

# The DSOL

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League

2023 • 2024 SEASON



*The DSOL develops and administers projects and programs that provide educational outreach and financial support to the DSO.*

**SPRING 2024 DSOL Prelude Newsletter** ■ Editor, Joanne Gebauer

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome new members and thank you for joining our league of volunteers in support of the wonderful Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. For those of you who renewed your membership, your ongoing support has been invaluable, and we thank you too. This is the League's 57th season, and without your participation, we would not be able to support

the DSO as we have throughout the years.

This season, your Board members have initiated several new fundraisers which you have helped to make a success. These include Nothing Bundt Cake Sale Days and a Fall Fur Fashion Show. Look for more events such as these by visiting our volunteer page on the DSO website at [www.dubuquesymphony.org/dubuque-symphony-orchestra-league](http://www.dubuquesymphony.org/dubuque-symphony-orchestra-league) where information and registration forms can be found. Our traditional fund raisers, which you have come to expect, will continue. Our annual Geranium Plus Flower Sale launched the first week in March, and planning for the fall Bridge Party and fall Fashion Show is underway.

We thank you again for your generous donations and for being a part of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League.

Joan Harvieux  
President, DSOL



## BUNDT CAKE FUNDRAISER

 by Richelle Gentile

We had our second successful fundraiser with Nothing Bundt Cakes the week before Thanksgiving. We had a profit of \$414 from that endeavor and appreciate the partnership with Nothing Bundt Cakes. We look forward to partnering with them again on March 27th, the Wednesday before Easter. Stop in and stock up—20% of all sales that day will go to the DSOL to support DSO music education programs!



## GERANIUM PLUS SALE

by Debbie Burton

The Geranium Plus Flower Sales of 2024 is going to be a success! A variety of flowers and foliage are provided by our quality nurseries: Amish/Miner Town Greenhouse and Cushman's Nursery. Some flowers we offer are not available through any local stores, which makes this a unique opportunity. If you do not see what you want on our order form, we offer gift certificates from both nurseries. Remember to pick up your flowers on Monday, May 6th between noon and 6:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church on the corner of University Avenue & Loras Boulevard.

Because this is a fundraiser, we notified you by email which helps keep our cost down. Please contact the DSO Office at 563-557-1677 with any change in email, address, or phone numbers. The profit from this sale goes to support the Dubuque Symphony Youth Ensembles and the educational endeavors of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. Thank you for your continued support.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Joyce Johnson, Membership Chairperson

We have 129 League Members, and we thank everyone for their support.

The 2024-2025 Membership Drive will begin in June 2024.



## EDUCATION REPORT

by Cindy Mueller

The DSYE Concert held on Jan. 28, 2024, at the Five Flags Theatre was a huge success! Four groups representing different skill levels performed classical, folk, and modern pieces. The String Ensemble (19 players with 2-4 years of playing experience) and the Philharmonia (17 string players with 3-6 years of experience) were under the direction of Kara Tann, a violinist with the DSO since 2021. The Wind Ensemble (14 wind & percussion players with 2-5 years of experience) was under the direction of David Resnick, a band, choir, and orchestra director in Dubuque for many years. The Dubuque Symphony Youth Orchestra (28 members with at least 7 years of playing experience) was directed by Dr. Rob Stull, Director of Bands and Assistant Professor at Clarke University in Dubuque.

The next DSYE Concert will be held on May 5 at Steeple Square.

Thanks to DSOL members Lisa Fackelman, Annie Hodges, and Fusako Sato who helped chaperone the various groups at the concert.

Thanks to the DSOL membership, whose dues help to support the Youth Program Scholarship Fund for these groups. Your dues also help provide the prize money for the Youth Concerto Competition coming up on Saturday, April 6, and the String Camp Dinner for the annual String Summer Camp held at Clarke University this summer June 24-30.

A special thanks to Hannah VonMulert who organizes all these activities for the DSO. Thanks to her also for recognizing the work of the DSOL with a shout-out from the stage and a published thank you in the program.



## SOUND BITES

by Ruth Hartig and Kristen Kemp-Hodges

Sound Bites continues to be well attended. On Fridays just before Classic concert weekends, we are treated to a most enjoyable discussion of the programmed music by our conductor, William Intriligator, and the soloist(s). The buffet lunch is always a delicious treat as well. Join us at 11:30 to 1:00, Dubuque Golf and Country Club, \$20.00. Reserve by previous Wednesday with the symphony office.

## I LOVE THE SYMPHONY

by Marilynne Field

In November an I Love the Symphony event took place at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club with Rhomberg's Fur and Leather Gallery showing their beautiful furs.

This event was a "stand alone" gathering, not a fund raiser by the league, but a fund raiser by Marilynne Field to draw attention to what we, as individuals, can do to promote the DSOL. It was shared that bridge parties, euchre parties, dinner parties, wine tasting parties, luncheons, can all be personal events that help raise funds to support our mission of Youth Music Education.

The event was well attended and members of the DSO staff and League modeled. It was shared what their role was in the Symphony family and it was an opportunity to introduce them to those present and put a face to a name.

Needless to say, the furs were stunning and we all wanted to take one home. Some did!

Thank you to all who attended, we had a wonderful time.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**DSOL ANNUAL LUNCHEON**  
**11:30 AM**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**  
**DUBUQUE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

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