

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 Paglilonga** (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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RSO Announces 2018–19 Schedule

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

Broadway's greatest hits of all time.

Featuring songs from Showboat, Les Misérables, Guys and Dolls, The King and I, Peter Pan, Rent, West Side Story, Cabaret, and The Music Man.

Beethoven & Shostakovich

Sat. November 17, 2018, 7:30 p.m. or

Sun. November 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Shaftman Performance Hall

Natasha Paremski, piano

David Stewart Wiley, conductor

Rossini Overture to Cinderella

Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 2

Beethoven Symphony No. 7, A Major

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

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

Never Break the Chain:

The Music of Fleetwood Mac

Fri. April 26, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Salem Civic Center

Jeans 'n Classics, instrumentalists & vocalists

David Stewart Wiley, conductor

By popular demand, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra rocks on to the iconic sounds of Fleetwood Mac. Hear the full symphony orchestra with the band performing “Little Lies,” “Landslide,” “Don’t Stop,” and many more of their beloved hits.

America 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

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 Al'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 McNeill, 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.

Julie Earthman

Artists in Residence (AIRS) Update

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.

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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.

The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra returns with everyone's annual favorite, the *Holiday Pops* program. Gather your friends and family, and celebrate the season with a merry musical program for audiences of all ages.

NRV Friends can purchase individual tickets beginning July 24, before they are available to the general public. You just enter the promo code **NRVFriends18** on the Moss Arts Center website and it will unlock the show 2 weeks early for New River Valley Friends of the RSO.

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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.

