



Hitting the Right Notes!

Fall 2022

Welcome to BRSL 2022- 2023 & the Fall Newsletter! We have a very active season planned and looking forward to you joining us as we support BRSO with our attendance at concerts, fundraising and general support. If you haven't renewed your general membership, please consider rejoining now at www.BRSymphonyLeague.org.

Key upcoming dates include:

- **9/15** – Emanuel Ax concert → BRSL members are offered a discount for zones B & C. [LINK](#) and use the code “League”
- **9/29** – Member-Guest Brunch - Join us for the reveal of the 2023 Mad Hatters theme!
- **10/14** –Bach-tober Fest – If you would like to volunteer at the “Brat” bar – please contact Michele.Shaffer@yahoo.com
- **11/26** - Bal de la Symphonie presenting the LJA class of 2023
- **11/27** – Pick up reserved Christmas Trees
- **4/20** – Mad Hatters 2023!

We welcome your ideas & thoughts for BRSL. If you have any questions, please email BR.Symphony.League@gmail.com

I look forward to working with all of you this season!

Shannon Lewy

President 2022-2023

Introducing the 2022-2023

BRSL Board of Directors

- **President** – Shannon Lewy
- **President Elect** – Andrea Lanehart
- **1st VP** – Kelli Pennington
- **2nd VP** – Bridgette Coleman
- **LJA Advisor** - Kelly Lee / Edy Koonce (2023)
- **Secretary** – Susan White
- **LJA Co-chairs** – Nicole Wester / Charlotte Smith
- **Ball Chairmen** – Rachel Helmke / Katie Schellack
- **Treasurer** – Linda Gibson / Amy Grassman
- **Bylaws** – Angelique Manne
- **Membership** – Shelly Labbe / Michele Shaffer
- **Technology** – Catherine Van Hook
- **Membership Events** – Nicole Demoss
- **Mad Hatters Chair** – Lexy Freeman
- **Historian** – Elizabeth Johnson
- **Publicity** – Cheryl Harrell / Lauren Serpas
- **Sponsorships** – Bridgette Coleman / Holly DeKeyser
- **BRSO Events** – Melanie Geautreau
- **Symphony on the Geaux** – Christi Pierce

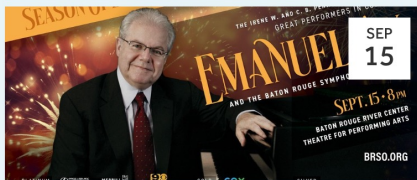


BRSL board members enjoying the March 10 rooftop get together.



BRSL mission: “To serve the interest of the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra by **fostering music appreciation** among children and adults and by **giving volunteer service** and **financial support** to the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra.”

Music is in the Air: Fall Concert Opportunities



Emanuel Ax

IRENE W. AND C. B. PENNINGTON
FOUNDATION GREAT PERFORMERS IN
CONCERT SERIES

GRAMMY® Award-Winning Pianist, **EMANUEL AX**, with the
Baton Rouge Symphony

Sep 15, 2022 · 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Candlelight Concert: Totally 80's

A quartet of your BRSO musicians performing pieces from the
80's (that's the 1980's, 1880's and 1780's) in an intimate venue,
surrounded by candlelight. Whether you're looking for a unique
performance or a romantic evening, this concert is for you.

