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## Notes and Notices

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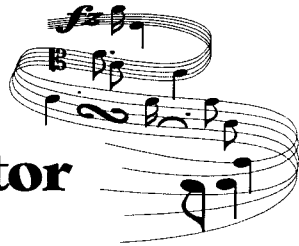
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### Notes from the Conductor



One of the great things about being a musician is getting the opportunity to work with friends. In our small world, we meet up in various places. While guest conducting in Bloomington, Indiana a few weeks ago I took advantage of one of those opportunities when I had a dinner/planning meeting with my dear friend Lisa Williamson, who will be singing the role of "Mimi" in our upcoming performance of *La Boheme*.

DA: Lisa, when was the last time we worked together?

LW: Was it just last April in Atlanta?

DA: That's right, you sang a beautiful Mozart Requiem on the first half a ballet program, and then sang "Heaven" from Duke Ellington's *Sacred Service* on the program with the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church Choir.

LW: That was amazing! The people in Atlanta were so kind, especially the members of the ballet company and the gospel choir. You and your daughter took me out for some great "Low Country" food, and then some ladies from the choir picked me up at 6:15 a.m. so I could go to church with them on Sunday!

DA: I remember warning them to get you to the theater on time, because we had 2 more shows that day! Tell about your experience with *La Boheme*?

LW: This will be my second "Mimi" and I've also sung "Musetta." I'm looking forward to working with my friend Dennis Jesse again. He was Marcello to my Musetta at Triangle Opera in Durham, NC.

DA: I've also had the pleasure of working with Dennis. He's great! However, this will be the first time we've all worked together.

LW: Now, don't forget *I'm* the one who recommended Dennis to you!

DA: Oh, you're right - I remember. He's also a lot of fun in rehearsal. Lisa, this is the first operatic production that the Bryan Symphony has undertaken, is there anything you want to say to our audience to prepare them?

LW: I am so grateful to be a part of this, because this was the first opera I ever saw, it holds a very special place in my heart and I'm looking forward to sharing it with your friends. I'm also looking forward to singing in Wattenbarger Auditorium, because this is such an intimate story, and the audience will be close to the emotions onstage.

DA: They are going to love you, and it's always great to have you singing with me. See you soon!



Music Director Dan Allcott & guest soloist Lisa Williamson, pictured here in Bloomington, IN, in late March of 2004. Allcott had just guest conducted a performance of Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty*. The two spent some time after the performance catching up, and brainstorming for the BSO premier of *La Boheme*! Ms. Williamson will sing the role of *Mimi*.

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## Symphony Reaches Sponsorship Goal

In it's 41<sup>st</sup> year, the Bryan Symphony Orchestra enjoyed complete community support. Not only were each of the five subscription concerts sponsored, but so was the initial Outdoor Pops Concert. Underwriters for the Symphony's Gala and Auction have been secured as well.

"This level of sponsorship could only have been reached through the hard work of our volunteers," said Executive Director Alisa Frazier. "We're very fortunate to have an incredible group of people who continually give of their time, energy and resources to this organization. This achievement is truly a testament to their dedication."

### Concert sponsors for the 2003-2004 Season:

Sept. 7 2003	Outdoor Pops Concert	Sam and Diane Glasgow
Oct. 5 2003	Brahms and Friends	Robert and Sandy Landry; Upper Cumberland Anesthesia Associates and Jim and Karla McKinney; Upper Cumberland Orthopedic Surgery, P.C.
Nov. 16, 2003	Latin Friends	Steve and Kay Ellis; Livingston Family Dentistry
Feb. 29, 2004	Derryberry Winner & Russian Friends	Upper Cumberland Physicians Surgery Center and Wimberly Lawson Seale Wright & Daves
April 4, 2004	Mozart, Haydn & Beethoven	Maffet Stamps, PLLC and The BusinessMedia Center
May 2, 2004	Puccini's <i>La Boheme</i>	Albert and Rosemary Pedigo Ponte and Drs. Angelo and Jennette Volpe

### 2004 BSO Gala and Auction Sponsors and Major Underwriters:

Cookeville Budweiser	First Tennessee Bank
Patricia Diane Cook	Art & Frame Outlet

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### BRYAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FINAL CONCERT of the 2003-2004 SEASON

*Sunday, May 2 – 3 p.m.*

Wattenbarger Auditorium

Bryan Fine Arts Building

Puccini's *La Boheme*

Semi-staged opera – a BSO first.

