

## Savor the Symphony, Wine Dinner, April 21st at Ritz Carleton

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League is excited to present the very popular Savor the Symphony, an evening with a live and silent auction and a seated wine dinner. The event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 Restriction. In 2021, it was held as a hybrid event with live and virtual components. The event this year will be held on Thursday, April 21 at The Ritz-Carlton, bringing together Symphony patrons and business leaders. The event is made possible by Presenting Sponsor **SIDLEY**.

**Angela Fontana** and **Penny Reid** are the event chairs and **Venise Stuart** is the DSOL President. Penny Reid and Angela Fontana The elegant night will begin at 6:30 with a cocktail reception and silent auction for the guests to have the opportunity to bid on individual bottles of wine and other items, preview the live auction packages and to purchase wine through the Wine Pull. Guests will then be seated at 7:15 p.m. for a lavish three-course wine-paired dinner, followed by the live auction.

The guest speaker for the event will be **Ron Sanchez**, the owner of **Domaine Verdant** vineyard in Yamhill-Carleton AVA, Oregon. He will discuss his journey from an MIT PhD graduate to award winning winemaker and share descriptions of Domaine Verdant's fine wines. The winery is known for their pinot noirs.

Sponsorship are available at \$15,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$3,500. Individual tickets are \$500 for individual patron tickets and \$350 for individual tickets. For further information, visit [www.dallasymphonyleague.com](http://www.dallasymphonyleague.com)

The proceeds from the evening will benefit the Dallas Symphony Association and its education and community outreach programs. Some of the quality outreach programs the League supports are Young Musicians, Young Strings and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert Series.

These programs impact over 35,000 area students and are vital as they promote brain development and increased high school graduation rates, and open the door to a brighter future with more opportunities for the program participants.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League is an organization of volunteers who support the Dallas Symphony Association through service, education and fundraising activities.



**Penny Reid and Angela Fontana**, Savor the Symphony event chairs.

Since 1946, the DSO League has worked to support the Dallas Symphony Orchestra through service, education and fundraising efforts. Since 1998, the League has contributed more than \$20 million in support of the Dallas Symphony Association's Community Outreach and Education programs, which help bring the wonder of music to thousands of youths and adults in the Dallas Metroplex.

SAVOR THE SYMPHONY



# The President's Message



As we are now hopping into spring, I want to reflect on a few things that have happened over the last several months.

Kicking off the new year, the 36th Presentation Ball was just amazing. With **Elizabeth Gambrell** at the reins, the 48 debutantes had a very enjoyable weekend of family, friends, and fun! This will be a year these young ladies will never forget. With COVID on the heels, the DSOL was able to make the events and the traditions of the debutante ball happen. Thank you for all of those that made it happen.

And, with those that were able to attend or made a contribution, thank you. We were able to raise well over \$500,000 (and still counting).

The success of the Junior Symphony Ball (JSB) was led by **Mandy Click** and her steering committee! With a sell-out crowd, these high school students from all over the metroplex enjoyed an evening of music, casino and just a wonderful time visiting with friends. Due to their huge success, JSB was able to raise \$446,000 which goes towards education and community outreach programs in Dallas.

A huge 'thank you' to **Therese Rourk** for her efforts and flexibility making the Noteworthy Nights hosted by **Wendy** and **Phil Hansen** happen. With a venue change and a freeze notice that evening, **Andrew Litton** was all smiles as he was wined and dined by the Fireside Chat Committee of older days. It was a special seated dinner evening. Maestro Litton was very entertaining bringing the group up to date since he left the DSO.

The Winter Tea was just the best! Thanks to **Carole Ann Brown**, tea sponsor, and chaired by **Shelby Fuqua** and **Marcy Jones**. Dallas Country Club was beautiful. A big thanks to DSO Resident Organist **Brady Hunter Welch**. Thank you for a wonderful tea!

Please attend the Savor the Symphony Wine Dinner (chaired by **Angela Fontana** and **Penny Reid**) and the Encore (end of the year) Luncheon (chaired by **Karen Cox**)! Both are raising funds for the education and community outreach programs supported by the DSO. You make the difference.

DSOL has so many opportunities for everyone to take in the next few months. From participating at the Youth Concerts, volunteering with the Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon, volunteering at one the concerto youth competitions, attending the TACA luncheon, and other events which you are included to attend. Please read this newsletter to stay up to date on everything DSOL. Don't hesitate to participate.

Always,

Venise Stuart  
Dallas Symphony League President

## DSOL Newsletter

The DSOL newsletter is printed 3 times per year by the DSOL.

The deadlines are: September 1, 2022, December 1, 2022; March 1, 2023. Please send articles and photographs to **Sandy Secor, Editor**; sandrasecor@icloud.com

# Spring

## PEOPLE TO SEE



### Debutante Ball

Top: 2022 Debutantes with **Elizabeth Gambrell**, 2022 Presentation Ball and **Venise Stuart**, DSOL President.

