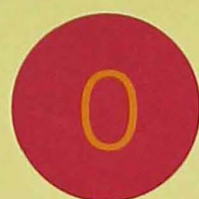


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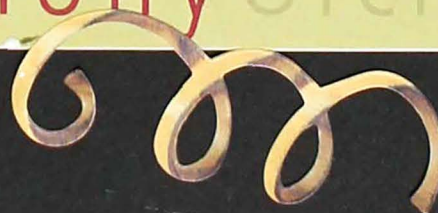
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Valdosta Symphony Orchestra





New Symphony Guild Members



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The Valdosta Symphony Guild welcomes its 10 new members. Pictured on the back row from left to right are Amy Neal, April Steele, Deborah Bunner, and Valerie Shepard. Pictured on the front row from left to right are Laurie Broome, Elizabeth Holley, and Sheya Taylor. Not pictured are Carol Buescher Nicole Duwaerts, and Eliza McCall.





The Valdosta Symphony Guild

Cordially invites you to a

Pre-Concert Dinner
at

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts
527 North Patterson Street

Saturday, September 13, 2008

6 p.m.

RSVP by September 8th to C.O.A. Outreach, 333-2150

\$25 per person
(Prepaid reservations required, please.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number Attending _____

_____ My check is enclosed. (Payable to Valdosta Symphony Guild)

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Reservations may be made by calling Linda Mullins at
C.O.A. Outreach (229-333-2150)
or mailing this form to: C.O.A. Outreach- Symphony Guild
1500 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31698

Preparations for a Symphony Ball



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The Valdosta Symphony Guild is hard at work preparing for its annual Symphony Ball, which is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Valdosta Country Club. Nancy Phillips, Jeanie Synyard, and Karen Gramke (standing left to right) along with Tammy Borders and Anita Sinnott (seated left and middle) are pictured with Symphony Ball Decorations Chairman Kay Jennett, who has planned 'An Evening in the Shadow of the Sphinx.' Proceeds from the ball will benefit the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra Children's Programs and Lowndes Advocacy Resource Center. The black-tie event will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., auction and dancing. Tickets: \$95 per person (\$45 tax deductible) and are available through VSU College of the Arts Outreach (333-2150).

Mark Your Calendar

The Symphony Ball
Saturday, November 8, 2008
Save the date!

