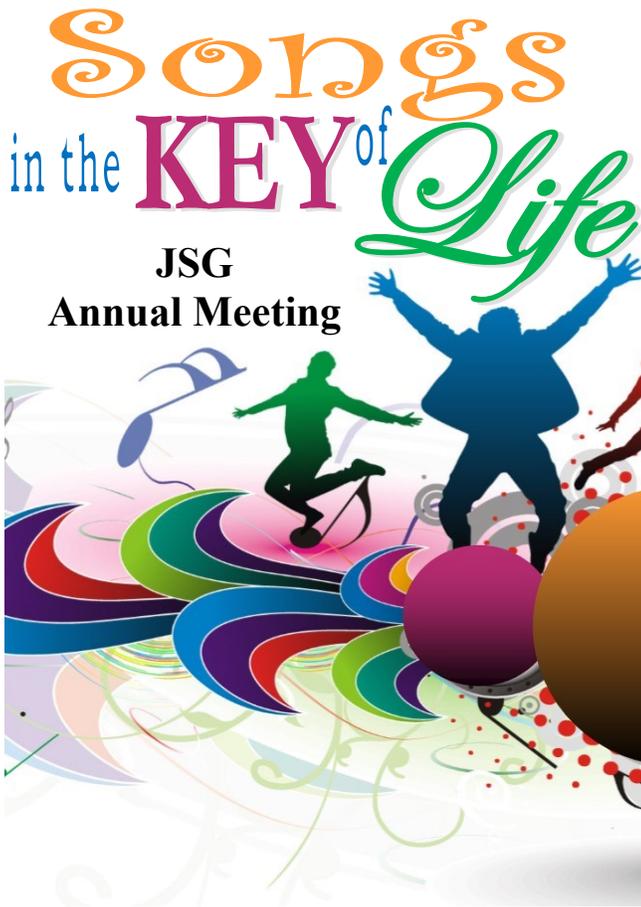


# JSG Interlude

A newsletter for Jackson Symphony Guild members and friends of the JSO



Please plan to join the Jackson Symphony Guild Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting, “Songs of Life,” on Thursday, May 17. The meeting will be held at the JSO Weatherwax Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The evening will feature amazing food, beverages, specialty desserts and music presented by Jackson Community School students.

Guild Members receive complimentary admission based on their membership level. Basic receives 1 free admission, Family and Patron receive 2 free admissions. Additional guests are \$25 each.

Please RSVP by May 10, 2018. Registration is online at [jacksonsymphony.org/event/jsg-annual-meeting](http://jacksonsymphony.org/event/jsg-annual-meeting).

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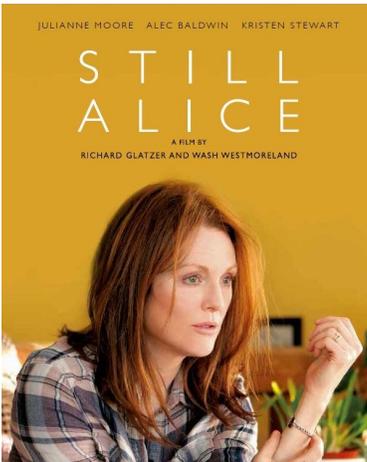
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**Join the 2018 Foot Notes**



Mark your calendars and dust off your walking shoes! The Foot Notes are back and ready to join the Walk to End Alzheimer’s! Plan to join us Friday, September 14 for an evening walk downtown Jackson. Register at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org). Click the purple arrow and follow the prompts!

## Save the Date for Music & Memory Movie Night: *Still Alice*



This year we will have another FREE movie night featuring the movie *Still Alice*. On August 23, 2018, the Michigan Theater doors will open at 6pm. The program and movie will begin at 6:30pm. Donations for our County-wide project will be collected that evening along with registrations for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Once again, The JSG will have a team called the Foot Notes.

*Still Alice* is a 2014 American independent drama film based on Lisa Genova's 2007 bestselling novel of the same name. The film stars Julianne Moore as Alice Howland, a linguistics professor diagnosed with familial Alzheimer's disease shortly after her

50th birthday. Alec Baldwin plays her husband, John, and Kristen Stewart, Kate Bosworth and Hunter Parrish play her children, Lydia, Anna and Tom.

The film received critical acclaim, particularly for the performance given by Moore, who won numerous awards including the Academy Award for Best Actress.

## Thank You!

The Phil and Pat Willis Foundation recently awarded the JSG a very generous \$5,000 grant to the Music and Memory Project.

This grant will enable the Jackson District Library to distribute bags containing the head sets, players and personalized playlists to those living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Music and Memory team members are available to speak to groups about this worthwhile project. Contact Julie Duesing ([jdusing5@gmail.com](mailto:jdusing5@gmail.com)) to line up a speaker.



## 2018 Holiday Ball Planning In Progress



We have a theme, a perfect location and a wonderful crew of volunteers hard at work on the many aspects of this year's Guild Holiday Ball.

Inspired by one of the delightful stories told by Bob Tagatz, Concierge and Resident Historian of the Grand Hotel, our Holiday Ball theme for 2018 is *Behind the Secret Door – An Elegant Speakeasy*. It will take us back to the days of Prohibition set in a most unlikely place, the beautiful Grand Hotel of

Mackinac Island.

As Mr. Tagatz has said, "Planned police 'raids' with media coverage during Prohibition were not uncommon during the 1920's, and were used to promote the hotel, which never had a dry day during the national ban of alcohol."

