



*Fifteenth
Season*

2004 - 2005





Officers + committee chairs and new members kick off the year with a wine and cheese welcome orientation, hosted by Nancy and Rhonda.

VALDOSTA SYMPHONY GUILD NEW SEASON

VALDOSTA — The Valdosta Symphony Guild is ready for a new season with new members, new officers, and more.

The group has scheduled its annual Symphony Ball for Nov. 13, Valdosta Country Club, with the theme: "Slow Boat to China." The event includes an auction, a dance and other activities to benefit various educational programs, such as the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra's Youth Concert series. The Youth Series is for area school children and plays the day prior to each of the Valdosta Symphony's public concerts. More information on this event about tickets please contact ArtSouth at: 333-2150.

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NEW SYMPHONY GUILD OFFICERS: Cheryl Oliver, treasurer; Nancy Phillips, recording secretary; Diane Joseph, past president; Nancy Warren, president; Marian Belanger, treasurer elect; Josette Ingram, corresponding secretary; Rhonda Hamman, president elect.



COMMITTEE CHAIRS: (front row, left to right) Lisa Henry, Judy Schreiber, Christine Harding, Lisa Cooke, Pat Cordova; (second row, left to right) Kay Jennett, Debbie Saeger, Donna Farwell, Carole LeVar, Patricia Vigerstol, Rose Ware.



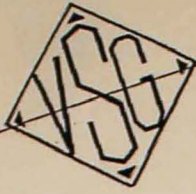
NEW GUILD MEMBERS: (front row, left to right) Sandy Gee, Tammy Borders, Kelly Turner, Sharon Morris, Lisa Henry; (second row left to right) Catherine Price, Wanda Causseaux, Brenda Van Horn, Carole LeVar. Not shown: Emily Allen, Joan Byrne, Natalie Gjertsen, Gayle Golden, Meredith Jordan, Jerriann Levy, Laura Paine, Catherine Price.





Kicking off the year with the first meeting at the Turner Center for the Arts...

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The Valdosta Symphony Guild

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Dr. and Mrs. James Sinnott
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Saturday, September 25, 200
6 p.m.

RSVP by September 23

\$20 per person

(Prepaid reservations require



The Valdosta Symphony Guild
requests the pleasure of your company at

The Symphony Ball
"A Slow Boat to China"

To benefit the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra
Children's Programs

Saturday, the thirteenth of November
two thousand and four
Valdosta Country Club

6:30 Cocktails (by subscription)
7:30 Dinner
Auction and Dancing

Black Tie
\$85.00 per person
\$45.00 Tax Deductible

The
Valdosta Symphony Guild
presents

A Slow Boat to China

The Symphony Ball
November 13, 2004



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The Symphony Ball 2004 Committees

- Symphony Ball** Nancy Warren, Chair,
Rhonda Hamman, Co-Chair
- Auction** Carla Penny, Chair; Janice Allen, Pat Cordova, Mary Crane, Sandra Davis, Mary Gooding, Lisa Henry, Gail Hobgood, Josette Ingram, Diane Joseph, Sharon Morris, Sharon Swindle, Tricia Vigerstol, Nancy Warren, Nancy Zaccari
- Invitations** Pat Cordova, Chair; Diane Joseph, Co-Chair; Dr. Catherine Price, Kelly Turner, Brenda Van Horn
- Program** Julia Dennard
- Reservations** Cheryl Oliver, Marian Belanger, Nancy Phillips
- Special Contributions** Diane Joseph, Nancy Warren, Chairs; Rhonda Hamman, Cheryl Oliver, Marian Belanger, Jane Peeples, Nancy Phillips, Mary Gooding, Christine Harding
- Decorations** Kay Jennett, Chair; Judy Schreiber, Co Chair; Bette Bechtel, Ingrid Carroll, Frances Copeland, Sandy Gee, Natalie Gjertsen, Lisa Henry, Josette Ingram, Diane Joseph, Myrtle Kelly, Janice Murphy, Nancy Phillips, Sarah Smart, Eileen Trantham, Tricia Vigerstol, Nancy Zaccari

