League of American Orchestras
2016 National Conference

Volunteers
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All Meetings take place in the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront
unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, June 8

6:00pm

Volunteer Dine-Around
Volunteer Council Hosts will meet Dine-Around attendees in the main lobby at the Marriott and provide a walking guide to their selected restaurant.

6:30pm – 9:00pm
Various restaurants

Volunteer association delegates will have an opportunity to network and savor Baltimore’s finest at an array of culinary establishments.

Prior registration required.

Thursday, June 9

8:00am – 9:00am
Waterview ABC
Ground Level

Volunteer Opening Session

Welcome to Conference from the Volunteer Council
Linda Weisbruch, president, Volunteer Council

Welcome from Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Volunteers
Sandy Feldman, president, Baltimore Symphony Associates
Maureen Patton, sustainer, Volunteer Council

Presentation of the 2016 Classic Award to the Spokane Symphony Associates
Christmas Tree Elegance represents an outstanding fundraising project that has made a continuous contribution to the Spokane community for decades.

How to Get the Most Out of Conference
Volunteer Council members Jane Schwartz and Tiffany Ammerman will share their top strategies for maximizing the Conference experience and answer volunteer delegate questions. There will be a brief introduction to the 2016 Conference app.
Break

9:00am – 9:15am
Waterview ABC
Ground Level

Gold Book Awards of Excellence (Part I)
Three outstanding projects submitted to the Gold Book will be presented. Following each presentation, there will be an interactive session with time for Q&A.

**Cotillion’s 50th Anniversary**
Martha Long, Augusta Symphony Guild, Inc.

A reunion of 1199 former debs, spanning three generations, celebrated their legacy. The event featured an Avenue of Gowns, memorabilia, and heightened community support.

**Annual Jazz Spectacular**
Cindy Kidwell, Women’s Symphony League of Tyler

The Annual Jazz Spectacular was a collaboration of a guest jazz artist with University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior College jazz students. The event, open to the public, was held at the beautiful, quaint Liberty Hall.

**100 Years, 100 Cellos**
Mary Kae Waytenick, Marie Greenhoe Lindmark, and Laurie Skjerseth
Quad City Symphony Orchestra, Volunteers for Symphony

Cello-brating the 100th anniversary of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, art and music came together for this historic year. Awareness and funds were raised to benefit music education programs.

Coffee Break

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10:30am – 11:00am
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Ground Level

Roundtables (Part I)
Six outstanding projects will be presented in fast paced “expo-style” sessions. Presenters will share information about these exciting and successful projects, with time for Q&A.

The Volunteer Council will present two additional Roundtables, focused on resources and services available to volunteers.
**Backstage Guardian Angels**  
Sue Alexanderson, Friends of Symphony Orchestra  
Augusta

**One & Done**  
Beth Whitney, Women’s Symphony League of Tyler

**Music Adventures**  
Florence McLean, Baltimore Symphony Associates

**Young Artists Competition**  
Donna Kiser, The Symphony Guild of Charlotte

**Christmas Tree Elegance**  
Bruce Colquhoun, Spokane Symphony Associates

**The Sun, The Moon, and The Stars**  
Pam Fleischer, Symphony League of Kansas City

**Online Resources for Volunteers**  
Linda Stevens & Camille Williams, Volunteer Council,  
League of American Orchestras

**Leadership Tools for Volunteers**  
Linda Weisbruch & Debbie McKinney, Volunteer Council,  
League of American Orchestras

4:15pm – 5:30pm  
**Sip a Little, Learn a Lot Program Sharing**  
Join fellow volunteers for a glass of wine, networking time, and a  
program designed to enlighten.  
**Pratichi Shah, founder and CEO, Flourish Talent Management Solutions (FTMS)**  
Prior registration required.

**Friday, June 10**

2:15pm – 3:30pm  
**Gold Book Awards of Excellence (Part II)**  
Three outstanding projects submitted to the Gold Book will be presented. Following each presentation, there will be an interactive session with discussion and Q&A.
“Perfect Square”: Kinder Konzerts Commission, Premiere and Regular Season
Robert Spikings, Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra

Learn about this 30-year-old pre-school concert series, including the latest book and composer selection, the commissioning and premiere of a new chamber orchestra piece.

You’re Never Too Old To Start Over – The ESCCO Project
Julia Hunt, Oklahoma City Orchestra League, Inc.

Leadership burnout. Fundraisers in a slump. Aging membership. Sound familiar? Proud and strong since 1948, a league takes the leap of faith to restructure, revitalize, and thrive.

A New Approach to Scrapbooking
Beth Whitney, Women’s Symphony League of Tyler

One picture is worth 1000 words! A beautiful hard bound book is a great way to document each year of your volunteer organization. It forever tells the history.

3:30pm – 3:50pm

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Ground Level

Break

3:50pm – 5:15pm

Roundtables (Part II)
Five outstanding projects will be presented in fast paced “expo style” sessions. Presenters will share information about these exciting and successful projects, with time for Q&A.

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Adopt-A-Musician
Juliana McRae, Las Vegas Philharmonic Guild

Symphony Kids
Robyn Rhodes, Amarillo Symphony Guild

Launching the John DeMain Award for Outstanding Commitment to Music
Janet Cabot, Madison Symphony Orchestra League
Saturday, June 11
11:00am – 12:00pm
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Ground Level

**Bulletin Board**
Peggy Springer, Spokane Symphony Associates

**Perfect Harmony**
Caroline Rogers, The Volunteer Committees for The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Online Resources for Volunteers**
Linda Stevens & Camille Williams, Volunteer Council, League of American Orchestras

**Leadership Tools for Volunteers**

12:00pm – 1:00pm
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**Steal, Copy, and Tweak Panel – Awards of Excellence**
Linda Borders, The Symphony Guild of Charlotte
Gold Book-award-winning *Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour*

Ouida Keck & Camille Williams, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild
Gold Book-award-winning *All Decked Out For The Symphony*

Steal an idea from another volunteer organization, copy it for use in your situation, and tweak it to fit your community. This engaging session will demonstrate how you do not have to reinvent the wheel. Become friends and share! These two organizations exhibit these concepts with their successful kitchen tour and playing card projects.

12:00pm – 1:00pm
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**Fashion Forward Fundraising Workshop – Roundtables**

*Runway Rhythms*
Toni Carpenter, Las Vegas Philharmonic Guild

*Fashion Notes*
Mari Epperson, Dallas Symphony Orchestra League
2015 Designer Showcase
Sandy Magyar, Southwest Florida Symphony Society

One size does not fit all. Three organizations incorporated fashion themes into various projects. Learn how to be creative with some tried and true projects in this highly participatory session.

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