Dear Associates,

We have a BSO 2019-2020 Season!

We can celebrate the Music! We are fortunate to have many and varied opportunities to listen, appreciate, and enjoy the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Musicians with Maestra Marin and guest conductors. In addition, renown soloists will share their talents and fill the JMSH with sounds of time-honored and new composers. Take advantage of the offerings as soon as you can. We all know how deafening silence can be!

If you missed our September Membership Meeting, your friends and colleagues joined together to kick off the BSA year. BSO CEO Peter Kjome and Vice President of Development Allison Livingstone joined us at the start of the meeting. Peter set the tone. His message of the BSO’s future included their appreciation of the BSA, its support, and work. Allison wants to get back to our collaborative plans on fundraising and friend-raising events. Both expressed that while we are pleased that the contract is signed, it does not mean that the work is over. It has just begun. All partners need to be involved to assure the success and future of music at the Meyerhoff. Several efforts, plans, and committees are in the works.

Before our agenda was complete and after the rehearsal for BSO Opening Night, Greg Mulligan and Brian Prechtl, co-chairs of the Players’ Committee, arrived and shared their efforts of the past summer, goals for the season, and the promise of the Maryland Legislative Work Group and the BSO’s Vision Committee.

In light of the goals of the BSO, the BSA Board assures the BSO Musicians, Management, Board, and Public that the Associates are committed to our mission of fundraising, volunteer development, and support. We can be proud of the plans we have in place, the potential of our organization, and the energy and dedication of our volunteers. Your ideas are always welcome so keep them coming!
We hope the BSO Staff and Musicians will be pleased and will let us know WHAT IT WILL TAKE FROM them, us, and others to make this critical contract year WORK.

**Urgent**: Please call the ticket office or go on line to the BSO web page and renew your season subscription or get your single concert tickets now! Hear the BSO Play! You will enjoy the concert and know you are helping to keep the music at the JMSH!

Best Regards to you, your family and friends. Hope to see you soon.

Marguerite Walsh, President

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**September Membership Meeting**

A General Membership Meeting was held on September 25, at the MedChi building. This meeting was a celebration since it took place just a day after the announcement that the BSO and the Musicians’ Union had settled their labor dispute and approved a new one-year contract.

The BSO President and CEO, Peter Kjome, and Vice President of Development, Allison Livingstone, addressed the membership. Peter outlined the intense activity of recent weeks that led to a settlement of the contract dispute. He noted that five musicians will be members of the new Vision Committee. Allison described that the Development Office will prepare a long-term plan and that she and her staff look forward to supporting the BSA’s fundraising efforts.

Following various committee reports, Greg Mulligan and Brian Prechtl, Co-chairs of the Players’ Committee, noted issues that remain to be resolved between now and the end of the current contract next June. They hope the Working Group established by the Maryland legislature will focus on these issues. They also look forward to participating on the BSO’s Vision Committee which they hope will bring more attention to the musicians’ concerns. They also noted that although no musician has permanently left the BSO, many will be absent for at least part of the season as they have made other work commitments.

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Allison Livingstone and Peter Kjome address the BSA membership.

Greg Mulligan speaks for the musicians.
One report of note was that of the Bylaws Committee made by Betsy Osterman, Parliamentarian. The general membership voted to approve a clause that requires that the Immediate Past President be a member of the Nominating Committee. Also, the Nominating Committee members will be selected by the end of September each year. The updated bylaws will be included in the forthcoming 2019 – 2020 Membership Information and Roster that will be sent to all BSA members.

The meeting ended with the announcement that Office Manager for the past two years, Vikki McAdory, has decided to resign from her position in order to do more traveling and activities with family and friends. She will stay on until November 1. Vikki was thanked and recognized for her efforts on behalf of the BSA.

Thank you, Vikki! Enjoy your travels.

Save these dates!

For your convenience, here are the dates of several upcoming BSA activities. More information about them is found in this edition of News Notes.