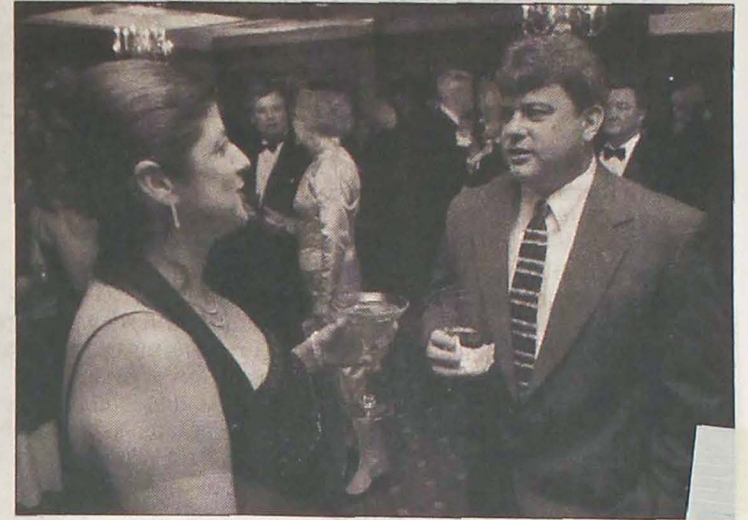
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Symphony Guild Ball and Auction

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LEFT: Jane Ferrell and Margret Ann Griffin watch as Lou Bargard signs up for the silent auction Saturday night as part of the Valdosta Symphony Guild's Ball and Auction. **BELOW:** Carole and Gary Levar speak during the Symphony Ball and Auction Saturday night at the Country Club. The event was presented by the Valdosta Symphony Guild and all proceeds go to benefit children's programs of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. — Photos by Patrick Warren / The Valdosta Daily Times



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Slow Boat to China

Marian and Barry Belanger look at one of the items to be auctioned Saturday night during the Valdosta Symphony Guild's 'Slow Boat to China' Ball held at the Country Club. For more photos, see Page 4A.

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Symphony Ball

More than 200 guests turned out to support the Symphony Children's Programs as the Valdosta Symphony Guild transformed Valdosta Country Club into "A Slow Boat to China" for The Symphony Ball Saturday evening, November 13, 2004.

Spirited bidding, generous donors and sponsors helped the Guild raise record funds to benefit the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra's twelve programs for children, youth and college students.

Representatives of the Ball's Allegretto Sponsors, the law firm of Elliott, Blackburn, Barnes, and Gooding, and Regions Bank, were special guests.



Symphony Ball Committee: Carla Penny, Donna Farwell, Judy Schreiber, Nancy Warren, Josette Ingram, Pat Cordova, Kay Jennett, Rhonda Hamman



Valdosta Symphony Guild Officers: left to right Josette Ingram, Nancy Phillips, Cheryl Oliver, Nancy Warren, Marian Belanger, Rhonda Hamman



Welcoming guests to the Ball. Nancy and Tom Warren



"Allegretto Sponsor". The law firm of Elliott, Blackburn, Barnes & Gooding: Standing: Ronald Zaccari, Tom Gooding, Tom Warren, Laura Elliott, Bridget Moore, Richard Barnes Seated: Nancy Zaccari, Mary Gooding, Nancy Warren



Valdosta Symphony Guild Committee Chairmen



"Allegretto Sponsor". Regions Bank: Ronald & Nancy Zaccari, Terry and Bill DeCoudres



Women of the Guild: From left: Pat Cordova, Nancy Warren, Rhonda Hamman and Julia Dennard, VSO Board members enjoyed the capstone of the evening.

A BLACK TIE AFFAIR

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On Nov. 13, the Valdosta Symphony Guild once again treated Valdosta to one of its finest events, the annual Symphony Ball. On this one special night a year, the guild provides exquisite first class cuisine, excellent company and fantastic music by the Ed Barr Orchestra.

The Valdosta Country Club truly rolled out the musical version of the red carpet this evening as you entered the building while walking on a luxurious carpet colored like piano

gong. Then once you walk to the elegant decorations by Judy Schreiber and their daughter, you felt transformed into a different world. The evening's theme this year was "Slow Boat to China" and the Guild provided us with a long, luxurious table trip.

The evening began with a silent auction and socializing followed by entrance into the ballroom at 7 p.m. Here you once again stepped onto not just a boat to Chi

Symphony History

The Valdosta Symphony Orchestra was inaugurated in the fall of 1990 by Dr. Robert B. Welch, Dean of the VSU College of the Arts, at the charge of VSU President Hugh C. Bailey. An anonymous gift of \$50,000 provided seed money and the orchestra began operation. An advisory Board of Directors was organized to generate community support of the orchestra with Gil Autrey as first President, and the Valdosta Symphony Guild was chartered as a non-profit Georgia corporation with Honey Kendrick as President. They symphony has since become an integral part of the cultural life of the community.