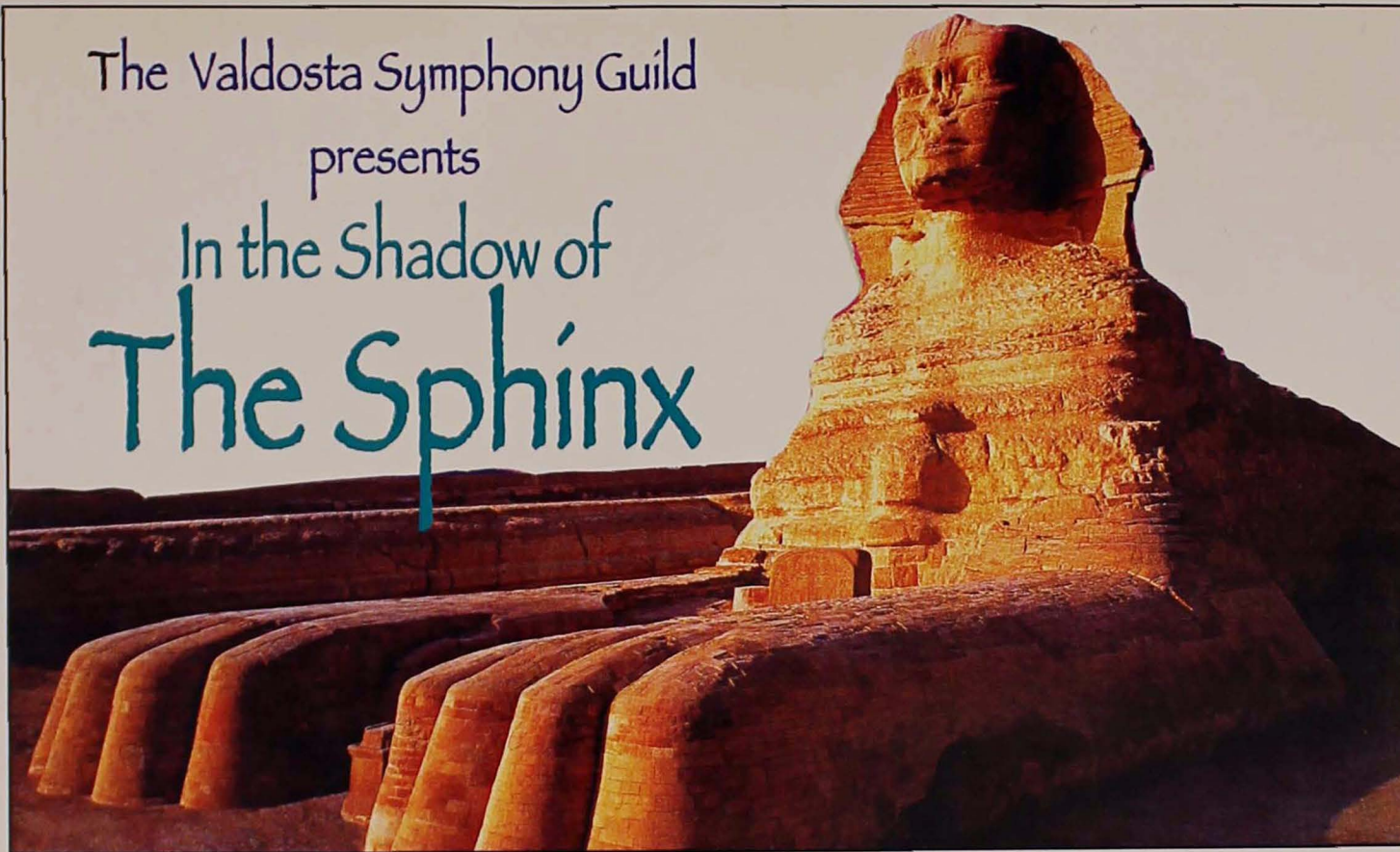


The Valdosta Symphony Guild
 requests the pleasure of your company at
The Symphony Ball
 "An Evening Under the Tuscan Moon"
 To benefit the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra,
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 Saturday, the third of November
 two to seven
 Country Club



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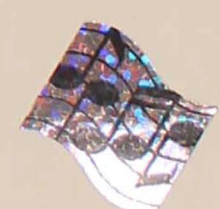
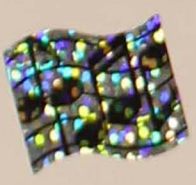
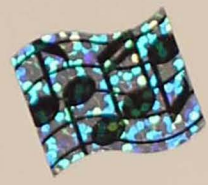
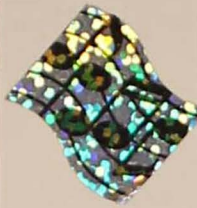
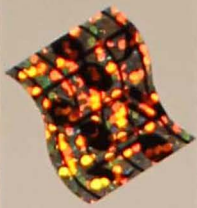
The Symphony Ball

November 8, 2008















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In the Shadow of the Sphinx

The Valdosta Symphony Guild recently held its Symphony Ball, themed 'In the Shadow of the Sphinx.' Proceeds from the ball and auction benefit LARC and the children's programs of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, including LARC Invited Dress Rehearsal, Youth Concert Series, Tunes for Tots, South Georgia String Project, High School Honors Program, VSO Concerto Competition, Family Concerts, Music Major Rush Ticket Program and VSO Graduate Performance Assistantships. Pictured (from left to right): Valdosta Symphony Guild Officers Sue Dennard (treasurer), Anita Sinnott (president-elect), Nancy Phillips (president), Janice Allen (past president), and Sarah Smart (treasurer-elect).



