

Fall 2023

Thank you for a spectacular year! With your support, the Council Bluffs Guild proudly funds the Omaha Symphony's educational programming in southwest Iowa. Whether it be our scholarship fund or the Omaha Symphony's many educational performances and experiences provided to Iowa students of all ages, it's impactful. This past season, over 3,700 southwest Iowa students benefited from your generosity!

The Council Bluffs Guild's signature event, the Love Your Symphony Dinners, was resurrected and our generous hosts did not disappoint! It was a magical evening, and we are so very appreciative to our hosts and attendees. These dinners are a beloved tradition, and I hope you will consider joining our Council Bluffs Guild for first access to this event.

The June Rhythm on the River event was a blast and what a beautiful setting down at the new River's Edge Pavilion. Thanks to our sponsors, the proceeds from these events also enabled the Council Bluffs Guild to gift the Omaha Symphony with \$5,000.

There are great things on the horizon too! The Omaha Symphony has been awarded a generous \$75,000 per year for three years (\$225,000 total) grant from the Charles E. Lakin Foundation for music education and community engagement in southwest Iowa. This gift, along with your contributions, ensures broader access to the arts for our youth.

This November, Abraham Lincoln High School will be participating in the Choral Collaborative which will be a performance not to be missed. The choir has partnered with the Omaha Symphony culminating in a performance of Brahms' German Requiem at the Holland.

At the 2023 Debutante Ball on December 21st, southwest Iowa will be well represented by two families: Debutante Mira Dreyer, daughter of Brian and Megan Dreyer, and Stag Andrew Peterson, son of Dan and Martha Peterson. Congratulations to the debutantes, stags, and their families on this illustrious recognition, honoring their service to our community.

Please consider attending an upcoming Omaha Symphony concert as they offer so many unique and exciting formats for you to experience great music. They truly have something for everyone.

Without your membership, none of these things would be possible. Please visit omahasymphony.org/cbguild or complete the provided donor card and return it with your check to the provided address. I am honored to serve as the President of the Council Bluffs Guild and would greatly appreciate your support this year. I hope to see you all at an upcoming event and wish you all a happy holiday season.

Jennifer Hanwright





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Love Your Symphony Dinners

Save the Date: February 3, 2024

We can't wait to see what the hosts come up with this year. Seating is limited and CB Guild Members get first access. Please consider joining so you don't miss out on the fun!







Membership Levels

Friends of the Guild

\$30 Member

\$50 Partner

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- First access to Love Your Symphony Dinners, events, & discounted tickets to Omaha Symphony performances.
- Fund music education in southwest lowa across the Omaha Symphony's many programs that benefit over 3,700 students.
- Contribute to a college scholarship for a southwest lowa student to pursue their degree in music or music education.

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The CB Guild was honored to support the Omaha Symphony with a donation of \$5,000 for music education.



The 2023 Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation (SWIEF) scholarship recipient, Daxon Kindred. He will be attending UNO this fall for music performance with a trumpet emphasis!

Rhythm on the River

Guests enjoyed an evening of music from Nova String Quartet, drinks, and delicious food in support of the CB Guild.





Longtime Guild member and supporter, Edna Bach, was honored for her years of service and support.



Andrew Peterson – Son of Dan and Martha Peterson. Graduate of Underwood High School, attending Iowa State, studying Finance and Agricultural Business, Supply Chain Management.

Deputante Ball

Mira Dreyer – Daughter of B.J. and Megan Dreyer. Graduate of Treynor High School, attending Iowa State, studying Human Development and Family Studies.



Thanks Again to our Rhythm on the River Sponsors!











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Youth Education

The Omaha Symphony provides broad access at all grade levels with their many programs: Mission Imagination, Concerts for Youth, Celebrate Creativity, Music Mentors, Choral Collaborative, and Virtual Classroom. Over 3,700 southwest Iowa students benefited from these programs.



Mission Imagination held in the spring at Iowa Western Community College was again a success with over 2,000 pre-K through 3rd grade students in attendance.

Please consider maximizing your support by giving an additional contribution on Giving Tuesday (Nov. 28). Check our Facebook page for more info.

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