The VSO was created as a regional orchestra through the ArtSouth program of the University, Martha Gibson, Director, and also operated as an ensemble in the Department of Music. Dean Welch served as the orchestra's first Conductor, Music Director, and Executive Director. Dr. David Morris, Head of the Department of Music, served as the orchestra's General Manager. A new conductor, Dr. James Plondke, was engaged for the fourth season, 1993-94. Dr. Larry Scully served as interim General Manager for the 1995-96 season and Dr. C. Tayloe Harding assumed the post of Executive Director of the orchestra in the 1997-98 season. The Subscription Series of the orchestra was expanded from three to four concerts in the 1991-92 season, a format continuing today. "Special" Concerts on "Pops" and seasonal themes were added as a regular part of the orchestra's offerings in the 1997-98 season.

In the 1992-93 season the orchestra performed its first regional concert in Douglas, Georgia. In 1994, the VSO was added to the Touring Roster of the Georgia Council of the Arts which has been renewed annually through 2005. Subsequently, the orchestra has greatly expanded its regional performances and mission.

The VSO's educational program was begun in the 1992-93 season, and included Youth Concerts, string instruction for middle-school students, and the Valdosta Symphony Youth Orchestra. In 1994, the educational programs were expanded under the leadership of Dr. Plondke, including the establishment of the South Georgia String Project.

The 2001-2002 season witnessed the retirement of College of the Arts Dean Larry Milbrandt, who had continued the strong administrative commitment of VSU to the orchestra. Dr. Ronald Zaccari, an ardent supporter of the arts, became the new President of Valdosta State University. Long-time friend of the VSO, Ed Crane assumed the post of President of the Board of Directors succeeding Wade Coleman, who provided exceptional leadership to the VSO from 1992-2001 during a period of phenomenal growth for the orchestra.

Since 2002, new management and artistic positions have been identified for the VSO, including College of the Arts Dean John Gaston, Interim General Manager Lynn Corbin, and Composer-in-Residence, Tayloe Harding. These persons have joined existing personnel and supporters who work hard to sustain artistic excellence for the orchestra even through economic instability in the arts community. It is notable that the VSO remains one of America's few debt-free orchestras.

Throughout the history of the VSO, the Valdosta Symphony Guild has been a constant supporter of the orchestra's mission, focusing on educational programs for children, youth, and collegians. In excess of \$400,000 has been raised by the Guild since its inception for these vital components of the VSO's mission.

Most importantly, the Valdosta Symphony continues to enjoy outstanding support from nearly six hundred patrons and sponsors.

-Revised by Tayloe Harding & Nancy Warren 2004



Valdosta Symphony Guild Presidents

Honey Kendrick	1989 - 1991
Ann Burnette	1991 - 1993
Sue Cox	1993 - 1995
Rose Ware	1995 - 1997
Judy Hinton	1997 - 1998
Gloria Boyette	1998 - 1999
Bette Bechtel	1999 - 2000
Dee Broadfoot	2000 - 2001
Jane Hern	2001 - 2002
Gail Hobgood	2002 - 2003
Diane P. Joseph	2003 - 2004
Nancy DeRuyter Warren	2004 - 2005
Rhonda Kelly Hamman	President Elect

-New Addition to Ball Program





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VSO YOUTH CONCERTS

"My whole body was shakin'"

"I loved the sounds."

"I wanted to shout at the wolf."

Such were the comments from elementary students who had just experienced their first live symphony performance. Since 1991, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, aided by the Valdosta Symphony Guild and multiple community partners, has joined with area schools to provide live symphonic music to nearly 45,000 students through the Youth Concert Series.

Currently in its 14th season, students attending the November Youth Concert were treated to "Peter and the Wolf," among other selections, performed by the VSO with narration by talented Dean of the College of the Arts, Dr. John Gaston. Valdosta State University's Whitehead Auditorium was packed

I support as well as a volunteer by Nancy Phillips, Lisa Cooke, with seating, bus assignments and others from the university are Dr. [Name], Manager; Dr. Jim Plondke, VSO [Name] Hatterman, area music teacher [Name] on coordinator.

