

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.

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you DSOL members for joining us for our 57th year. And a special welcome to our new members for pledging your support and expressing interest in our activities. We have a full calendar of events and fundraising projects for 2023 – 2024, and hope that you will join us, either as a patron or a volunteer.

This past year, our Board members held a special session to generate new ideas for fundraising projects and events. The direction that we decided to take focused on individual ‘Play for the Symphony’ events... events that are sponsored by an individual member. Planned for this year include a DSOL ‘Nothing Bundt Cakes’ day, and a fashion ‘Fall Fur Fling and Bling’ show, and there will be more to come. These events are in addition to our annual fundraising events, including our Spring Geranium Plus Sale.

Sound Bites luncheons return once again this year. We encourage you to join us at Dubuque Golf and Country Club on the Friday prior to each Classics Concert. Maestro Intrilligator and his guest artists will be providing their insights into the weekend’s performances, which always enhance the concert experience. Last year we had over 450 attendees. If you are not yet planning on attending one of the Classics concerts, please join us at Sound Bites to see what the performance is all about. You just might find yourself attending the Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon concert. Register and pay on-line for Sound Bites (by visiting the DSO website at dubuquesymphony.org)

Your support is what makes everything we do possible. We thank you again for your generous donations and for being a part of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League.

Joan Harvieux
President, DSOL

GREETERS

Sudha Koneru

This year we are partnering with Clarke University to enlist their music students as Junior DSOL Volunteers to be our

concert greeters prior to each concert. They will greet concert attendees and provide them with programs prior to each show. The students will then be able to attend the concert, which helps them meet their curriculum requirements to attend a certain number of performances throughout the school year. Please welcome and thank them for their participation as a volunteer.

GERANIUM PLUS SALE

 Debbie Burton

We are looking forward to our annual Geranium Plus flower sale in the spring of 2024, following a record number of plant sales in 2023. Our sale begins in early March and will include the same variety of flowers, foliage and gift certificates from Cushman’s and the Amish as in previous years. Orders will be ready for pick up in time for Mother’s Day. Please let us know if you would like to join us as a volunteer on ‘Flower pick-up day’ on Monday May 6th. See you in the spring!

BUNDT CAKES

 Richelle Gentile

Considering our last fundraiser with Nothing Bundt Cakes was so successful we are scheduling another one for the Thursday before Thanksgiving: November 16. All you need to do is go to Nothing Bundt Cakes at 190 JFK and purchase your favorite flavors. They will donate back to the DSOL a percentage of their sales.

SOUND BITES Ruth Hartig



Sound Bites will once again take place at the Dubuque Golf and Country Club from 11:30 – 1:00 each Friday before the Classic Concert weekends. As in previous years, Maestro Intrilligator will provide some of the historical background on the composers and the compositions, along with his insights on the pieces to be performed. Joining him will be the guest artists, along with several of the DSO soloists. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20, which you can purchase on the DSO website at www.dubuquesymphony.org or by calling the DSO office at 563-557-1677. The buffet lunch promises once again to be delicious.

ARTS TREK Cindy Mueller



Each year the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra presents free concerts to 5th and 3rd graders from area schools as a way to introduce young students to symphonic music and the various instruments in the orchestra. These concerts are held at The Five Flags Theatre in downtown Dubuque. Last year, approximately 1,700 5th graders from 37 schools heard Maestro Intrilligator and the DSO perform music choices depicting the evolution of style, from Mozart to John Williams' Star Wars to 'My Shot' from the musical Hamilton. The 2,550 3rd graders from 46 area schools were treated with performances demonstrating individual instruments and orchestra sections. A solo was performed by Bret Tomkins, a tuba player from Hempstead High School, who was this year's winner of the youth concerto contest, which was sponsored by the League.

This year the 5th Grade Concerts were held on Thursday, Oct. 12. The 3rd Grade Concerts will be held on Thursday, November 2. The DSOL provides the ushers for these concerts and welcomes your participation as a volunteer.

ARTS TREK LUNCH Ruth Hartig

Due to the number of schools and students attending, 3rd grade Arts Trek has two performances – morning and afternoon. The DSOL provides a buffet of treats for the musicians backstage between concerts.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cindy Mueller

The Summer Camp, held at Clarke University, was a huge success. The students performed an awesome concert on Sunday at the Dubuque Arboretum prior to DSO's Summer Concert. The DSOL was happy to provide each student and staff with a dinner prior to the concert.

Tour 24! – Kansas City – February 2-4

The DSOL is assisting with expenses for the Dubuque Symphony Youth Ensemble trip on February 2-4 to the Kansas City Reading Repertory Orchestra.

MEMBERSHIP

Joyce Johnson / Kathe Richardson

Our membership drive is in full swing, and we encourage you to renew your membership, if you have not already done so.

BRIDGE FUNDRAISER

The DSOL Bridge Event for 2023 was held on Thursday, September 28, at the Dubuque Golf and Country Club. This was the 10th year for this event which started in 2012 at Thunder Hills Country Club. Okay, if you're doing the math, that doesn't compute, but blame COVID. We took two years off during the pandemic. If you play bridge and haven't joined us in the past, please consider it next year. The event is held on the fourth Thursday of September. It's a fun fundraiser and the proceeds go towards the education programs of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra.

**I LOVE THE SYMPHONY
FORTISSIMO FASHION SHOW**

Marilynne Field is hosting an I Love the Symphony event – Fortissimo – Fall Fur Fling and Bling presented by Rhomberg Fur & Leather Gallery on Sunday, November 19th at 1:30 at the DG&CC. Dessert and tea will be served. Reservations of \$25 should be submitted to the DSO office by November 16.

GUEST ARTIST'S GIFT BAGS

This year the DSOL will be giving each guest artist a sweet treat of Trappistine Caramels.

For more information about the DSOL and our activities, please visit
dubuquesymphony.org/dubuque-symphony-orchestra-league