Dan Allcott, Artistic Director

Dennis Jesse as *Marcello*

Kathryn Rhyne as *Musetta*

Scott Scully as *Rodolfo*

Lisa Williamson as *Mimi*

Rick Woods as *Alcindoro*

Adults, \$20; students, \$8; seniors, \$18.

For tickets, call (931) 372-6088.

### Season Ticket Holders

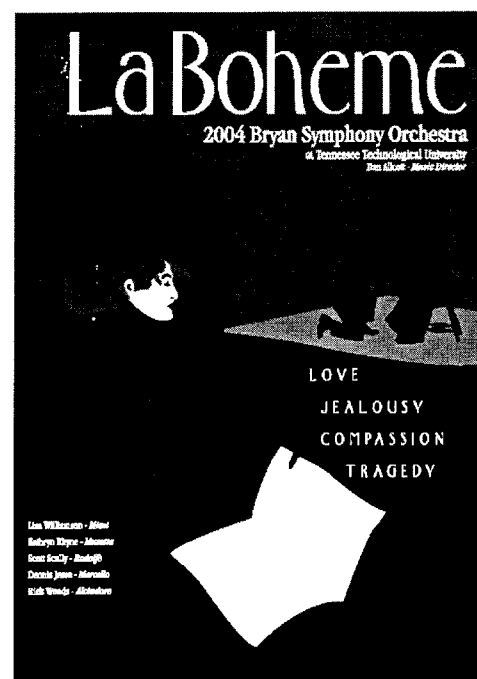
If you won't be able to use your tickets to the BSO's final concert, please call the symphony office at 372-6088 or e-mail [bryansymph@tntech.edu](mailto:bryansymph@tntech.edu) to notify us of your intentions. The BSO may be able to resell your seats or use them to accommodate special guests or thank sponsors.

Start thinking now about reserving your seats for next year.

### *La Boheme* Souvenir Posters Available Soon

To celebrate the Bryan Symphony Orchestra's first-ever semi-staged opera, an art quality color poster has been created to advertise the May 2nd performance of Puccini's *La Boheme*.

One framed, matted and autographed copy of the poster will be auctioned off at the Gala. Or purchase your own copy of this beautiful 11" x 17" poster from the Bryan Symphony Office for \$10.00.



MAY 2nd  
TICKETS: 931-372-6088



Concert Co-Sponsors  
Drs. Angelo and Jennette Volpe  
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To see the poster in color, go to the BSO's web site at [www.bryansymphony.org](http://www.bryansymphony.org).

## A Letter from The President of the BSOA Board of Directors

Everyone is talking about it. The Starry, Starry Night 2004 Gala will be a night to remember and I hope everyone will be able to clear their calendars for the night of April 24 to come to Town Centre and talk with good friends, dine on an incredible meal, dance to a top notch, fun band, bid on wonderful auction items and go home with a store of wonderful memories to ponder for years to come. For reservations, contact Kathie Chapman at 432-6112, or for further details regarding the evening's schedule contact either Sandy Landry at 520-0931 or Alisa Frazier, BSOA Executive Director at the symphony office at 372-6088.