Family Concert Luncheons
October 26, 2019
December 7, 2019
February 22, 2020
April 4, 2020

BSA General Membership Meetings
January 8, 2020
March 11, 2020
June 3, 2020 (Annual Meeting)

Winey Wednesday
December 11, 2019

SHIFT Festival at the Kennedy Center
BSO performance
March 25, 2020

Second Fiddle Shoppes
April 25, 2020

Kitchens of Note
May 20, 2020
10 things you can do to support the BSO and help assure that the music continues!

We are now more aware than ever of the challenges facing the BSO. Here are a few things you can do to support the orchestra and help assure its success.

1. Purchase BSO tickets! Attend concerts!
2. Make a donation to the BSO (BSOmusic.org or mail to 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore 21201).
3. Donate to the BSA (mail to BSA Office Manager, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore 21201).
4. Support a BSA fundraiser. There are many to choose from.
5. Volunteer as a weekend or mid-week concert usher or in the Symphony Store.
6. Make a gift of BSO tickets to family or friends. Donate to the BSO or sponsor a playing card in their name. (See this page for a description.)
7. Arrange for a group to attend a concert. (See page 13.)
8. When you need a gift or a treat for yourself, stop by the Symphony Store. (BSA members get a discount.)
9. Show your appreciation of our talented musicians and hard-working BSO staff members.
10. Share these suggestions with family and friends and encourage them to do the same.

Support the BSA’s newest fundraiser – Symphonic Scenes of Maryland! We will print personalized playing card decks, each deck representing one of the four sections of the orchestra as shown on the backs of the cards. For the front of the card, you select one of several hundred photos (‘Symphonic Scenes’) from all over Maryland and dedicate the card (in honor/memory/celebration of).

The sponsor form, which follows, shows what the cards will look like. We need 216 sponsored cards (four decks, 52 playing cards plus two jokers in each) to go to print. Number cards are $100 each; face cards are $150. You can sponsor one card or as many as you like. The list of photos you can choose from is attached after this newsletter. Choose your cards, choose your photos, then complete the sponsor form and send it with your check to the BSA office.

Once they’re printed, you will receive as many decks as the number of cards you sponsored. We will sell the decks going forward since we are printing several thousand. This is a fun and attractive gift item as well as a personal memento so we are hoping to build this into a perpetual fundraiser for the BSO. And as the BSO says – Let’s Play!
Baltimore Symphony Associates
PLAYING CARD SPONSORSHIP

SUPPORTER CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADDRESS: ____________________________

CITY: __________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ___________

PHONE: __________________ EMAIL: __________________

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The BSA will print the name/description EXACTLY as it is shown on the line above; please make sure that the name/description is spelled correctly. You will not be provided with a proof for your approval.

Suggested Site(s): The BSA cannot guarantee your first choice of site photo.

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Preferred Deck(s): Please indicate your choice(s) with check marks. The BSA cannot guarantee your choice of deck design.
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Please complete form and return with payment to:
BSA, Attn: BSA Office Manager, Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St, Baltimore MD 21201

This project is dependent upon securing sufficient funding to cover the initial printing.
The BSA happily welcomes the following new members. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see these folks at a meeting or when volunteering. Welcome to the BSA!

Jane Anthon
Susan Chouinard
Nancy Denebeim
Nancy and Louis Horst
Sheila Thaler
Susan Weiss

Contact information for all members will be found in the 2019 – 2020 Membership Information and Roster. You’ll receive it soon.

Congratulations!
2nd Fiddle Shoppes

The Volunteer Council of the League of American Orchestras has selected the BSA’s 2019 2nd Fiddle Shoppes for its annual Spotlight Award. These awards acknowledge a specific tactic or best practice that contributed to the project’s overall success. A BSA representative will make a presentation about our fundraiser at the League’s National Conference in Minneapolis, June 10-12, 2020. Congratulations are in order for Marge Penhallegon who chaired the event, her committee (Susan Hutton, Carolyn Stadfeld, JoAnn Ruther, Marguerite Walsh, & Barbara Dent), designers and boutique vendors, and the many volunteers who helped make the day a success. And you won’t be surprised to know that we’re doing this again on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

BSA Miscellany

Thank you, Carolyn Stadfeld!
Carolyn has graciously served as BSA Secretary for the past year. She recently decided to resign the position because it is difficult for her to attend Board meetings. Thank you, Carolyn, for your service!

