President’s Message

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. During this time, we have provided fifteen SMILES concerts in NRV schools, and have completed four week-long intensive sessions by professional musicians in local elementary schools in our AIRS program. What an exciting year it has been!

This is my final message as President, and it has been an honor to serve this organization, whose mission involves providing music education programs in our schools and supporting the RSO. You may recall that I have attempted to highlight one aspect of our efforts in each “President’s Message” since I started drafting them. For my final message, I would like to tell you about our Musical Road Show.

The Musical Road Show is the brain child of Julie Earthman, along with a few other Board members who conceived of the idea approximately ten years ago. Julie and the others thought that providing intimate settings for folks to enjoy small musical ensembles might be a great opportunity to spread the word about the NRV Friends of the RSO. With the assistance of Ernie Bentley, then owner of Old Town Printing, the Passport was born!

Many of you receive the Musical Road Show Passport in the mail at the end of the summer each year. I know that when I first started receiving those in the mail, I thought that only people who were somehow “official” in one way or another with the organization could attend a Road Show. I didn't think the Passport was for me. But I was SO wrong! I have since discovered that the Musical Road Show events are for EVERYONE!

Julie’s Committee, which has consisted of Nancy Dowling and Donia Eley for the last two years, has been hard at work to provide an outstanding Road Show season for 2018! So, if you haven’t attended or sponsored a Road Show program before, this is a perfect opportunity to do so. The details of our Season Nine can be found in this Newsletter.

If you purchased a Road Show ticket, or sponsored a Road Show event in the past, you helped support music education in our NRV schools! How fulfilling to know that children were exposed to live music because of your support. Please make plans to attend or call Julie to sponsor one of these exciting new events so that we may continue providing outstanding music programs in our schools!

Finally, I’d like to recognize the Directors who end their service on the Board and thank them. Our longtime member, one of the founders of the organization, Jim Johnson, officially retired from the Board on December 31. Ann Berenato, Constance Cedras, Donia Eley (Corresponding Secretary 2016-18), Rick Furr (President 2013-16), and Nicole Paglialonga (SMILES Chair) are concluding their service on the Board effective June 30. Without Board members like these volunteers, our organization could not do its wonderful work!

Have a great summer! I look forward to seeing you all at a Road Show event and the RSO Holiday Pops!

Kim Adel, President

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**Masterworks in Red, Pops in Blue**

**Symphonic Fire: Opening Night**
Sat. September 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Berglund Performing Arts Theatre
Juan Nicolau, classical guitar & composer
David Stewart Wiley, conductor
*Da Falla* Ritual Fire Dance from “El Amor Brujo”
*Nicolau* In The Mariola Mountains
*Guitar Concerto* [Virginia Premiere]
*Dvorak* Symphony No. 8 in G Major

**Broadway A to Z: ABBA to LES MIS**
Fri. October 19, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Salem Civic Center
Broadway star vocalists
David Stewart Wiley, conductor

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**Valentine Dreams**
Sat. February 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m. or
Sun. February 10, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Shaftman Performance Hall
Akemi Takayama, violin
Rebecca Young, viola
David Stewart Wiley, conductor
*W.A. Mozart* Symphony No. 1
*George Walker* Lyric for Strings
*Vaughan Williams* Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis
*W.A. Mozart* Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola, and Orchestra in E flat Major

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**Russian Fireworks**
Sat. March 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Berglund Performing Arts Theatre
Roanoke Symphony Chorus & Guest Choruses
David Stewart Wiley, conductor
*Tchaikovsky* Romeo & Juliet Overture-Fantasy
*Tchaikovsky* 1812 Overture
*Borodin* Polovetsian Dances & In the Steppes of Central Asia
*Rimsky-Korsakov* Slava

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**American The Beautiful**
Sun. April 28, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Shaftman Performance Hall
Dr. James “Bud” Robertson, narrator
David Stewart Wiley, conductor
The Battle Hymn of the Republic • When Johnny Comes Marching Home • America the Beautiful • American Civil War Fantasy • Swing Low Sweet Chariot • Gone With The Wind • Armed Forces Salute

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**Season Nine of a Musical Road Show**

Plans are well underway for the Friends annual Musical Road Show. Composed of a variety of six “stops” each featuring a unique musical attraction and tasty eatables and drink, Road Show is an experience not to be missed! Following is just a peek at each stop with more details coming in Passport, your formal invitation, to be posted August 1. If a particular event strikes your fancy and you’d like to be a sponsor of said event, please call Julie Earthman — she’d love to have you on board! 951-2051

**Stop One**
**Music with a Jazzy Beat**
Pulaski Theatre
Featuring the Charlie Perkinson Trio with bassist Charlie Perkinson, Al Broholm, piano, and Al Wojtera, drums.
Hors d’oeuvres provided by Alf’s on 1st, Jackson Park Inn
Friday, September 7, 2018, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

**Stop Two**
**Music in a Salon Setting**
Home of Debby Hix and Bob Schulman
Featuring Judy Bevans, harpsichord, and additional string players
Enjoy a dessert bar, wine, liqueurs, and cafe.
Thursday, September 13, 2018, 7–9 p.m.

