

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Guild membership meeting will be Sunday, September 25, starting at 3:00 pm. (The Board will have a short meeting at 2:00 pm.) The meeting will be held at Malton Place, a short distance north of the Glimmerglass campus on Route 80. (Malton Place is one of the residences for Festival staff.)

We will hear about Guild activities during the past year and elect members of the Guild Board.

Following the business meeting, Tracy Allen, Glimmerglass Youth Chorus Director, will share her thoughts on children in Festival productions. Tracy is an alumna of the initial Young Artists Program in 1988 and will be able to report on her many experiences at Glimmerglass over the years.

NOMINEES FOR GUILD BOARD

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for the Guild Board (Class of 2018):

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| Ernest Adams, Jr. | Jean Lyon |
| Karin de Waal | Christine McNaughton |
| Martha Duke | Janet Potter |
| Rita Emanuel | Thomas Simpson |
| Cynthia Goertemoeller | Joanne Tobey |
| Bill Goertemoeller | Christine Weiss |
| Frederic Johnson | |

Joanne Tobey is nominated for the position previously held by Susan Huxtable. We thank Susan for her many years of service to the Guild Board and especially for her contributions as long-time chair of the Fund-Raising Committee.

KARIN DE WAAL, Chair, Nominating Committee

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, OCTOBER 15

Here is an autumn treat for all Guild members and the community. The Guild sponsors a special fund-raising concert on Saturday, October 15, 2016, beginning at 7:30 pm, at Christ Church, 69 Fair Street, Cooperstown.

Pianist Bruce Harris, accompanied by cello and violin, will perform. He will be joined by Joelle Lachance, soprano. A recent graduate of Boston University's Historical Performance program, Joelle was acclaimed by the *Boston Musical Intelligencer* as a "thrilling, powerful voice with a melting pianissimo." She performed the role of the First Spirit in The Glimmerglass Festival's 2015 *The Magic Flute*. She will be accompanied by Will Kelley, a collaborative pianist on staff at Juilliard.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for ages 18 and under. Tickets are to be available at the Festival ticket office (607-547-2225), beginning in September. (Processing fees apply.) Please watch newspapers and email for additional details.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

The Glimmerglass Festival honored its volunteers at a reception on Tuesday, August 23, in the Pavilion. The theme for the event was taken from the avian references in the Festival's 2016 productions: "Birds of a feather volunteer together," as inscribed on large cakes. Guests left the reception with bags of bird food for their feathered friends back home.

Artistic & General Director Francesca Zambello greeted the assembly thanking them for their volunteer services throughout the entire twelve months of the year.

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Gershwin/Heyward & Gershwin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2016 Glimmerglass season may be over, but what fabulous memories remain! Four main stage productions wowed audiences, as did this year's youth opera *Wilde Tales*. Added to the great pleasure of experiencing these artistic marvels, Guild members had the satisfaction of promoting and supporting the company in so many ways over this busy season.

The Guild can be proud of our accomplishments and the many hours of volunteer service given by our members. I want to thank all our members and the incomparable Guild Board, our committee chairs, and officers for their efforts this year. In particular, let's recognize some who went above and beyond:

- Abby Kreh Gibson and the Education/Community Engagement Committee for an extraordinary series of Talking Opera and outreach programs,
- Christine McNaughton and the tireless Hospitality Committee for assuring that company members were well fed at all our events, and especially at the Eat & Greet, opening performance cast parties, and changeover dinners,
- Chris Weiss for her leadership of our fund-raising activities,
- Dennis Banks for orchestrating this year's sold-out Guild Gala and to our hosts, Jim Miles and The Otesaga Resort Hotel,
- Carol Steigelman and the Silent Auction Committee for putting together an auction that broke all records for bidding at the Gala,
- Tom Simpson for keeping our finances in order and providing leadership and support for our Guild in so many other ways,
- Walter Ashley for organizing our *Crucible* trip to NYC,
- Jean Lyon and her group of gardeners for their work at Lime Kiln,
- Brittany Lesavoy and other members of the company whose valuable assistance throughout the summer made our work possible,
- And, most of all, thanks to our many volunteers for providing so many hours of service to the Guild and company.

Everyone who participated in the Guild's operations and our efforts to support the company and increase the community's enjoyment of The Glimmerglass Festival should take a bow; it has surely been a wonderful year!

I look forward with great anticipation to our work together in 2017.