And thank you, Louise Reiner
Louise agreed to assume the duties of BSA Secretary when asked to do so by President Marguerite Walsh. As a former BSA Office Manager and Board Trustee, we know she’ll do a wonderful job.

Office Manager Vacancy

As announced at the recent general meeting, Vikki McAdory will resign her position as the BSA’s Office Manager as of November 1. A job announcement (including a description of the position and the procedure for applying) will be sent to all BSA members soon. Please circulate this information to anyone you know who may be interested in applying for this part-time, paid position with the BSA.
**BSA Directory**

The 2019 – 2020 BSA Membership Information and Roster will be mailed to members near the end of October. Contact information for all current members will be included.

**Nominating Committee**

At its October meeting, the BSA Board approved the following members of the Nominating Committee: Sandy Feldman, Sara Levine, Vikki McAdory, Florence McLean, Betsy Osterman, and Debbie Stetson. This group is charged with developing the slate of officers to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in June 2020. They will accept suggestions for candidates until March 15, 2020. All BSA members are encouraged to step up and consider running for a Board position.

**SAD TIDINGS**

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

**Eddie Derengowski**, husband of Linda Derengowski, on August 9. Eddie and Linda joined the BSA in January 2018 and became active as ushers with the educational programs and with the 2018 Designers’ Show House.

Former member, **Samuel Fine**, on September 22.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING FROM OCTOBER THROUGH JANUARY**

**October**: Kay Adler, Elizabeth Conlon, Marnie Fallon, James Garland, Susan Hutton, Joy Munster, JoAnn Ruther, Neil Ruther, Robert Schmitz, Greta Stetson, Marguerite Walsh, Bob Whitby

**November**: Jane Anthon, Pat Anton, Vicki Chambers, Lee Cole, Marvin Dean, Jim Doran, Cheryl Faber, Judy Kahl, Jo Kendig, Carolyn Lassahn, Gwendolyn Lindsay, Sandy Losemann, Pat Ruggieri, Christine Schmitz, Betsy Slagle, Larry Townsend

**December**: Diane Burkom, Diane Delozier, Gladys Fernandez, Melissa Larkin, Jennifer Lynch, Joyce McCrystle, Norma Perriello, Josef Rosenblatt, Debbie Stetson, Bill Ward, Beverly Winter

**January**: Kathryn Adams, Larry Albrecht, Carole Hamlin, Barbara Larkin, Florence McLean, Wendy Ruck, Sheila Thaler
Special thanks to the following members who made additional contributions to the BSA when they renewed their memberships:

Helene Breazeale
Barbara Dent and Bob Whitby
Gladys Fernandez
Eric and Hattie Katkow
Jo Kendig
Paul and Susan Konka
Joanne and Will Levasseur
Joan Locke
Florence McLean
Marge Penhallegon
Mary Plaine
JoAnn and Neil Ruther
RuthAnn Shepard
Marguerite Walsh and Bernie Finn
Mary Witter

Did you forget . . .

. . . to send in the Volunteer Usher Schedule that was mailed to you last month? Please use the form to let us know when you can help with this important volunteer project of the BSA.

If you need another copy of the schedule, send a request to Associates@BSOMusic.org. You may call Jo Kendig if you have any questions about ushering — she’d love to hear from you!

BSA Store

The BSA Store at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall is open at most concerts and we need volunteers to help staff it. If you enjoy helping customers and would be able to volunteer a few hours for this excellent source of funds (and can resist buying all the jewelry), please contact the office (Associates@BSOMusic.org or 410.783.8023) and Vikki will put you in touch with Larry Albrecht, VP of the Symphony Store.

