSOMusic.org) or 410-783-8023

We currently have only enough volunteers to cover the orchestra level for most of the concerts. Help the BSA fulfill its commitment to the education programs of the BSO and volunteer to usher. Contact Office Manager Louise Reiner (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023) to sign up.



DO GOOD...AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

Volunteer to usher!

The February Mid-Week concerts were a terrific hit with the full house audiences who attended each of the performances. The volunteer ushering program was able to try out the latest phase of the program which was designed to facilitate the entry into the Hall of the hundreds of students who always seem to arrive at the same time. The overall result was that it worked really well. Several patrons sent compliments to the Education Department when they returned to their schools. March activities feature performances by our talented students. First there are two concerts being held at the Carver Center in Towson by the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra. Also scheduled for March is the Baltimore County Side-By-Side concert at the Meyerhoff. The winner of their soloist's competition will be playing a bassoon concerto.

We will wind down the season for mid-week concerts with 2 days of back-to-back performances in April and May will bring the final concert of the BSYO to the Meyerhoff.

Join us for a really enjoyable and rewarding experience. When you volunteer as an usher you can enjoy wonderful programs, rehearsals for concerts you might not be attending as a subscriber and hear superbly talented student musicians. You also meet students who are the future audience of the symphony. In addition to these great benefits we also offer refreshments and paid parking.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



At our January Membership Meeting we were treated to a mini Fashion Show. Nicholas Cohen, Director of Community Engagement and Education Programs, explained the development of the new ensembles that were specifically designed for the BSO. The clothing is light and flexible to allow the musicians greater movement and comfort while playing and comes in assorted designs for both men and women. Violinist Boram Kang was our lovely model of the afternoon.





Join us for an exciting educational offering designed to enhance your appreciation of classical music.

March 14 - Kristin Ostling, Cellist - "The Power of Live Music"

April 25 - Nicholas Hersh, Associate Conductor - "ABCs of Conducting"

May 16 - Jane Marvine, English Horn - "Leadership Roles in a Symphony Orchestra"

June 13 - Peter Minkler, Viola - "My Life on the 'C' String: A Violist's Journey"

Classes: 6-7 pm. Mix & mingle happy hour: 5:30 pm
 All Four Presentations: \$120 (BSA Members) \$150 (Non-Members)

Price Per Presentation: \$36 per person (BSA Members)
 \$45 (Non-Members)

Parking is additional.

FOR TICKETS, GO TO THE BSO TICKET OFFICE OR CALL 410-783-8000

ORCHKIDS – FOSTERING A LOVE OF MUSIC

The OrchKids continue to have a full performance schedule.

They performed for the Board of Education and the Cal Ripken Gala besides four other public performances. On March 4, they played in a combined concert directed by Marin Alsop with the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra.

On February 1, the OrchKids were on stage with guest soloist Gabriela Montero. Ms Montero read stories to the children and improvised music to go along with the stories.

Come see the OrchKids – you'll see and hear an entertaining and inspiring performance!



Marin Alsop conducting OrchKids and the BSYO in a combined concert

The BSA needs volunteers to assist with and cater (cupcakes and cookies) all OrchKids programs. Contact Louise Reiner (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING FROM MARCH THROUGH MAY

March: Dorothy Waltz, Howard Berman, Lou Mezzanotte, Betty Reeves, Dorothy Stone, Bev Harden, Sara Levine, Carol Newman, Ellen Mogol, Debbie Fabiani, Freddy Silverman, Noah Benzion, Jane Barton, Linda Lark

April: Laverne Grove, Estelle Harris, Shavonne Brown, Bob Palmieri, Randy Jacobs, Rita Rosenfeld, Iris Pressman, Nancy Smith, Ashley Gladden, Merry Alterman

May: Faith Dean, Gail Potashnick, Betty Borcharding, Larry Chambers, Sue Oppenheimer, Bernie Finn, William Feuer, Trudy Wexler, Kathleen Wales



The BSA happily welcomes the following new members:

**Nancy Robinson
Linda and Roger Lark
Kathleen Wales**

Do You Have an Occasion to Celebrate or Recognize? The Perfect Solution...

BSA ALL OCCASION CONTRIBUTION CARDS



BSA General Fund



**Libby Younglove
Education Fund**

Baker's Dozen (13) cards for \$30. Cards are available at all BSA meetings and events. For more information contact Office Manager Louise Reiner (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023).



SPECIAL GIFTS

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

To the BSA in general:

Trudy Wexler

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to Maurice Feldman

Janet and Fred Schutzman

In Memory of Chris Kahl

Marge Penhallegon

Beverly Winter

The Fox Hollow Thursday Ladies Golf Group

In Memory of Winnie Flattery

Chris & Julia Engle

Cathy Gill

Thomas & Carole Gill

Beth and Howie Goldberg

Patricia & Marvin Haw

Joanne and Will Levasseur

Doug and Sharon Myers

Marge Penhallegon

Peter Schepis & Karen Rathburn

Fred and Clara Ray

Suzanne Stevenson

Rebecca Stiles

SAD TIDINGS

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the following deaths:

Bob Wahlgren, former BSA member

Dorothy Robinson, mother of BSA member Lydia Robinson

Margaret Newcomb, mother and grandmother of BSA members Debbie Stetson and Greta Stetson

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Work hand in hand to support the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra while making a difference in our community.

To join the BSA and help continue the tradition of giving back, ask prospective members to contact the BSA office at 410-783-8023