

# ♪♪ Notes from Symphony East ♪♪

~ Welcome, Everyone ~  
Our 62nd Season is continuing  
during the harvest time

*"Bringing to YOU  
Musicians at their Best"*

**at the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 William Penn Hwy., Delmont, PA 15626**

***Socialize from 11:00 a.m.—Business Meeting 11:30-11:45***

***Lunch 11:45—12:50***

***Program will begin at 1:00 p.m.***

## ***Performance: Musical selections by a newer member of the PSO!***



***Michelle Hembree, Second Horn***, joined the PSO in September 2023. She earned a bachelor's degree in horn performance from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) and also completed a bachelor's degree in industrial management from UC's Lindner College of Business.

She has appeared as soloist with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, Seven Hills Sinfonietta, and Meridian Symphony. A 2017 Yamaha Young Performing Artist and CCM Kemp Horn Scholar of her class, she also has won numerous competitions, including the Three Arts Neff Scholarship, CCM Undergraduate Instrumentalist competition, YoungArts Merit award, and Andrew Howell Memorial competition.

A native of Boise, Idaho, Ms Hembree's interest in music began at age 5, when she started playing violin. She discovered the horn at age 10.

Outside of music, she enjoys skiing, hiking, and traveling.

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**Biographical sketches about two newer members of the PSO who entertained and conversed with the Symphony East audience last month.** (Both gentlemen voiced their delight in being a part of the SE family for the afternoon.)



***Samuel Nemec*** was appointed as **second oboe** with the PSO in March and joined the Orchestra in September 2023. He was second oboe with the Atlanta Symphony for 11 seasons. Born in South Korea, he grew up in New Jersey and is a graduate of The Juilliard School with a Bachelor of Music degree. He also received a diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music.

***Douglas Rosenthal*** received a Bachelor of Music (cum laude) degree in Trombone Performance at Northwestern University. His appointment as **associate principal trombonist** with the PSO was announced in July, 2023. He evolved from playing the euphonium in grade school into a trombone player by the time he was in high school. He also plays the bass trumpet - the first instrument he played at Carnegie Hall.



### ***President's Message:***

It seems that Fall is coming. Trees and bushes are changing colors and many of the different birds have already flown South. The very hot weather has gone and we have mild temperatures most of the time. Fall and winter activities have begun. When we meet for lunch this month, we will hear about upcoming programs and activities. We will have our annual holiday party in December. The fundraising committee has some exciting plans for later in the season. And don't forget the many wonderful programs that the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra has to offer. There is no lack of something to do. Take advantage of as much as you can.

*Pat Frick, President*

***Reservations for lunch and program:*** All reservations for attendees must be received by the October 12 deadline. The price of the event is a flat fee of \$30.00 which covers the luncheon and program. No walk-ins for the meal will be accepted as the exact quantity of food has to be ordered ahead of time (it will be a served meal). A person who does not want to have lunch can relax and enjoy the program (a \$10.00 donation is requested). If you reserve and can't attend, SE must still pay for the food and the performers so thank you for your check for \$30.00. If you are able to provide a ride to the meeting for those who are not able to drive, doing so would be a kind offering. If you are needing transportation, contact a member living nearby.

😊 🎵 🎵 **The October reservation form is below. Be sure to indicate your choice of entrée.**

**There is also a reservation form for the Holiday Gala & Fundraiser. It will help to simplify the accounting for the two events if you can send a separate check to pay for each event.**

**Including the forms and checks in the same envelope is most acceptable (save a stamp)! 🌸**

*Thank you.* 🎵 😊 🎵 💰 💰 🎵 💰 🎵

▶ ▶ \$ 😊 **From our Treasurer: \$ \$ \$ \$**

As of September 30, 2023, the ending balance is \$6,474.24. The remaining entertainment budget is \$3,050.00 leaving a spendable balance of \$3,424.24.

**According to the by-laws, annual dues are payable at the September meeting and the deadline is December 1. Any new member who joined after the March meeting has already paid for the 2023-2024 season. Prompt payments are appreciated by the Membership Chair and the Treasurer. The membership form is below and indicates the portion of dues that is given "to financially support the Pittsburgh Symphony" - one purpose of Symphony East as an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Symphony Association.**

**By popular request, the 50/50 raffle will be reinstated at all meetings. ◀**

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***Your new Yearbook:*** 📖



The 2023-2024 Yearbook was available at the September meeting. The various changes from over the past season - including the information about new members (you may introduce yourself) - are included. If you were not at the meeting, your member copy has been mailed to you.

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**Symphony East welcomes new member Karen Humphrey, klhumphrey@yahoo.com 412-824-7816**  
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▶ ▶ ***Symphony East notes more activities in 2023:*** 🍷 🎵 🎵



▶ **December 4, 2023 - Holiday Gala & Fundraiser - Dr. Zoot**

*Guests are always encouraged to attend and are welcome!*

***and even more more activities in 2024:***

March 18, 2024 - PSO String Quartet

April 15 - *April in Paris* fundraiser with Daphne Alderson (singer)

May 20 - Aria 412 - vocal ensemble

## Symphony East Holiday Gala Fundraiser news:



Plan to celebrate as Symphony East members gather on December 4th for our annual holiday gala and fundraiser! 'Tis the season for giving! We invite each Symphony East member to contribute items to the basket raffle or to donate a gift card for a local restaurant, retail store, or supermarket. **You may bring items to donate to the October meeting.** Committee members will circulate sign-up sheets for other donations at the October luncheon and will gladly assemble any donated items into attractive gift arrangements for the raffle.