Dedicated Music Box volunteers on October 5. Come join them on November 16.
Bring in the Younger Generations!

We all know that it is important that orchestras around the country do what they can to attract young audience members. The BSO has a very active Education Department that oversees programs such as OrchKids and the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestras. They partner with local school systems to give students the opportunity to rehearse and perform side by side with BSO musicians. And they oversee lobby activities before the Saturday Family Concerts.

But in addition to all this, the BSO has some discounted ticket offers for younger audiences.

- **Young & Free**: Children ages 7 – 17 may attend concerts for free with the purchase of an adult ticket.
- **Student Select**: For only $35, Student Select passes allow nearly unlimited access to BSO concerts all season long.
- **Student Rush**: Based upon availability, the BSO offers $10 student rush tickets available on the day of a performance.
- **College Nights**: $10 College Night tickets include a BSO concert and admission to an after-party featuring free pizza, $3 beer specials, and a chance to meet BSO musicians.
- **Fanfare Under 40**: For ages 21 – 40 and for only $99 a season, participants get nearly unlimited access to BSO concerts. And they can bring a friend for only $20.

Perhaps you have a child or grandchild, neighbor, or family friend who fits in one of these categories.

For more information about these programs, go to BSOMusic.org/tickets/discount ticket programs.

We are excited to announce that the BSA will present our third Kitchens of Note and Symphony of Chefs event this spring. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 20, 2020. For those of you who are new to this event, Kitchens of Note (KON) is a one-day tour of outstanding kitchens in a neighborhood with tastings from a local chef and floral and tabletop displays from local designers in the dining areas. We are in the planning stage and we know this will be as wonderful an event as it was in the past. Our 2020 KON will be in Hunt Country in the Monkton area off of I-83 north, a beautiful setting especially in the spring. Much more information will come your way in the next few months. Tell your friends and family to also reserve the date!
“Winey Wednesday”

July 24 was a very pleasant evening for those who attended the “Winey Wednesday” get-together at the home of Salli Ward. The evening was co-hosted by Liz Dausch, Kathy Wales, and Charlotte Whitenight. In addition to delicious hors d’oeuvres and wine donated by Jean and Chip Lubke, the group was treated to a musical performance by Rene Shapiro, BSO Assistant Principal Trumpet. The evening brought in $1,000 for the BSA and 3 new members.

Future Winey Wednesday events are being planned – the next one on December 11. If you are interested in co-hosting an evening like this, contact Sandy Feldman or Judy Kahl.
**Family Concert Luncheons are Amazing! Join Us!**

The Saturday Family Concerts and luncheons afterwards are fantastic – you must try one! Join us by buying tickets or as a BSA volunteer to help serve at the luncheons.

Last year I took a 12-year-old friend named Arnold who plays the violin (and clarinet and flute) to a concert and luncheon. Now we go to the symphony together several times a year. He also attends with his mom, and he pours over the booklet for the new season for hours making notes in the margins about music and performances he wants to see.

There are also some hilarious moments at the luncheon – during one I attended, BSO Associate Conductor Nicholas Hersh spoke and then took questions from the young people who attended.

**Q. When you use the stick . . . how do the musician know what you want them to do?**

**A. Well . . .uh . . .that’s a very good question . . .sometimes they don’t! (laughter) But there are some standard motions that mean things like the beat, or play louder or softer.**

To volunteer at a Family Concert Luncheon, contact Sara Levine or Ruth Ann Shepard.

*Submitted by Linda Hartke*

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**SHIFT: A Festival of American Orchestras**

SHIFT celebrates the vitality, identity, and extraordinary artistry of orchestras and chamber orchestras by creating an immersive festival experience in the nation’s capital. As part of the next festival, the BSO will present a concert in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on March 25, 2020. The BSO and BSA are working together to plan an outing for members and supporters to see this performance. Stay tuned for details of what’s being planned.

