

# ♪♪ Notes from Symphony East ♪♪

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

~ Welcome, Everyone ~  
Our 64th Season is continuing  
during early Autumn 🍁

"Bringing to YOU  
Musicians at their Best"

**Monday, October 20, 2025**

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 Bill Purse - guitarist/vocalist**



Professor **Bill Purse** chaired the Music Technology program (now entitled Contemporary Music Media and Jazz) at Duquesne University from 1992 where he was instrumental in the development of two new Master's Degree majors: Music Technology and Sound Recording Technology. He also served as Area Chair of Jazz Guitar and Electric Bass.

He received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music at Duquesne, as well as an EduCom (Education Communication) grant for study with Dr. Carol Lennox at Mills College for multimedia development in 1990. He has studied composition with Dr. Joseph Wilcox Jenkins at Duquesne's School of Music; received both the University's 1996 President's award for excellence in scholarship and a 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award for guitar pedagogy and performance including a citation for lifetime educational achievement from the Pennsylvania Senate.

His expertise in Music Technology, Electronic Performance, and Electronic Composition make him a frequent lecturer, clinician, and author at a wide array of national conferences, online webinars, and at educational institutions in the US and Canada. He provides national outreach to music educators throughout the US. The Teaching Guitar Workshops (TGW) was created to revitalize the guitar in education, and since 1995, over 4,000 school music teachers across the United States and Canada have enjoyed TGW.

Professor Purse pioneered the use of interactive digital media for his classroom and private/online teaching at Duquesne. He has specialized in developing accelerated courses for mastering the guitar. He is a composer for film and contemporary works for symphony orchestra, symphonic wind band, large jazz ensemble, solo and chamber instrumental works. He is also an arranger and producer for radio soundtracks, audio books and television, having produced and released several albums of original music. He has creatively written music from both the acoustic and electronic perspective, and gained wide recognition for his compositions that are musical interpretations of his Western Pennsylvania home. He will be composing and recording a new solo CD "In the Loop", developing more audio book projects, and enjoying playing guitar, teaching private online music technology and guitar lessons, and playing chess along with enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

(Incidentally, Mr. Purse performed the *Dr. Who Concerto for Theremin* with the Washington, Pa Symphony.)

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

I had lunch the other day at a local restaurant. It was just a plain hamburger and cold drink but the bill came to almost \$20. I thought about the cost of our luncheons. We receive a full meal including dessert, free refills on tea or coffee, free parking, and professional musical performances. What a bargain! We enjoy these benefits along with the music they bring us. I hope you will continue to join us in supporting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

It will soon be time to elect officers for next season. Please consider participating as a board member. We meet the last Monday of the month, 10 times a year for about 2 hours. All positions are for one year.

Enjoy the fall weather and don't eat too much Halloween candy!

*Pat Frick*, President



### **NOTE THE PRICE BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS:**

*Reservations for lunch and program:* All reservations for attendees must be received by the October 16 deadline. The price of the event is a flat fee of \$30.00 which covers the luncheon and program for Symphony East members - the event price for non-members is \$35.00. 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 \$15.00 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 or \$35.00. 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.**

[Editorial dictionary comment: scrod is a small cod or haddock] *Thank you.*

▶ ▶ \$ ☺ **From our Treasurer:** ♪ ☺ ♪ \$ ♪ \$ ♪ \$ ♪

As of September 16, 2025, the ending balance is \$4,261.61. The remaining entertainment budget is \$1,750.00 leaving a spendable balance of \$2,171.61. For the September meeting, the Income was \$690 and the Expenses were \$1,254.

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 2025-2026 season. Prompt payments are appreciated by the Membership Chair and the Treasurer. The membership form is below. A portion of dues 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 meetings. ◀**



***Your new Yearbook:*** 📖

The 2025-2026 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 will be mailed to you.

▶▶ ***Symphony East notes more activities in 2025 and 2026:*** 🍷 ♪ ♪

▶ **November 17, 2025 - Bel Suono Ensemble**

▶ **December 8, 2025 - Holiday Party & Fundraiser - "Jingle Bell Bash." featuring Donna Groom**

"Eight Bells" Men's Octet on March 16, 2026; April 20 Fundraiser - Trio Granata "String Impressions"; and May 18 - Mikey Dee - Remembering Violet Matteo.

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

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

**Photos excerpted from the PSA's October 2025 *Staccato Notes* newsletter:**

The donation to the PSO also includes the donations from Symphony East.



*PSO President Melia Tourangeau receives a symbolic check for the \$170,705 raised in the past year from the PSA President Cathy Trombetta*



*PSA retired PSO violinist Chris Wu interviews Christiane Honeck*



*PSA member, Carol Kamin, presents a \$15,000 check to the PSA's Fine Instrument Fund to honor Dan Kamin's mother, Dorothy McNally Kamin*

**Many more photos at:**

**<https://pittsburghsymphonyassociation.org/2025-fall-luncheon/>**

## Upcoming Events

**Symphony East Luncheon**  
Mon, October 20, 2025  
11am  
Lamplighter Restaurant

**PSA Book Club**  
Wed, November 19, 2025  
10am-12 pm  
Mozart Room  
Heinz Hall

**Holiday House Tour**  
Sat, November 22, 2025  
11am-4pm  
5pm-8pm  
North Hills

**Holiday Luncheon**  
Tues, December 2, 2025  
Duquesne Club  
10am-2pm

Reservation/  
Registration  
forms are on the  
PSA Website

## 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

## East Winds Symphonic Band:

**Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**  
Music With a Mission - Cabaret Style Concert  
Temple Rodef Shalom - 4905 Fifth Avenue - Shadyside

Walter Morales, Music Director, and the ESO Board of Directors invites you to join the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra for our opening concert of the 2025-26 season.

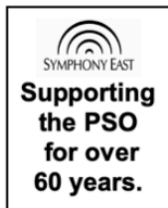
## A 20th Anniversary Celebration for Maestro Morales

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
3:00 p.m. ET

**Carnegie Music Hall**  
4400 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**Purchase Your Tickets Today**

In celebration of Maestro Walter Morales's 20th anniversary as Music Director, our opening concert of the season will feature Walter at the piano with guest conductor Maria Sensi Sellner for performances of Ravel's dazzling Concerto for the Left Hand and two world premieres by Danny English and Robert Schultz. Then Walter will lead the orchestra in a performance of Scheherazade, based upon the incredible adventures of Sinbad, as told in The Thousand and One Nights. Reception in the lobby immediately following the concert. Learn more and purchase tickets on our [concert webpage](#).



## SYMPHONY EAST MEMBERSHIP FORM 2025-2026

### YEARBOOK & MAILING INFORMATION:

[Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_]  
[Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- ☐ General membership \$35.00  
☐ Couples membership \$65.00

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Continuing Season 64: Meeting, Luncheon, & Program*

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

**Monday, October 20, 2025 - 11:00 A.M. (Social time begins) 11:45 A.M. (Dining time)**

**Deadline is Thursday, OCTOBER 16, 2025**

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

First Name Last Name

Indicate your choice of entrée: #1 Stuffed Pork Chop or #2 Stuffed Scrod

My guest(s) will be: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice of entrée: # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Choice of entrée: # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Number of nonmembers @ \$35.00 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 16, to:  
Dolores Gallagher, 140 LaVale Drive, Apt. 404, Monroeville, PA 15146**