Look for more information throughout the year leading up to this premiere event to benefit the JSG. You will no doubt want to save the date, December 1, 2018,

for a night of celebration incorporating grandeur, intrigue and social history from the perspective of a magnificent hotel built 131 years ago.



## Welcome Baby Aubin!

JSG Maestro Matt Aubin and his wife Michelle welcomed a gorgeous baby girl into the world on February, 5, 2018. Juliette Rose Aubin weighed 7lbs, 2oz and measured 20" long. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Aubin Family.

## JSG Welcomes Angela Machnik



A graduate of Western Michigan University in 2000 with a BBA in General Business and a Spanish minor, Angela moved to Jackson in March of 2007 to join the American Red Cross where she gained her first few years of experience in

event planning. While working for the Red Cross was a fantastic experience for Angela, she ultimately made the tough decision to leave the Red Cross in 2008 and moved to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce as the events director. In August of 2016, she left the Chamber to start her own corporate event planning business and continues that business today.

Currently involved in the Jackson Business and Professional Women's Organization as the secretary, she was named the 2012 Jackson BPW Person of Achievement,

and in 2013 was a Harriet A. Meyer award recipient. Most recently Angela became the 2015 Susan B. Anthony award recipient. She also serves as the Parade Director for the Jackson County Rose Parade, and is a mentor for Energizing Education and so much more.

In addition to her professional experience she loves spending her free time as a mom to her daughter Olivia, practicing yoga, reading, and taking their yellow lab Duke for long walks, and traveling around the USA and internationally.



Donna Riley and Catina Lowe have also joined the JSG Board. Donna is returning and Catina is brand new to the Guild. You will get to know these two ladies in upcoming Interludes where we will feature their individual bios. Please welcome all three new JSG Members!

## Getting Ready For A Party?

The Jackson Symphony Guild can add supplies to your event. We have vases, lanterns, umbrellas, chargers, buckets, runners, ribbon, tablecloths, lights and so much more. For a copy of the full list and to rent any of our great items, email Maryanne Fuchs at [marefuchs@gmail.com](mailto:marefuchs@gmail.com).



We are pleased to announce this year's winner of the Mary Spring Into Music Scholarship: Ian Shasha!

Ian is no stranger to our school. He is a student of Ji Hyun Kim and has gained a lot of attention through not only his performances at our recitals and around town, but also because he was a National Spelling Bee finalist in Washington DC earlier this year. Ian performed beautifully and is a deserving recipient of this scholarship. He is a freshman.

The judges, Julie Love Sherman and Mark Mathias, were invaluable in sharing their thoughts and expertise.



The Community Music School has many upcoming events. JSO string trio will be at the JDL on Apr. 13. Stephen Osmond Scholarship auditions will be held April 25. String Team will have rehearsals and recital April 28-May 5. CMS recitals will be May 2-4 with the end of the CMS school year being May 18.

JSG Summer Scholarship auditions took place on Mar. 1. Judges were Linda Rockwell and Anastasia Bonotto, both JSO members. Almost \$2000 in scholarships were distributed to the following students:

- Serena Fleming - piano, violin
- Cassie Jordan - piano
- Addison Jordan - violin
- Jared Cook - cello, piano
- Haley Gipson - piano
- Riley Burgan - piano
- Cassidy Christie - viola
- Hannah Riedel - piano
- Cooper Cromwell - guitar
- Maya Saxton - violin
- Chase Cromwell - guitar
- Ian Shasha - violin
- Callum Thomson - violin
- Janet Shasha - violin
- Imogen Thomson - violin
- Carver Young - piano
- Katherine Gerring - violin
- Stephanie Moll - flute
- Elise Bullock - violin
- Abigail Fox - piano
- Grace Bullock - violin
- Taryn Arnold - violin
- Laura Coleman - violin
- Ella Kraus - flute
- Haotian Li - trumpet, piano, violin

The next upcoming concert for the Jackson Youth Symphony Orchestra will be May 6 at East Jackson High School at 3:00pm.



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## JSO Upcoming Events

Season Ticket renewals are under way. People have the opportunity to renew their season ticket to our Signature Series and Music on Tap series.

Our final Signature Series concert of this season will be on May 12. This concert features American Voices. We open with a world premiere by our very own Jonathan Bruce Brown. This work is a fanfare for orchestra commemorating the inaugural season of Matthew Aubin's tenure as Music Director. Cellist Julian Schwarz joins the JSO to present the Michigan premiere of Lowell Libermann's 2017 Cello Concerto. Featuring African-American spirituals, Dvorak's New World Symphony concludes the concert and our season. A special feature to this concert will be the recognition of the Guild and their amazing work supporting the JSO and presenting the largest check ever.

May 19 is our World Fusion Music on Tap concert. This concert features Musique Noire, a women-led strings and percussion ensemble performing dynamic world fusion music. The members, residing in Detroit and Chicago, are veteran performers nationally and internationally. Releases include "Good Hair" (2008) and "Holiday Dreams: A Celebration of Christmas" (2011) and "Reflections: We Breathe" (2017).

Summer Solstice is June 22 at Blackman Park and once again is a free concert. Be sure and bring your friends out to enjoy amazing music and help us kick off our summer of free concerts.

The JSO is excited to launch a brand new Musician Chair sponsorship opportunity. Do you have a favorite musician or instrument? You can now sponsor that person/instrument for an entire season. As a sponsor you will be able to name the chair, perhaps in loving memory of a parent or music teacher that inspired you as well as invitations to special events and opportunities to meet with the musician. If you are interested in learning more please contact Valerie Herr at 517-782- 3221 or [valh@jacksonsymphony.org](mailto:valh@jacksonsymphony.org).