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## Notes and Notices

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### Notes from the Conductor



We've had a wonderful start to our season already! Our Stations of Imagination booth at Fall Funfest was busy with people trying out instruments in our musical petting Zoo - special thanks to Putnam County schoolteachers for sharing their time and talent for this event. Then on Sunday evening September 12, more than 500 people gathered at the Dogwood Park Pavilion to hear music by Dvorak, Strauss, John Williams and others performed by the BSO on a picture perfect evening. The Bryan Symphony Orchestra Trivia Quiz was back in action, and the crowd enjoyed clapping along with the Radetzky March! We had a rousing finale of patriotic favorites. Thank you to Sam and Diane Glasgow, whose generous sponsorship makes this free outdoor concert for our community possible.

We have much in store for you this year, which makes the purchase of a season ticket a great idea. Doing so will reserve a place for you at concerts that are sure to



be hot ticket items. In addition to collaborating with artists from our community - Frederick Kennedy, Rick Woods, Diane Pulte, Mark Creter, Catherine Godes, Paul Thurmond and the Mastersingers - we'll welcome new friends to Cookeville

who will enrich our community. Lisa Williamson, who dazzled us with her portrayal of Mimi in last season's *La Boheme* will be back to sing Mozart in April. In November, violinist Corey Cerovsek will join concertmaster Wei Tsun Chang for a spirited virtuoso violin duo before performing the solo violin concerto by American composer Samuel Barber. We'll welcome pianist Michael Chertock from the Cincinnati Symphony for the inaugural concerto performance on the new Steinway piano in Wattenbarger auditorium at our opening concert on October 3rd.

Each concert will offer something special that you won't want to miss! In fact, I suggest you bring a friend - or two! And be sure to ask them, "Have *you* heard the Bryan Symphony?"

### SPECIAL MASTER CLASS

Saturday October 2, 1-3pm

Wattenbarger Auditorium, Bryan Fine Arts Building  
on the Campus of TTU.

Featuring Guest Soloist - Michael Chertock

On Saturday Oct. 2, 1-3pm, Wattenbarger Auditorium, the Bryan Symphony Orchestra along with TTU Professor of piano, Dr. Catherine Godes, will host a master class, which is free and open to the public.

Students of various levels will have been pre-selected from the studios of various local piano teachers, but pianists of all ages and skill level are encouraged to attend. As a natural outgrowth of the concert presentation, we are lucky to have artists like Michael come to our community to share their talent with aspiring musicians. Please join us for this special event.

## To Our Season Ticket Holders

Season tickets for those who've renewed for the 2004-05 season have arrived and will be mailed prior to the first concert. If you would prefer to have your tickets held for you at the Will Call window on the day of the first concert or if you've renewed but do not receive your tickets by October 1st, please notify the BSO office at (931) 372-6088.

As we've requested in seasons past, if you won't be using your tickets, please give them to friends or contribute them to the BSO to be resold or used to accommodate special guests or sponsors by calling (931) 372-6088 or e-mailing [bryansymph@tntech.edu](mailto:bryansymph@tntech.edu). (Season ticket holders giving their tickets back to the BSO for these purposes may request a contribution acknowledgement for tax purposes at the year's end.)

## BSO Website Getting a Facelift

The BSO has gone hi-tech. Information posted on the website is now up-to-date and current. Check it out for information about the October concert and social events, as well as to obtain information about future events. Information posted on the website is constantly changing as news becomes available, so visit often at [bryansymphony.org](http://bryansymphony.org).

The layout of the old website is being revised, and a new one sporting a fresh design and new colors will be posted soon. The site is a work in progress, so please bear with us as we fine tune it. Special thanks go to Michael Clark of TTU's Music Therapy Program and to BSO Executive Director, Alisa Frazier for their efforts to redesign the website and keep it current.

Comments and suggestions about the site should be directed to Bob Armour at [robertarmour180@hotmail.com](mailto:robertarmour180@hotmail.com).

### **BRYAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

*Sunday, October 3, 2004 - 3 p.m.*

Guest soloist, Michael Chertok, resident pianist with the Cincinnati Symphony will perform the inaugural piano concerto on the NEW Steinway in Wattenbarger Auditorium of the Bryan Fine Arts Building  
Adults, \$20; students, \$8; seniors, \$18.  
For tickets, call (931) 372-6088.

## *Have You Heard ...About BSO Volunteer Opportunities?*

Volunteers are critical to our success. They enthusiastically plan and coordinate BSO events such as our Preview Luncheons, Symphony Socials and the Symphony Gala and Auction. They tirelessly handle front of the house tasks on concert days such as ushering, working in the box office, tearing tickets, and handing out programs. They help out in many other ways, too such as baking cookies for concert receptions, maintaining our web site, handling mass mailings, generating press releases and MORE. Whatever your talent or area of expertise, there's sure to be a way to put it to good use supporting the BSO!