The Gala has been an effort that has pulled in lots of existing and new community support. The wonderful part of working on a project such as the Gala is the relationships that form from solving problems and working together. I would like to personally thank the following committee chairmen for many hours of leadership and help: Barbara Briggs, Invitations Chair; Jan Tate, wine procurement and working with the band; Claire McMillan, Pre-party Chair; Mary Short, Catering Chair; Brenda Smith, Donna Quillen, and Julie Lane, Auction Co-Chairs; Susan Capron, Kristen Hauser and Cindi Phillips, Decorating Co-Chairs and Alisa Frazier, our new Executive Director, who has been involved in giving input on several aspects of the Gala as well. In addition, many, many other people have been involved

with giving their time to support the symphony by procuring auction items, assisting with mailings, proof-reading invitations and dozens of other tasks.

Underwriting and donations of product have been significant as well and I would like to thank the following businesses and individuals: Major Underwriters – First Tennessee Bank and Budweiser, Underwriters – Patricia Diane Cook, Art & Frame Outlet, and Krogers. In addition, other significant donations have been received from Imagistics, MailBoxes, Etc. and Pepsi.

TTU's Art Department along with Dr. Pat Coleman participated by offering student artists the opportunity to submit work to the Gala for auction. This cooperative effort resulted in three beautiful pieces being created by two TTU students, Jeff Clark and Cephas Ablakwa. These colorful offerings are a witness to the talent and caliber of program offered at TTU, as well as the spirit of cooperation demonstrated by the donation.

The return of the Gala this spring reflects a sense of optimism and energy that has been building over the past several years with the association. It's a wonderful time to get involved.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Landry  
President, BSOA Board of Directors

## Just a Few Reminders From the Volunteer Council...

We're all getting so excited about the Starry, Starry Night Gala on April 24, 2004!

Our committee has worked so very hard on securing the auction items, and we do believe we have one of the finest auctions you'll ever bid on!

Have you sent in your reservations yet???? Don't forget, this is the major fundraiser for the BSO this season, and we promise a great evening of good food, a wonderful auction, and one of the best bands you've ever heard!!

Thank you Volunteer Council for all your hard work this year! I couldn't have ever chaired this committee without you: Donna Quillen, Nina Lunn,

Myrna Estes, Jo Ann Wilbourn, Evelyn Breyer and Laurie Sewell. Thanks to Sandy Landry for all her direction with our committee, and especially to Donna Quillen and Julie Lane for guiding us as co-chairs during the procurement of the auction items.

We will be calling on our 2004-2005 social hostesses soon. Again, I would like to thank our music students, Mu Phi and Phi Mu for all their fine assistance. They have always be one of our strongest support groups with our socials, and we're proud of the support they give the BSO!

See you at the Gala!!!  
Brenda Smith, BSO Volunteer Council Chair

**PRELUDE & COFFEE:**  
Conversations with the Conductor

*Tuesday, April 27 - 9:00 p.m.*

*Thursday, April 29 - 9:30 p.m.*

WCTE - TV Channel 10



**PREVIEW LUNCHEONS**

**Crossville/Fairfield Glade/Pleasant Hill**

*Wednesday, April 28— 11 a.m.*

*The Palace Theater Meeting Room*

72 S. Main St., Downtown Crossville.

Lunch by *The Mad Platter*.

\$10 per person.

For reservations, please call hosts

Kathleen Hickey at (931) 484-5669

or Alice Braunwarth at (931) 277-5163

by Sunday, April 25, 2004.

**Cookeville**

*Friday, April 30 - 12 noon*

*Walton House*

1155 N. Dixie Ave., TTU Campus

Lunch by *TTU Dining Services/Chartwells*

\$10 per person.

Hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bell.

*La Boheme* soloists Dennis Jesse, Kathryn Rhyne,

Scott Scully, Lisa Williamson and Rick Woods

have been invited to attend as special guests.

For reservations, please call the BSO office at

372-6088 by Wednesday, April 28, 2004.



**CONCERT PREVIEW**

with Dr. Catherine Godes

*Sunday, May 2 - 2 p.m.*

Room 223, Bryan Fine Arts Building.

An introduction to the music to be performed.

Free to all ticket holders.

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