Tunes for Tots

Event celebrates TitleTown

BY DEAN POLING
The Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA — Have a child interested in learning more about a particular musical instrument? Or a youngster who shows interest in music?

VSO musicians demonstrate how various instruments work and sound, then allow youngsters a hands-on demonstration.

Tunes for Tots serves as an introduction to musical instruments and the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra.

This year's theme is "Celebrate TitleTown," with scheduled appearances by the Valdosta State University Blazer cheerleaders, football

TUNES FOR TOTS

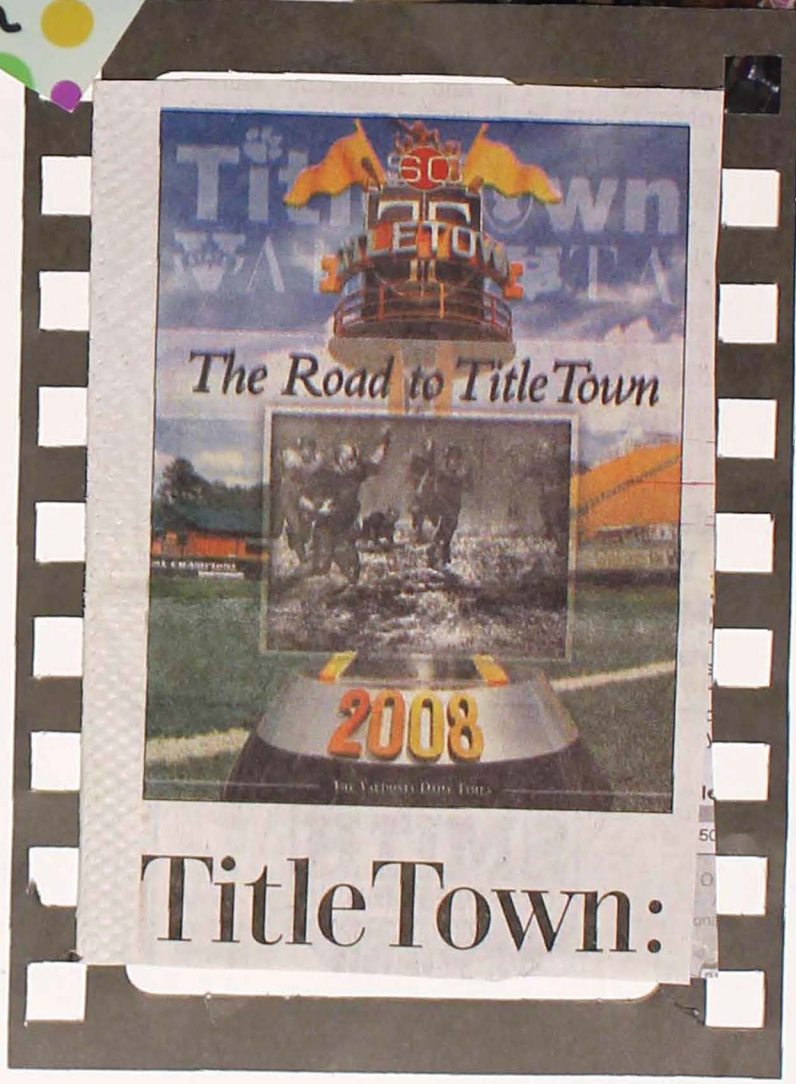
"Celebrate TitleTown," a Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and Valdosta Symphony Guild event.

■ **When:** 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

■ **Where:** Auditorium, VSU Hugh C. Bailey Science Center, located immediately north of West Hall at 1500 N. Patterson St.

■ **Parking:** Free and available at any of the four lots off Georgia Avenue.