**Stop Three**
**A Melodious Musical Trio**
Home of Constance Cedras with Sherwood Quillen
Featuring Robert Trent, guitar, Pam Trent, piano and Elizabeth Crone, flute
Catered by Kelly Erb, The Invisible Chef
Tuesday, September 25, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**Stop Four**
**Music in a Recital Setting**
Nesselrod Bed & Breakfast
Featuring students from the Central Fine Arts Academy, Radford
Catered by Nesselrod Catering
Thursday, October 4, 6–8 p.m.

**Stop Five**
**Music and the Great American Songbook!**
Moss GALLERY
Featuring vocalists Catherine Breske, Todd Millsaps, and Mardy Baker accompanied by pianist Charlotte Smith, George McNeil, bass, and Bill Ray, drums. They will be performing jazz standards and Broadway/Hollywood show tunes that are perennial favorites.
Catered by HazelBea Catering
Thursday, October 18, 6–8 p.m.

**Stop Six**
**Music with a Dixieland Beat**
Warm Hearth Village Center
Featuring the Riverboat Ramblers arranged by trumpeter John Gregg
Catered by the Village Gourmet
Tuesday, October 23, 6–8 p.m.

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Julie Earthman
The Saturn String Quartet kicked off the first year of a new AIRS program at Riverlawn Elementary School in Pulaski County in April. After a week of hands-on instruction on child-sized violins, the school was treated to an educational concert by the Quartet! And these same students will have an opportunity for hands-on experience with another section of the Orchestra next year.

In addition to the new AIRS program at Riverlawn, Eastern Montgomery Elementary hosted VT Brass, which includes brass section members of the RSO. The second year of the program at Eastern Elementary in Giles County found the RSO’s Al Wojtera taking the Radford percussion studio to work with third graders. And the Saturn String Quartet presented the first year in the four-year cycle at Margaret Beeks Elementary in the fall. We are excited about the upcoming school year’s opportunities to provide musical instrument experiences to NRV students!

Thank you to the donors who sponsor our AIRS programs. If you are interested in finding out more about the Artists in Residence program, please contact Dr. Edie Carter at (540) 230-4556.

SMILES Concerts

We were excited to welcome the Blacksburg Children’s Chorale to the schedule for our SMILES concerts in 2017–18. Their concert at McHarg Elementary in Radford, demonstrated that the concert-goers pay close attention when the performers are their peers. The VT Jazz Ensemble performed at the Lyric to a large audience of school children, and the VT Percussion Ensemble played two concerts geared for different ages of students at Belview Elementary. In all, fifteen concerts were performed for our NRV students! We are in the process of scheduling 2018–19 and expect to repeat some of these musicians, and bring new duets, trios and quartets to the NRV schools as well.

Thank you to the Corning Incorporated Foundation and the Community Foundation of the NRV for their grants in support of the SMILES program. Also, thank you to the individual donors who sponsored SMILES concerts.

I am sad to report that our SMILES coordinator for the last few years, Nicole Paglialonga, is leaving to accompany her husband to North Texas University this summer. Nicole will be greatly missed and, even though we are sad to see her go, we wish her and Phil great success in Texas! Thank you, Nicole, for your outstanding work on behalf of NRV school children!

As Nicole leaves, we welcome back Elizabeth (Betsy) Crone to manage the AIRS program. Betsy managed the SMILES program in the past, and we are grateful to her for stepping into this role again. Betsy continues her hard work confirming plans for the 2018–19 season.

Support the NRV Friends...

Thank you to our many individual donors!

Please support the NRV Friends of the Roanoke Symphony using the envelope insert
Roanoke Symphony Orchestra
Holiday Pops
Saturday, December 8, 2018
at 4:00 pm
Moss Arts Center, Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA
We are proud to co-sponsor this event with the Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech.

Recognitions
At the Reception in the Cube preceding the RSO Holiday Pops program in December, 2017, the NRV Friends of the RSO recognized Jim and Janet Johnson for their many contributions to the NRV Friends. Jim was a founding member of our organization, and Janet volunteered in the infancy of the program. Together, for years, they took care of all the details of contracting a bus to transport NRV residents to RSO programs, and provided refreshments for the trip. Even after the Johnsons moved to Roanoke, and Janet was volunteering with the RSO Board, Jim continued to be active on our NRV Friends’ Board until he felt that their move to Roanoke made it no longer feasible. Their contributions are innumerable and our organization will forever be indebted to both Jim and Janet.

The NRV Friends also recognized Ted Talarek, who was then Plant Manager of Corning Inc. in Christiansburg, and Tammy (Ashburn) Crystal, his Assistant. Ted and Tammy have supported the SMILES program and recommended to the Corning Incorporated Foundation that it award grants to the NRV Friends for SMILES concerts since 2010. Their long-term support has allowed us to greatly expand the reach of our SMILES program.