Gratefully, JANET POTTER

REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

It's that time of year again. Please get together a list of all your hours of volunteer service for the year, October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. Then send your report to Martha Duke, Chair, Volunteer Services, 1638 Lawton Ave., Macon, GA 31201. Email: marthajo31201@yahoo.com. Phone: 478-808-6957. Deadline for your report: October 31, 2016.

Please report all hours spent working for the company and for the Guild, including food shopping, food prep, and serving at events, as well as travel time involved. Attendance at meetings, telephone and correspondence time, report preparation, working in the company offices, transportation of company personnel are all to be included. Please provide information in sufficient detail that the type of activity can be identified.

Do not include any hours related to ushering, including driving time. They are accounted for separately by House Manager Ernie Adams. Also, do not include attendance at any event, unless service is performed. A form for your use is featured on the Guild website.

Please remember that it is important that we give the company a full and accurate listing of Guild volunteer activities and hours of service, because they are key elements in demonstrating community support of The Glimmerglass Festival, in applying for grants, inclusion in the program, etc. Many thanks for all the hard work and commitment. There is no other experience like the Glimmerglass Experience.

MARTHA DUKE, CHAIR, VOLUNTEER SERVICES

PICKUP PICNICS AT THE FESTIVAL

At the 2016 Festival 1,768 picnics were distributed by Guild volunteers. Below, Chris McNaughton, Hospitality Chair; Rae Consigli, in charge of picnic distribution; and happy picnic recipient.



Photo by Black Cat staffer Livia Horn-Scarpulla.

ONLY AT GLIMMERGLASS

Here's a report from Bill Dornburgh, Past President of the Guild, on his attendance at the 2016 Glimmerglass Festival:

"I walk with two canes, and so park my car in the handicapped parking area. There is usually a golf cart, driven by a young person, available to provide transportation to the promenade in front of the Busch auditorium. Today there was none so I hobbled as best I could. Suddenly a cart appeared before me driven by a mature woman. She drove me to the promenade, made sure I had a seat on one of the benches, had an aide get a program for me, and then drove off. It was Francesca."

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to the Guild:

Barbara Chamberlain	Richard Pashley
Matthew and Tammy Crossway	John Pierson
Avram and Cathleen Edidin	Susan Vilagos

OPERA CONTINUES WITH HD SIMULCASTS

The Foothills Performing Arts & Civic Center in Oneonta will once again have HD simulcasts of the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts beginning October 8, 2016, at 12:00 noon, with *Tristan und Isolde*, followed by *Don Giovanni* on October 22, at 12:55 pm. For the entire 2016-17 HD Season call the Center at 607-431-2080.

Thomas Simpson and I will continue the free, 30-plus minute education program before the HD simulcast in the spring, starting with Mozart's *Idomeneo* on March 25, 2017, and then Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* on April 22. Both programs will begin at 12:00 noon.

ABBY KREH GIBSON,

Education/Community Engagement Committee Chair

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

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Ernie Adams, House Manager, thanked the ushers for their achievements and especially called attention to and thanked his Assistant House Manager, Emily Searles. Noting that selecting the award winner is a very difficult job each year, Ernie named Guild members Bruce and Kate Johnson as Ushers of the Year.

Brittany Lesavoy, Director of Public Relations, gave her special thanks to those ushers who mastered use of the ticket scanners. She presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Martha Duke, Chair of the Guild's Member Services Committee.

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

Guild members and their friends enjoyed two special evenings this summer. First, on July 21, a group of 60 had dinner at the Cooperstown Country Club. Members of the Young Artists Program entertained memorably, and the food was delicious.

This year's Gala Dinner at the Otesaga Resort Hotel on August 9 was the largest ever, almost 120 in attendance. We are deeply indebted to the hotel and Jim Miles, General Manager, for their continued support of the Guild. Highlights included a recital by members of the Young Artists Program as well as a special presentation to Michael Heaston, YAP director, who is leaving to take over the young artists program at the Metropolitan Opera. Guild Past President Tom Simpson spoke about all Michael has accomplished at Glimmerglass and gave him a gift on behalf of the Guild membership, a signed print of Abby Kreh Gibson's drawing of the opera house. Michael thanked all members of the Guild for their support during his years at the Festival.

The silent auction that evening was equally successful. Popular items included one-week stays in Lisbon and Paris, parties for 25 and 35, baskets filled with community gift certificates, and dinners hosted in private homes.

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The Guild Board gathered at the home of Guild member Anne O'Connell following their July 26 meeting.



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