Valdosta Symphony Guild, other include the City of Valdosta, [Name], William Waugh Turner III, Valdosta Junior Service League and generosity of these sponsors allows [Name] experience to more than 3,000 [Name] st to the students or schools," said

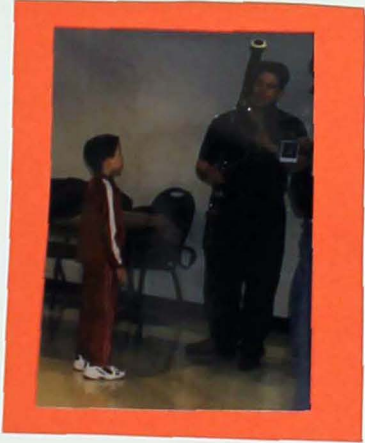
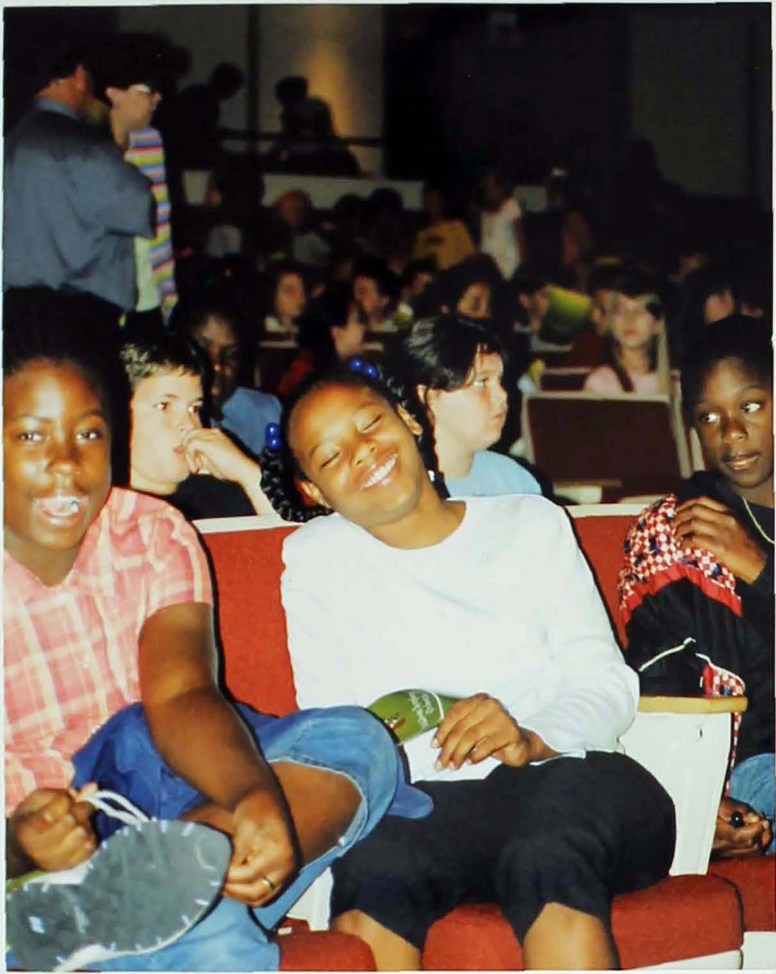
VSO provides 10 other programs for [Name] ans, including "Tunes for Tots," [Name] for young children to see and [Name] ts of the orchestra. This year's [Name] Saturday, January 21, at 10 a.m. [Name] ng Auditorium. All of the youth [Name] the Valdosta Symphony Guild [Name] nsors as well as other community

[Name] ls, as well as home schoolers, [Name] Concerts, explained Farwell. [Name] rough the College of the Arts [Name] 0 on a first come, first serve basis." [Name] currently being accepted for the [Name] n Friday, February 10, and Friday,

[Name] a regional university is to [Name] one really great example of the [Name] mphony, the university and area [Name] . VM



Tunes for Tots





Elizabeth and Nicole Steel of Steel's Jewelry show Nancy Warren, President, and Nancy Phillips, Benefit Co-chair, the diamond necklace which will be given away at The Valdosta Symphony Guild's Denim & Diamonds. The 18k necklace contains over a carat of diamonds and the winner will be chosen during the "Diamond Pull." This fun and worthwhile event is Friday, April 15th, at The Ravine at Kinderlou Forest and will support the Symphony Children's Programs.