This year, the committee hopes to offer themed baskets and other items that winners could give as Holiday gifts to friends. Please donate any thing that you feel would be appropriate – from pet treats and baby's first Christmas toys, to wine, cheese, and chocolate delights - and then plan on starting your "shopping" early at the Holiday Gala! May you win the "basket" of your dreams!

Your help is very much appreciated and supports the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Questions regarding donations or pick-up? Please call Nancy Dalverny (412-373-0711) or Diane Kaufmann (724-327-9095) for more information. **The deadline for accepting donations is Thursday, November 30.**



**PSO & PSA News:** <http://www.PittsburghSymphonyAssociation.org> Newsletter: *Staccato Notes*

The Pittsburgh Symphony Association is the PSO's primary volunteer fundraising Organization.

**Excerpt from the PSA President's Message in the October 2023 *Staccato Notes* newsletter:**

"It was wonderful to see so many PSA friends at Allegheny Country Club as we presented PSO President, Melia Tourangeau, with the "Big Check" for \$179,913. This represents the total funds given to the PSO for the 2023 year, which were raised by our PSA volunteer events, **and it also includes the donations from Symphony East.**" [editorial emphasis]

### Upcoming Events

**Oktoberfest**  
Teutonia Männerchor  
Thursday, October 19, 2023

**Holiday House**  
Preview Party  
Shadyside  
Sunday, November 12, 2023

**Holiday House**  
Shadyside  
November 17-19, 2023

**Holiday Luncheon**  
Duquesne Club  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Reservation/  
Registration  
forms are on the  
PSA Website



**The Symphony East Web site:**  
[www.symphonyeast.org](http://www.symphonyeast.org)

### Community news:

► **The fourth Thursday evening of the month is *Calliope Folk Song Night* (now includes karaoke) at the Monroeville Public Library, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** All ages are welcome at this informal gathering of persons who want to sing together and share songs (just listening is ok, too). All Library programs are free; no registration required.

For more information:  
412-372-0500





## SYMPHONY EAST MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023-2024

### YEARBOOK & MAILING INFORMATION:

[Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_]

[Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

NAME & TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive my "Notes" by:    E-mail            Regular mail

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Active membership                      \$25.00 (\$15.00 local, \$10.00 Symphony donation)  
☐ Patron membership                      \$35.00 (\$23.00 local, \$12.00 Symphony donation)  
☐ Couples membership                      \$45.00 (\$30.00 local, \$15.00 Symphony donation)

If joining or renewing by mail, please send the completed membership form and your check for the dues amount made out to *Symphony East* to our Membership Chair,

**Bob Kemper, 4043 Benden Circle, Murrysville, PA 15668-1332**

(Optional) Please indicate if you would like to assist a committee chairperson and/or the person organizing an event, such as:

Fundraiser \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_



## RESERVATION FORM

for

Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

### *October Season 62 Meeting, Luncheon, & Program*

*In the Ballroom at the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 William Penn Hwy, Delmont, PA 15626 (724) 461-1031*

***Monday, October 16, 2023 - 11:00 A.M. (Social time begins) 11:45 A.M. (Dining time)***

**Deadline is Thursday, October 12, 2023**

I/We will Attend \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Last Name

Indicate your choice of entrée:    ☐ #1 Chicken Marsala    or    ☐ #2 Pork Schnitzel

My guest(s) will be: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entrée: # \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entrée: # \_\_\_\_\_

The meal offerings will be a served meal and with Assorted Lamplighter Desserts

Number of attendees @ \$30.00 per meal: \_\_\_\_\_ Total payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Although I cannot attend, please accept this contribution to benefit the PSO: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this reservation form and check payable to *Symphony East* by *Thursday, October 12*, to:  
**Dolores Gallagher, 140 LaVale Drive, Apt. 404, Monroeville, PA 15146**



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*Annual Sounds of Joy!*  
**HOLIDAY GALA  
LUNCHEON &  
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**at the Lamplighter Restaurant,  
6566 William Penn Hwy., Delmont, PA**  
*Socialize & Basket Raffle from 11:00 a.m.*  
*Lunch 11:45—12:50*  
*Program will begin at 1:00 p.m.*

**The day's program will feature -**

***Dr. Zoot (Sal Ventura's band)***

Dr. Zoot is a versatile dance/show band that performs at concerts, festivals, dancehalls, nightclubs, & private functions throughout the eastern states with a distinctive sound and high energy performance.



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Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Name

Last Name

**My guest(s) will be:**

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**The meal offerings will be at a Substantial Buffet and with Assorted Desserts.**

[Note that assistance will be given to anyone needing help to carry food dishes to the table.]

**Number of attendees @ \$35.00 per meal:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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