Sep 20, 2022 – Sep 21, 2022 · 6:30 PM



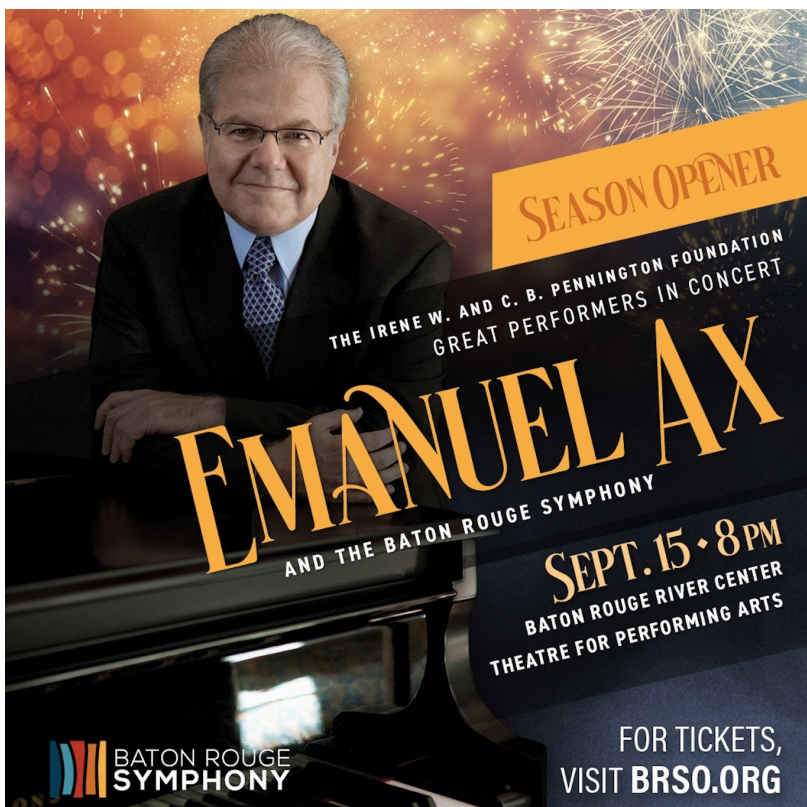
Chamber Series - Bachtobertfest 2022

"Bach" by popular demand is the Sixth Annual Bachtobertfest!

The Baton Rouge Symphony kicks off the 2022-2023 Lamar
Family Chamber Series with a night of beer, brats, and Bach.

This family-friendly, outdoor concert provides an intimate and
relaxed setting to enjoy classical music. BYOB, with brats
available for purchase. While seating is provided, concertgoers
can pack their own picnic and enjoy the concert from the lawn
as well.

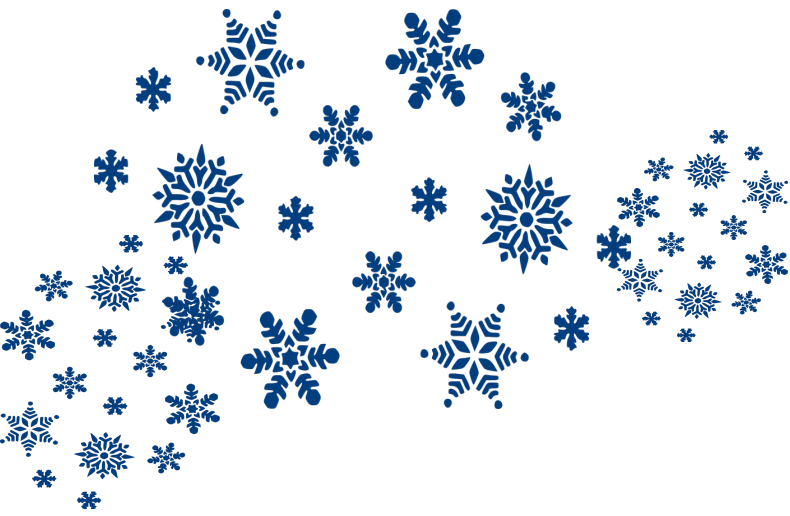
Oct 14, 2022 · 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM



Subscription requests will be
sent to BRSL members in the
next week or two

See BRSO.org for holiday brass
& Home for the Holidays
concert dates.

Don't forget the "League"
discount for tickets to the
Emanuel Ax concert!



This year, we have a new fundraising opportunity:

Get a new Christmas Tree just in time for the holidays! These high quality, faux, flocked, pre-lit Christmas trees are available at deeply discounted prices.

- **8 ft. trees - \$499.** They are 51" diameter and have 700 warm white lights. *Retail price \$899.*
- **9 ft. trees - \$679.** They are 55' diameter and have 900 warm white lights. *Retail price \$1499.*
- **10 ft. trees - \$999.** They are 59" diameter and have 1000 warm white lights. *Regular price \$1999.*

To reserve your tree, please email Rachel Helmke at brsl.ball.chair@gmail.com.

These trees will be available for pick up at the Crowne Plaza on **Sunday, November 27th from 9 am - 11:30 am.**



Oh Christmas Tree!
Oh Christmas Tree!

Flocked, Pre-lit Christmas Trees For Sale!



Looking back at last year: What did we spend our time doing in 2021-2022 ?

