

From the President



Welcome back to a busy fall for the Symphony Council. Our wonderful volunteers have been hard at work already.

Thank you for the renewal memberships and welcome to our new members. We are glad to have each one helping the Council. We could not be successful in our efforts to support the Waco Symphony without your financial and hands-on commitment.

We are always happy to have others join the Council. If you know someone who would be interested in joining, please invite them to become a Waco Symphony Council member.

The Children's programs are planning the annual Children's Concert in November. The Nutcracker had a successful audition with 90 children recruited for parts with the St. Petersburg Russian Ballet Nutcracker. Please join us for a wonderful Sunday afternoon of entertainment Dec. 7, 2008.

Our fundraiser this year is the third Celebrity Conductor Contest. We have excellent contestants and expect to have a successful and fun contest. Please vote for your favorite celebrity as many times as you would like—the funds will sponsor future projects for the Waco Symphony Council and Waco Symphony.

The Belles and Brass have had their Orientation Meeting as well as the Music Appreciation Seminar held September 21. We have a great group of young ladies and gentlemen representing the Waco Symphony Council. We are confident that they will have a terrific year with the changes in the program.

I hope to see each one of you at our various events this year. Please visit our website wacosymphonycouncil.com for more information.

~~ Musically yours,
Dianne Sawyer

*Waco Symphony Council President,
2008-2009*

From the Newsletter Editor

Many of you are reading your Symphony Council newsletter online right now—a first for us! In an effort to increase our financial support for the Symphony, the Council has decided to try emailing newsletters to those for whom we have addresses. *What do you think? We need to hear from you—*

~ If you would like to receive a hard copy of your newsletter in the future, please let me know.

~ If you received a hard copy but would prefer an email version (remember the savings to your Council), let me know.

Contact me at: 254-756-2505 or kris.olson@grandecom.net

I look forward to hearing from you about this and other thoughts or ideas you have for your newsletter as we work on format, content and style.

~~ *Kris Kaiser Olson*
Newsletter Editor, 2008-2009



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Enjoy the 2008-2009 Subscription Series

Shannon Lee, violin

Teenage violin prodigy

Thursday, September 25, 2008

ABBA – The Hits

Thursday, November 6, 2008

David Syme, piano

One of the great pianists of our time

Thursday, January 15, 2009

All-Orchestral Concert

With the Presentation of the
Symphony Belles & Brass

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Robert Bonfiglio, harmonica

Playing the harmonica, classically

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

NON-SUBSCRIPTION EVENTS 2008-2009

Vienna Boys Choir

Orchestra will not perform at this concert

Saturday, November 15, 2008

THE NUTCRACKER

with the St. Petersburg Classic Ballet

Theater of Marina Medvetskaya from

St. Petersburg, Russia

Sunday, December 7, 2008

HOLIDAY POPS!

Country Christmas

Waco's Premier Holiday Event

with Wacoan **Caroline Cutbirth**

Friday, December 12, 2008

All concerts are at Waco Hall

Baylor University.



Celebrity Conductor is Back!

VOTE Early! VOTE Often!

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM NOTES

The 62nd annual **Children's Concert** will be on November 11th. Over 6000 students from all over the surrounding area will be treated to a wonderful concert by the Baylor Symphony Orchestra.

On November 16th the families of Central Texas will be treated to our first ever "**Zoo Tunes**" concert at the Cameron Park Zoo. Both the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and the Waco Youth Orchestra will play at separate times in the Meadows area of the zoo. The Belles & Brass will work at this event with several fun things for the children in our community. Plan to attend this casual Sunday afternoon family event.

This is the 18th season of the **Waco Youth Orchestra**. Auditions were held at Baylor University on September 6th and we have over 50 area youth in the WYO. They played at the Waco Cultural Arts Fest on September 20 and will play at the zoo on November 16th.

~~ Betsy Reeder,
VP, Youth Programs

A Wonderful Year of Preview Parties

The Symphony Preview Parties began on September 23rd with a luncheon at the home of Jon Marc and Nancy Goodnight—a lovely event.

We will have wine and cheese at the home of Judith McCracken on November 4th. Come meet our Celebrity Conductor contestants.

January 8th will find us at Tom and Nancy Harrison's for another wine and cheese party.

Don't forget the patron party hosted by Mary Ann Parks and Betty Kaga on January 15th at Ridgewood Country Club.

We will be treated to lunch on March 19th at Norman and Louise Hay's home.

Friday, April 3rd, David and Jeannie Dickson will welcome us to their home.

May 21st will be a luncheon and installation of next year's officers at the home of Joe and Billie Brownfield.

Several members contribute hours in food preparation and decorating and we appreciate the people who graciously open their homes for these parties.

~~ Peggy Borders
3rd Vice President



2 belles + 1 mom = a nice afternoon

Belles & Brass NEWS

The 2008-2009 Belle and Brass program kicked off the new year on September 14th at Seventh and James Baptist Church. We appreciate the church allowing us to use their sanctuary while they also housed hurricane evacuees. The Belles and Brass are on their way to a great year.

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Junior Belles Chairs: Janna Slechta, Kay Bond, Lisa Segerson, Robyn Trippe

Brass Chairs: Brenda Stephens, JuliBeth Parrish and Laura Palmer

Soph. Belle Ch: Becky Brown, Diane Deaver, Teresa Contreras, Missy Kittner.

These ladies have done an outstanding job organizing and planning the year for the Belles and Brass, and my deepest appreciation goes out to them for time and energy spent.

The first seminar, Music Appreciation and Concert Etiquette, was on September 21 for the Brass and Sophomore Belles at Meadows Hall. Lelia Sadlier, from the Baylor Music School, and Susan Taylor were the speakers.

Many thanks to Dianne Sawyer, Linda Hatchel, Darlene Spence and Susan Taylor for helping get this program up and going this year. Stay tuned for more pictures and more news from the Belles and Brass.

~~ Barbara Powell
4th Vice President

The Nutcracker

December 7th will find the St. Petersburg Classic Ballet Theatre of Marina Medvetskaya and the Waco Symphony Orchestra performing *The Nutcracker*. September auditions had 92 dancers trying out for and being cast in a part in the ballet. Children will also enjoy magical moments and special activities with the Holiday Kids Club. Nutcrackers will be sold before and after the performance and during intermission. Make plans now for this special holiday event! *The Nutcracker* and Holiday Kids Club is a joint venture of the Waco Symphony Association and the Waco Symphony Council. For tickets, please call the Waco Symphony Association, 754-0851.

We need volunteers to help the day of *The Nutcracker*.

Please call Barbara Reis, 772-7667, or Joy Walters, 772-9610, to volunteer.

Sassy and Brassy Music for Brass October 12 th 3:30 p.m.		Trinity at Badger Ranch 2 Richie Road Woodway
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2008 Celebrity Conductor Contest Starring

Hatch Bailey, Judy Haller, Linda Hatchel
\$20 per vote

Winner will conduct a selection at the
Holiday Pops! Country Christmas concert December 12, 2008

Two ways to vote and pay: online at www.WacoSymphony.com OR
Make checks payable to Waco Symphony Council; indicate your celebrity choice on the memo line and mail to: Waco Symphony Council
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