To get involved, please call (931) 372-6088 or e-mail [bryansymph@tntech.edu](mailto:bryansymph@tntech.edu). Send your e-mail address if you'd like to receive "Volunteer Alerts" when there's a specific project or event for which volunteers are urgently needed. We look forward to working with you!!!

Examples of current volunteer opportunities:

- \* Team leaders - We need folks to help recruit and organize volunteer teams. Your team could specialize in handling bulk mailings, transporting items for socials or concerts, or just being on call for smaller projects. Form a team today!
- \* Team members - Want to help out, but not be the one in charge? Join a volunteer team. We're always recruiting and organizing new groups or you can form your own team.
- \* Drivers/movers - At times the BSO needs to transport lots of stuff! If you have a large vehicle, van or truck and would like to help, please let us know. Be sure to provide your availability schedule and if you can lift heavy boxes or not. Even if you don't have a vehicle capable of accommodating a lot, we also need folks who can lift and carry heavy stuff!
- \* Concert ushers - Check out our concert dates to volunteer assisting our guests with finding their seats on these days.
- \* Gala committees - Contact BSO Volunteer Coordinator, Brenda Smith to get involved with our Gala preparations. Assistance is needed with gathering prizes, decorating, and handling the reservations and accounting for this primary fund-raiser.
- \* Photographers/Archivists - Got film? Help us document this season's events and activities. As photos are generated we'll also need help organizing them.



## SYMPHONY SOCIAL

7 to 8:30 p.m. – Friday, October 1, 2004

*Walton House*

(1155 N. Dixie Avenue, Cookeville, TN)  
Residence of TTU President Robert R. and  
First Lady Gloria Bell

\$15 per person for BSOA members;

\$30 per person non-members

Reservations required.

To confirm, call (931) 372-6088 or

e-mail [bryansymph@tntech.edu](mailto:bryansymph@tntech.edu)

by Tuesday, September 28.

Parking available at the residence.

Michael Chertok, guest pianist for the  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> concert, will perform.



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

As President of the Bryan Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors, I'd like to take a moment to invite everyone to join me and my fellow Board Members as we get ready to enjoy the BSO's 42<sup>nd</sup> season. This season promises to be a good one and we hope to see Wattenbarger Auditorium filled to capacity at each of the five subscription concerts.

It's been a busy summer for the Board of Directors. New officers were installed in July and much time has been devoted to strategic planning. The Board held a retreat in August to map out plans for the upcoming year and discuss ideas for the future, including building on our commitment to Music Education by enhancing our partnership the Putnam County Schools.

This year we have added the opportunity for friends of the Symphony to advertise in the BSO's concert program. This will help the BSO and also allow advertisers to reach our very desirable market. Please contact the BSO office at (931) 372-6088 to inquire about this.

Sincerely,

Jim McKinney

President, BSOA Board of Directors

## Greetings From the Volunteer Council

We certainly hope everyone has had a great summer, and ready to get back into the swing of our new symphony season! Great concerts are in store for us – check out the dates on the BSO home page, plus don't forget to renew your tickets as soon as possible.

We're fortunate to have the following people on our committee this year; myself as Chairperson, Evelyn Breyer, Nina Lunn, Jo Ann Wilbourn, Julie Lane and Claire McMillan. We're still recruiting new members, and if you're interested in helping us, please call me at 931-528-5253.

Our first social is Friday, October 1, 2004 at the Walton House on campus, residence of TTU President Bob and First Lady Gloria Bell. We're excited about this opening social as our guest soloist, Michael Chertok, will be playing for us at this social. Our Music Director, Dan Allcott, will have many exciting events to

tell us about, especially focusing on the October 3<sup>rd</sup> concert.

Our committee is excited about our future socials. Many of you have expressed an interest in having a social, and we look forward to hearing from more of our BSO family. We're always open for suggestions and volunteers!

Our thanks to Budweiser and our new Budweiser representative, Avery Stokes, for being a corporate social sponsor. And a gracious thanks to Phi Mu Sorority, and Mu Phi Fraternity for helping us as servers at all our socials.

We look forward to seeing you on October 1<sup>st</sup>!

Brenda Smith, BSO Board Member & Volunteer Council Chairperson

## PRELUDE & COFFEE:

### Conversations with the Conductor

Be sure to watch the first show of our 42nd season! Special guest: TTU First Lady Gloria Bell

*Sunday, September 26 - 4:00 p.m.*

WCTE - TV Public Television



## PREVIEW LUNCHEONS

### Crossville/Fairfield Glade/Pleasant Hill

*Wednesday, September 29 - 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

Dr. C. Weir and Jane Horswill at (931) 484-3054

by no later than Sunday, September 26, 2004.

### Cookeville

*Friday, October 1 - 12 noon*

*Am South Bank*

2nd Floor Board Room

105 S. Willow Avenue

Lunch by *Grade-A Catering*

\$10 per person.

For reservations, please call the BSO office at

(931) 372-6088 by no later than Wednesday,

September 29, 2004.



## CONCERT PREVIEW

with Dr. Catherine Godes

*Sunday, October 3 - 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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