



Be an Advocate for the Best Musical Experience in Central Texas Join the Waco Symphony Council!

For more than 49 years, the Waco Symphony Council (WSC) has been the major volunteer organization for the support of the Waco Symphony Orchestra (WSO). We are a dedicated organization that crosses age, economics and city lines. Our common thread is a love for orchestral music and a desire to make it available to all Central Texas residents. The main focus of the Waco Symphony Council is to educate and fundraise to support the Waco Symphony Orchestra, and we are proud to say that in this past year the WSC donated more than \$74,000 to the Waco Symphony Orchestra. These gifts of financial support have provided area children and families opportunities to hear live orchestral music, and we had a great time doing it!

We have many volunteer opportunities for you to support the Waco Symphony Council with your time and talent.

HOSPITALITY

Preview Parties: (different dates & locations prior to each regular season concert)

Several days before the upcoming WSO concert, the Council has an informal and informational social. Hear Maestro Stephen Heyde tell fascinating details about the composers and the selections that will be performed at the upcoming concert. These socials, which also serve as our General Council Meetings, are held throughout the community at businesses or in private homes. Each Preview Party has a hostess that organizes the site, refreshments and drinks.

Help is needed to organize, serve, bring food, and tidy-up after each event.

Debbie Thornton, VP

Patron Party – Jan. 12, 2012

This Patron Party is a special dinner held before the January concert to show appreciation to our most loyal supporters. This is our opportunity to say “Thank you” to those members who purchase season tickets to the WSO concerts at a Patron level or higher.

Assist in planning and organizing this event.

Debbie Thornton, VP

YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Belle & Brass – Various dates for meetings – Presentation March 24, 2012

Juniors in our area high schools are presented at a Waco Symphony Orchestra concert in the spring. Girls (Belles) enroll as sophomores and continue through their junior year Presentation. Boys (Brass) enroll and serve their junior year. What was once a music appreciation and presentation program has expanded to include a multi-course etiquette dinner, leadership skills, and new this year, two ballroom dancing lessons. These young people must be sponsored by their parents or grandparents who are Waco Symphony Orchestra season ticket holders at the Sustainer level or higher.

Cheryl Holy, VP

Children’s Concerts – October 2011

Each year, for the past 69 years, the Baylor Symphony Orchestra has held several concerts in one day at Waco Hall to provide orchestral music in an age-appropriate event. Last year, they performed for over 6,000 area 4th & 5th graders. WSC workers volunteer to help organize and coordinate with the area schools whose students may not otherwise have an opportunity to hear live classical music in a concert hall.

Assist at the concert.

Suzanne Alexander, VP

ZooTunes! – November 2011

This is our newest award winning event. The Baylor Symphony Orchestra and the Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra provide a family musical event on a Sunday afternoon at the Cameron Park Zoo. Our Belles and Brass assist at ZooTunes! as their community service project. Activities include an Instrument Petting Zoo (instruments available to handle and play), inflatables, and face-painting for just the regular price of admission to the zoo.

Help organize and supervise this event.

Suzanne Alexander, VP

FUNDRAISING

All these wonderful events and our financial support to the Orchestra could not take place without major fundraising throughout the year. Some of our upcoming fundraising events are:

Painted Strings with a Flair for the Dramatic – Auction November 18, 2011

Guest artists will use stringed instruments, such as violins and cellos, as a canvas of color and design. This spring, the Waco Symphony Council kicked-off this event with an art contest involving local college and high school students. With over 100 entries, winners were chosen and prizes awarded. Our First Place Winners will also paint an actual violin. The finished painted instruments will be on display from September to November in local businesses and at the Waco Symphony Concerts in Waco Hall.

Help is needed to put on this event.

Katie Croft and Jane Dossey, Co-Chairs

Golden Anniversary Brunch and Style Show – March 24, 2012

All former Belles will be invited to attend and renew acquaintances at this fun event, a Brunch and Style Show to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Waco Symphony Orchestra (1961-62 to 2011-12) and the 50th Anniversary of the Waco Symphony Council (1962-63 to 2012-13). Be a part of this exciting celebration and reminisce about the past 50 years with us.

We have many areas where you are needed.

Rene Taylor and Amanda Kuehl, Co-Chairs

Symphony Showhouse – Possible fundraiser for 2012-13

Every 2-3 years, the WSC has a local builder design and build a beautiful new home that is opened up to the public for tours and special events. Each room in the home is decorated by premier area designers. Activities may include a Tea Room, Designer Tips, Champagne Preview Party, or other events. The WSC Showhouse Fundraiser is being recognized with an award at the League of American Orchestras Conference in June 2011 in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Serve on one of the planning committees for the next Showhouse.

Beth Musgrave, Fundraising VP

PUBLICITY

Help is needed to work with the local media to publicize Waco Symphony Council events.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

The Waco Symphony Association needs the Council's help to prepare mailings to the Waco Symphony supporters. Your time to work for a few hours in the office is appreciated.

Please check off your area of interest on the Membership form, and we will be contacting you.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you this coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

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