- **Volunteering:** LJA and sponsors worked 15 concerts and completed ~ over 400 service hours in support of BRSO and BRSL activities; Members also volunteered untold hours to support our traditional fund raisers: Mad Hatters and Bal de la Symphonie.
- **Honoring:** 19 Seniors were honored at the December 21 Bal de la Symphonie and at the Spring "Senior Send-off" luncheon on May 7.
- **Gaining Recognition:** BRSL's Mad Hatters fund raiser was recognized by the League of American Orchestras with a "Spotlight Award" for innovation and creativity! Continuing the trend, the 2022 Mad Hatters "Artistas & Fashionistas" brought in more \$50,000 in revenue this year.
- **Winning Grants:** the Baton Rouge Junior League recently awarded BRSL's "Symphony on the Geaux" camp project with a \$1310 Community Assistance Fund grant to support the supplies needed for this 3-day camp that is held in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club in June.
- **Organizing:** BRSL members participated and helped organize the 75th Anniversary Gala
- **Refreshing & Remembering:** we have a refreshed logo and website – check it out @ <https://brsymphonyleague.org>; Additionally, the historian committee and LJA who organized and scanned boxes of archive materials that will soon be available on our website.
- **Treating the Musicians:** Cookies and sweet treats were delivered to the musicians to sweeten their last practice prior to the final concert of the successful 2021-22 season
- **Fine Dining:** Many thanks to Stroubes for sponsoring the pre-concert dinners for the Opening and Closing Nights this year! Not only are the meals delicious, Stroubes also donates profits as a fundraiser.
- **Meeting:** Two general Membership meetings were held: the Fall Meeting at Susan Love's home on Nov 4th and the Spring "Sips with the Symphony League" was held on the John Turner & Jerry Fisher Rooftop Terrace prior to the March 10th concert.



Membership Events committee at the March 10th Meeting

Michele Shaffer
BRSL President 2021-2022

Les Jeunes Amies de la Symphonie

The Les Jeunes Amies (LJA) program is translated as the "Young Friends of the Symphonie". The LJA program of 2021-2022 has 80 young ladies actively supporting the Symphony by helping at the BRSO concerts and supporting various BRSL functions. You will see the LJA members in many areas – from scanning tickets and playing with children at "Symphony on the Geaux" summer camp to delivering poinsettias after the Ball, as well as other community and support activities.



Senior Send off

A farewell luncheon for the graduating seniors was held May 7 at the Baton Rouge Country Club. Each senior received a monogrammed jewelry box to commemorate their 4 years of service to BRSL and BRSO. Congratulations to all!



Ellie Waguespack was recognized with the **Annilee Phillips Service Award** for the senior volunteering the most service hours the past four years.

Have questions about the LJA program? Know a rising 7th, 8th or 9th grader that might be interested in LJA? Contact brsl.les.jeunes.amies.program@gmail.com



Fostering Music Appreciation

Symphony on the Geaux (formerly known as Culture Camp), is a 3-day mini camp held in conjunction with Boys Club/Girls Club of Baton Rouge. Each summer, the Baton Rouge Symphony League partners with Boys Club & Girls Club to coordinate and provide volunteers for a 3 day “camp within a camp”. Members of LJA (Les Jeunes Amies), volunteer before and during the camp with hands-on support of the event.

This project directly supports the BR Symphony League’s mission of “fostering music appreciation among children” by providing a fun, hands on set of camp activities introducing symphony, dance, and music related arts & crafts during the camp session. Some of the activities include:

- Meet the conductor – where they learn about instruments and can touch and play on real instruments
- Create DIY Drum Kit / Guitar / Maracas
- Music history activity pages
- Learning a Hip-Hop dance routine
- Receive a craft book with a set of supplies that can be used for school

This in person camp has positive reviews from both the participants and the volunteers! For 2022, the camp was held June 6th, 7th and 8th and reached 50+ campers in 3rd-4th grade

My Symphony Fun Book



In 2021, due to Covid crisis, the annual camp sponsored by BRSL was unable to be in person.

Undaunted, the camp was re-envisioned to provide an activity kit and school supplies to children while they attended summer camp.

Through a generous Community Assistance Fund grant from the **Junior League of Baton Rouge**, **Symphony on the Geaux** was able to distribute 100 additional activity kits to Boys & Girls Club locations in Baton Rouge. Thanks y’all!



Artistas & Fashionistas Mad Hatters 2022

Join us @ Mad Hatters 2023
Save the date!
April 20, 2023





Artistas & Fashionistas Mad Hatters 2022

Many thanks to all members and sponsors who worked and attended this year's Mad Hatters event! Over \$60,000 was raised through raffles, donations, auction items and seat tickets.

SPONSORS



We appreciate our generous 2021-22 Sponsors & Supporters!