### Noteworthy Night

Middle left: **Joanie** and **Tom Stephens** at Noteworthy Night. Middle: **Jack** and **Mary Jo Lincicome**. Middle right: **Venise Stuart**, **Kim Noltemy** and **Brady Hunter Welch** Bottom right: **Nancy Greenbach**, **Donna Arp Weitzman**, **Pat Ritter**.

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# Spring PEOPLE TO SEE



## Spring Tea

Top left: **Venise Stuart**, DSOL President, and **Mandy Click** a Junior Symphont Ball Chair. Top right: **Venise Stuart**, DSOL President, and **Elizabeth Gambrell** Presentation Ball Chair. Top right: Cynthia Beard, DSOL President-elect with Karen Cox.

Middle left: **Marcy Jones**, Tea Co-Chair, **Carole Ann Brown** - Winter Tea Sponsor with **Shelby Fuqua**, Tea Co-Chair. Middle center: **Claire Catrino** and **Dorothea Meltzer**. Right: **Marena Gault** and **C'mone Wingo**.

**Junior Symphony Ball**  
Bottom: Student JSB Chairs with **Kim Noltemy**, DSO Ross Perot President and CEO and **Venise Stuart**.



## PLACES TO GO

### A Noteworthy Night

*Concert, Talk, Wine and Hors D'oeuvres*

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League invites you to attend May 25, 2022. Featuring Guest Artist, **Gemma New** and **Jessie Montgomery**. **Donna** and **Herb Weitzman** will host this event. Sponsorship and Ticket Opportunities Available. Please contact the Chair, **Therese Rourk**, [thereserourk@yahoo.com](mailto:thereserourk@yahoo.com).

Gemma New is the Principal Guest Conductor **Dolores G.** and **Lawrence S. Barzune, M.D.** Chair. Sought after for her insightful interpretations and dynamic presence, New Zealand-born Gemma New is Music Director of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and Principal Guest Conductor of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Hailed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as "a rising star in the musical firmament", New is the recipient of the prestigious 2021 Sir George Solti Conducting Award.

Jessie Montgomery is a violinist, composer and music educator from New York City. She performs and gives workshops in the US and abroad and her compositions are being performed by orchestras and chamber groups throughout the country. Jessie began her violin studies, at the Third Street Music School Settlement, one of the oldest community organizations in the country. Upon graduating with her Bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School in Violin Performance in 2003, she joined forces with Community MusicWorks in Providence, Rhode Island. Since 1999, Jessie has been affiliated with The Sphinx

Organization, which supports the accomplishments of young African-American and Latino string players. Opportunities came about to partner with the American Composers Orchestra, the Sphinx Organization and chamber groups throughout New York City. This has led to many new commissions for orchestras throughout the country.

### DSO Youth Concert

We are seeking volunteers to help seat school groups at the Cecil and Ida M. Green Youth Concerts, which are performed by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. These concerts are part of the educational outreach done by the symphony. Over 30,000 students and teachers from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area attend the DSO's youth concerts each year!

We are happy to say that the concerts have been well received and we are expecting a full house on Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st. We will need a lot of volunteers on these dates!

New volunteers will be given a tour of the Meyerson, along with a color-coded map, so it's easy to do!

This is a wonderful way to see the results of the hard work of the league and it is fun to interact with the school children. It is also a great way to get to know other league members; there is time between the first seating and the second seating to sit and have a cup of coffee and chat. Volunteers are encouraged to stay and enjoy the music during the last performance after the students have been seated. The concert dates are below. The time commitment is from 9:15 to 11:30 am.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email the DSOL Youth Concert Chair, **Carrie Denson** at [densonmail@sbcglobal.net](mailto:densonmail@sbcglobal.net) or use the following link to sign up directly through Sign Up Genius. The DSO is asking that all volunteers be vaccinated before ushering the students.

### Save The Date

*A Celebration of Spring  
Encore Luncheon*

Honoring  
The Outgoing and Incoming  
Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Officers

Tuesday, May 17th

11:00 a.m. Champagne Reception  
11:30 a.m. Seated Luncheon and Program  
Fairmont Dallas

[www.dallassymphonyleague.com](http://www.dallassymphonyleague.com)

# 2022 DSOL Calendar of Events

## APRIL

Wednesday, April 20, Cecil & Ida Green Youth Concerts

Thursday, April 21, Cecil & Ida Green Youth Concerts

Wednesday, April 27, Orchestra Appreciation Luncheon  
Meyerson Symphony Center

## MAY

Wednesday, May 4 DSOL Board Meeting  
Aldredge House

Tuesday, May 17, Encore Luncheon & Officer Installation  
Fairmont Dallas

Wednesday, May 25, A Major Noteworthy Night

Dallas Symphony Orchestra  
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center  
Schelgel Administrative Suites  
2301 Flora Street  
Dallas, TX 75201-2497