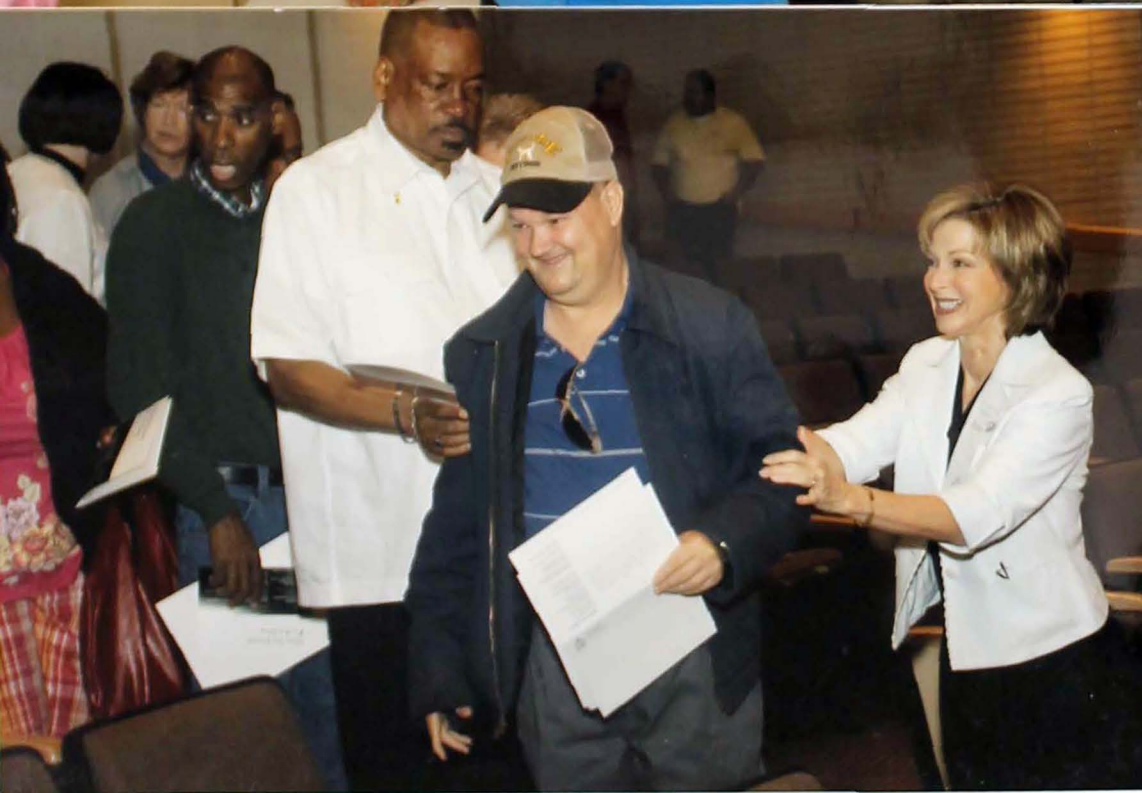
■ **Admission:** Free.





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Cordially invite you to

The Champagne Breakfast

*Welcoming Maestro Howard Hsu
and
Celebrating the Symphony Season*

*Saturday, April 25, 2009
10:00pm
(or immediately following the concert)*

*Valdosta Country Club in
"The Grill"*

*Kindly RSVP to Linda at the College of the Arts Outreach
by April 20th 229-333-2150*

\$23 per person

*Prepaid reservations required by check or M/C
Checks may be made payable to
Valdosta Symphony Guild
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The Cleveland International Piano Competition wrapped up with a concert by finalists and the Cleveland Orchestra and judging Saturday night at Severance Hall. First prize winner Alexander Ghindin, 30 of Russia, won \$50,000 in cash, recital engagements, two years of management service, a compact disc recording and a New York recital debut. Second prize went to Yaron Kohlberg, 24 of Israel. Alexandre Moutouzkine, 27 of Russia won third prize, and Ran Dank, 25 of Israel won fourth.
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Symphony ready for new conductor

By Dean Poling

VALDOSTA — Valdosta Symphony Orchestra patrons will get a look at the new conductor again, for the first time.

