



Hitting the Right Notes!

Fall 2023

BRSL 75th anniversary year has kicked off with the usual flair! Sponsors and Les Jeunes Amies bid farewell in May to the 2023 Seniors and welcomed the incoming freshman class of 2028 on August 28th.

All members were invited to the annual Fall Member-Guest Champagne Brunch at the home of Kelly Lee, where the 2024 Mad Hatters theme, Shining through the Decades, was announced.

It looks to be another exciting year with BRSL! We hope to see you at a concert or at our 75th Anniversary luncheon on December 6th!

Shannon Lewy & Andrea Laneheart
President & President-Elect 2023-2024



Introducing the 2023 - 2024 BRSL Board of Directors

- **President** – Shannon Lewy
- **President Elect** – Andrea Lanehart
- **1st VP** – Bridgette Coleman
- **2nd VP** – Holly DeKeyser
- **LJA Advisor** - Edy Koonce / Charlotte Smith
- **Secretary** – Kelly Lee
- **LJA Co-chairs** – Kelli Pennington/ Charlotte Smith
- **Ball Chairmen** – Rachel Helmke / Katie Schellack
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- **Membership** – Angelique Manne / Michele Shaffer
- **Membership Events** – Nicole DeMoss
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- **Sponsorships** – Shanna Boudreaux / Bridgette Coleman / Holly DeKeyser
- **BRSO Events** – Melanie Geautreau / Janette Nussbaumer
- **Symphony on the Geaux** – Amy Teague
- **Members at Large:** Nicole Wester / Susan White

BATON ROUGE
SYMPHONY LEAGUE
75TH ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON

**DECEMBER
6TH
11:30 AM**

Baton Rouge Country Club

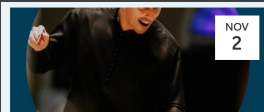
**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**75th
ANNIVERSARY**
BATON ROUGE SYMPHONY LEAGUE



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."

Fall Events



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Orchestral Series II

Beethoven - Symphony no 2
Simon - Breathe
Rachmaninoff - Piano Concerto No 2
Thomas Yu, piano

Nov 2, 2023 - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM



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Symphony of Flavors - Holiday Preview

Join The BRSO and Martin Wine Cellar for an
amazing wine tasting and special concert.

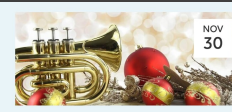
Nov 10, 2023 - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



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Hip Hop Classics: A Concert With Candles (Fall 2023)

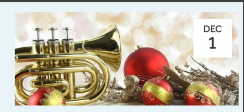
Under the glow of candlelight, with a solo pianist,
enjoy music from The Fugees, Black Eyed Peas,
Notorious B.I.G., Rihanna, Dr. Dre and more.



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Chamber Series - Holiday Brass 2023

Nov 30, 2023 - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM



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Holiday Brass - Hemingbough 2023

Dec 1, 2023 - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM



Member Guest Champagne Brunch

On September 12, BRSL
was pleased to join in
welcoming the new
BRSO Director, Maestro
Adam Johnson.

Many thanks to BRSL
member Kelly Lee for
hosting the event at
her home!

We are more than ½ way to our goal of 75 new or renewed members for our 75th Anniversary! If you haven't joined yet or known someone that might like to join , see <https://brsymphonyleague.org/join-us/> for more details.

Join us in extending a special WELCOME to our Freshman LJA sponsors, new and renewal memberships since April 2023

Carol Abadie
Cynthia Bailey
Louann Bombet
Kenneth Brown
Mary Blumentritt
Heidi Chustz
Jennifer DeCuir
Mary Jane Dillenberger
Charlene Favre
Linda Gibson
Emily Guidroz
Dianne Guidry
Desiree Gutierrez

Shyla Hebert
Loredana Heck
Krystal Howell
Kelly Sword Hurtado
Catrina Kennedy
Edy Koonce
Alice Kronenberger
Frankie Laborde
Andrea Lanehart
Jill LeBlanc
Kelly Lee
Shannon Lewy
Laurianne Lipari

Ann Michelle Logon
Candance Lowe
Angelique Manne
Jennifer Maltbie
Maria Mathews
Tiffany Hingle Moore
Yvonne Olinde
Kelli Pennington
Kristy Raacke
Tara Rheubottom
Margaret Sabadie
Laney Sanders
Katie Schellack

Sara Smith
Mary Stringfellow
Diya Tati
Donna Torres
Amanda Vincent
Rebecca Walker
Nicole Wester
Susan White
Whitney Willard
Renita Williams-Thomas
Shelley Zeringue

Les Jeunes Amies de la Symphonie

The Les Jeunes Amies (LJA) program is translated as the "Young Friends of the Symphonie". The LJA program typically 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 2023

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!



Katherine Fivgas was recognized with the **Annslee Phillips Service Award** for the senior volunteering the most service hours the past four years. Each year, each Les Jeunes Amies member volunteers an average of 20 hours on behalf of BRSL and BRSO.

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

Les Jeunes Amies de la Symphonie

LA Fall Kickoff

The BRSL LJA advisory team welcomed new LJA freshman members and sponsors on August 27th. The rising senior class of 2024, was also honored at the event. The senior class will be presented formally at the Bal de la Symphonie later this year on December 16th.



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Fostering Music Appreciation

Symphony on the Geaux is a mini-camp held in partnership with Boys Club/Girls Club of Baton Rouge. BRSL coordinates and provides volunteers and activities for this “camp within a camp” that supports the BRSL mission of “fostering music appreciation”.

This year’s camp was held at Buchanan Elementary where members of LJA (Les Jeunes Amies), volunteered to support of the event.

Many thanks to Suzanne Buerkle, Flutist and Piccolo Soloist of the BRSO, who demonstrated a variety of musical instruments to the students. The camp received rave reviews from both the participants and volunteers!



SHINING THROUGH THE DECADES

Join us @ Mad Hatters 2024
Save the Date!
April 25, 2024



Contact **Shanna Boudreaux**,
Bridgette Coleman or **Holly DeKeyzer** about sponsorship opportunities!

HELP WANTED!

Additional volunteers are needed to help with Mad Hatter. Please see the sign-up link is below that shows the open spots.

[2023-2024 Baton Rouge Symphony League Member Sign Up](#)

Or contact Membership Chair [Michele Shaffer](#) for details.