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**OrchKids**

OrchKids programs for school year 2019-20 have begun. The program has expanded to 10 schools and enrollment is approaching 2,000 students.

Students at the Primo level, from the Mary Ann Winterling and Lockerman Bundy schools, will have the opportunity to receive private lessons at the Peabody Institute each Saturday morning starting late October. Teachers will be work study students at Peabody. This results from a new collaboration between OrchKids and Peabody.
Last year, OrchKids launched a two-year **fellowship program**. The first year they were able to offer two string fellows’ positions. This year the program expanded to four fellowships: one brass fellowship and three string fellowships.

**OrchKids Director Raquel Gilmer** was selected to participate on a panel featured at the opening festivities of the new Kennedy Center REACH. The panel led a discussion of *El Systeme, USA*.

Have you considered **volunteering for OrchKids**? Here is a description of what the afternoon with OrchKids might be like:

*The period from 2:45-4:00 PM is when the kids come from their regular school session.* Volunteer tasks include helping with homework, listening to their wisdom, keeping order as they have dinner and unwind, and helping clean tables and sweep up as we are guests/tenants at the schools and cannot avail ourselves of the schools’ services or supplies.

Here are the days/times when volunteers are needed:

**Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School**

**Monday-Thursday; 2:45-4:00 PM**

Contact: Mollie Westbrook 765-409-3284

**Highlandtown Elementary School #215**

**Monday-Wednesday; 2:30 – 4:00 PM**

Contact: Rachel Burbank 305-934-4190

Additionally, one need that managers shared is for donations of children's card and board games. During free times when students are waiting, it would be really helpful to have child-appropriate card or board games on hand.

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**The Power Of Ask**

Research has shown that many people don’t volunteer simply because they aren’t asked. Let’s put that to use and start asking – your friends and family, neighbors, coworkers, professional associates. Tell them about the wonderful work that the BSA does and ask them to not only support our efforts but also to join us in this most worthwhile endeavor.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the BSA, contact the BSA Office Manager ([Associates@BSOMusic.org](mailto: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!
Member Linda Hartke shares her recent experience of planning a group trip to a BSO concert

Organize a Group to Attend a BSO Concert – Introduce New People to the Symphony and Help Secure the Future

A fun and easy way for you to support the BSO is to organize a group to go to a concert together! Think about doing this with a group from your church or temple, professional association, garden club, alumnae group, or others.

Here is what I have done – with great support from the Group Sales staff at the BSO. The adult fellowship group from our church has invited people from nine neighboring churches in Federal Hill to join us for a program in January. On Sunday, January 5th, we will:

- Have a potluck lunch at the Meyerhoff in space provided by the BSO
- Hear a brief presentation about Mozart during lunch from the music director at my church
- Go on a backstage tour
- And then hear the BSO perform with the screening of the award-winning film Amadeus (rear orchestra seats).
- We are able to offer all of this for $25 per person!

You can organize a group like this one – big or small – and help build the audiences for the future for the BSO!

Here is what it takes:

- Agree with a group to organize going to a concert
- Decide on a concert and the target size of your group
- Contact BSO group sales and decide on the ticket price you will use
- Promote the event and get people to sign up and pay for their tickets
- Make it special with: bus transportation, a speaker, a meal or drinks.

Information on group sales can be found at: https://www.bsomusic.org/calendar/group-sales/

Start planning today! If every Baltimore Symphony Associate were to organize one group to go to a concert, we would help fill the Meyerhoff and grow supporters of the BSO for the future!

Thank you, Linda. She would be glad to share additional information with others who would like to pursue this idea.
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 the BSA Office Manager.

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Tell your friends about the BSA and the wonderful work we do to support the Symphony and its educational programs.

Bring them to meetings and activities – and help the organization grow by encouraging them to join our organization.

**Step Up and Sign Up!!!**