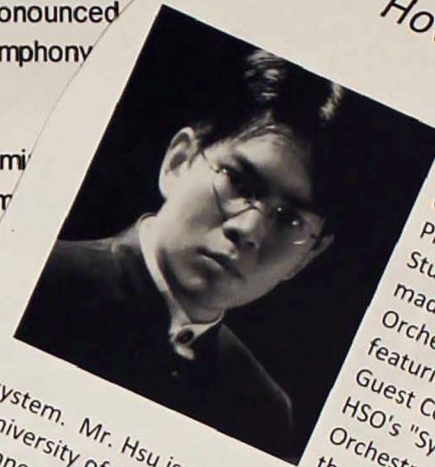
Last September when Howard Hsu led the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, he was the first of three candidates for the conductor's job. Next weekend, when he returns to Valdosta, Hsu (pronounced "shoo") arrives as the new conductor of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra.

Hsu will lead the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra in performing Mozart's "Overture to the Magic Flute," Schumann's "Symphony No. 4, D Minor, Op. 120," and Liszt's "Piano Concerto No. 1."

Composer Franz Liszt spent the better part of three decades composing this piano concerto. He sketched the manuscript in a notebook in 1830 but it did not premiere

"It could be said that Liszt spent so long on the concerto because he was fairly new at this point to the realm of composition," according to the Web site Classy Classical. "Everything he wrote was for the keyboard. It was not until one of his pupil Joachim Raff with the task of



He finished the concerto in 1849 but reworked it several years before debuting the work in three movements without pause.



Howard Hsu, Conductor

Howard Hsu begins his tenure as the Music Director of the Valdosta (GA) Symphony Orchestra, and will also serve as Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Orchestra Studies at Valdosta State University. Mr. Hsu made his debut with the Hartford (CT) Symphony Orchestra as Guest Conductor of concerts featuring the world-renowned Empire Brass. As HSO's "Symphony in the Schools" Fleet Chamber Orchestra Series, he led an interactive program that brought classical music to thousands of children throughout the Hartford Public School system. Mr. Hsu is serving as Visiting Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Connecticut and Associate Professor of Music at the Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Hsu has served as Visiting Instructor of Music and Conductor with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra in 2008-09. In 2008-09 he was a Guest Conductor of the Orchestra at Connecticut College, Cover Conductor of Music and Massachusetts Music Educators' Association Central and conducted the Festival Orchestra. Mr. Hsu has served as Visiting Instructor of Music at Westchester of the Orchestra at Connecticut College, Cover Conductor of the Greater Waterbury (CT) Youth Symphony and Music Director of the University of the Westchester (NY) Philharmonic, and was Guest Conductor with the Eleanor Cory's O'Keeffe's Flora. He was Guest Conductor of the New Britain (CT) Symphony and Ottumwa (IA) Symphony, and was Music Director of the Noe Chamber Symphony (CA), performing the chamber arrangement of the Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* to benefit the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Mr. Hsu has worked closely with groups dedicated to training young musicians, including the Lake George (NY) Opera Festival, where he served as Associate Conductor and Music Director of the Greater Bridgeport (CT) Youth Symphony and Symphony Conductor of the University of Connecticut Youth Orchestras. Through the Hartford Symphony's Mentoring Program he served as a Master Teaching Artist, and was a faculty member with The Harlem (NY) School of the Arts.

Mr. Hsu has conducted in masterclasses with Gerard Schwarz, Zdenek Macal, Yoel Levi, Larry Rachleff, Thomas Wilkins, Edward Cumming, Alasdair Neale, Barbara Yahr, Lawrence Leighton Smith and Samuel Jones. Mr. Hsu received his Master of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and his Bachelor of Science degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He will complete his Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting at the University of Connecticut in May.



**The Valdosta Symphony Guild
Celebration Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 14
11:30a.m.
The Valdosta Country Club**

**Please Plan to Attend Our
End-of-the Year Meeting**

**We'll Welcome Our New Members
and
Install Our New President!**

*RSVP by May 9th to Sue Dennard, Treasurer
1111 Clover Hill Road, Valdosta, Georgia 31602
229-242-3250*

**\$18.00 per person
(Prepaid reservation required, please)**

Please make checks payable to Valdosta Symphony Guild

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Address _____

Phone _____ Number Attending _____

We look forward to seeing you there!