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The Valdosta Symphony Guild
Presents

DENIM & Diamonds

A Benefit for the Symphony Children's Programs
Grab your jeans & gems and join us for a casual evening of mouth-waterin' barbecue, live music, and dancin'!

Friday, April 15, 2005
7:30 p.m. until ?

The Ravine at Kinderlou Forest

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Optional!

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Name(s) _____
 Street Address _____ City _____
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 Number of tickets needed: _____ @ \$55 per person
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I am unable to attend, but please accept my donation of \$55.00 _____ OR \$ _____ Other.

Clip and Mail to: Sharon Swindle (Ticket Chairman)
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PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 6!

For more information, call ArtSouth at 333-2150.

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DENIM & Diamonds



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Featuring
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*Barbecue, Music
and Fun!*
*Grab your jeans
& gems!*

\$55 per person
(\$40 tax deductible)

Friday, April 15, 2005 7:30 p.m. until ?
To Benefit the Symphony Children's Programs

Casual
Boots & Brims Optional!



Ye-haw!



Thumbs up, thumbs down

THUMBS UP: To everyone who participated in the Denim and Diamond event, held Friday to benefit the Valdosta Symphony Guild's children's programs. All proceeds from the evening go to children's programs such as Youth Concert series, Tunes for Kids, the South Georgia String Project, fall and spring recitals, the Honor Band and many more.



Contributed photos
Middle row, Cheryl Oliver,
back row, Jane Peeples, Sharon Swindle.



DENIM & DIAMONDS COMMITTEE (left to right): front row, Janice Allen, Stacy Evans; middle row, Nancy Phillips, Anita Sinnott, Nancy Warren; back row, Jane Peeples, Sharon Swindle.



Janice Allen, ticket co-chair, Jane Peeples, Western auction chair; and Sharon Swindle, ticket chair.

Denim & Diamonds

Benefit to raise funds for Valdosta Symphony children's programs

VALDOSTA — Grab your jeans and gems and join the Valdosta Symphony Guild for its spring fund-raiser, "Denim & Diamonds," 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, The Ravine at Kinderlou Forest.

This "upscale hoedown" benefits the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra's children's programs, including "Tunes for Tots" and 11 other programs for children, youth and collegiates, according to Nancy Warren, Guild president.

"This will be a casual evening of mouth-watering barbecue, live music and dancing," Warren says, "as well as make a great contribution to the Guild's programs for children."

Nancy Phillips and Anita Sinnott are chairing this new event. The evening features a variety of musical offerings, including the popular Valdosta-based band Skannyardle, says Christine Harding, who is in charge of music for the event. In addition,

local guitarist Nephtali Santiago, who plays classical and popular standards, will be on hand. Cheryl Oliver is assisting with entertainment.

Stacy Evans and co-chair Tammy Borders are creating a boot-stomping, diamond-digging atmosphere, complete with jail and "mystery pictures" of Guild members and their families in western attire.

Steel's Jewelry sponsors a "Diamond Pull" for a diamond necklace, and Jane Peeples is organizing a few items for an unusual Western auction.

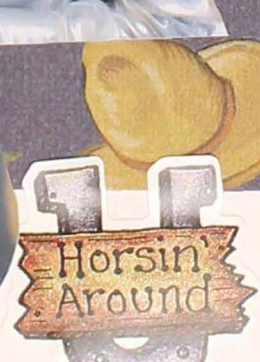
Janice Allen and Sharon Swindle are chairpersons for tickets, which are \$55 each, and include barbecue chicken and beef with all the trimmings, great entertainment, and a donation to the children's programs.

Guild officers also assisting with the event include Rhonda Hamman, president elect; Diane Joseph, past president; Nancy Phillips, recording secretary; Josette Ingram, corresponding secretary; Cheryl Oliver, treasurer; and Marian Belanger, treasurer-elect.

Tickets are on sale at Steel's Jewelry, Classic Art & Frame, Two Friends Market & Café, or from any Guild member. For additional information or to order tickets, contact Sharon Swindle, 247-7363, or Nancy Warren, 244-5834, (warrennd@bellsouth.net).



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Valdosta Symphony Guild Luncheon

*Wednesday, May 11th
12 o'clock Noon*

Valdosta Country Club

Please plan to attend our end-of-the-year meeting.

*We will welcome our new members
and install our new officers.*

*Reservations Required
\$12.00 per person*

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by Friday, May 6th*

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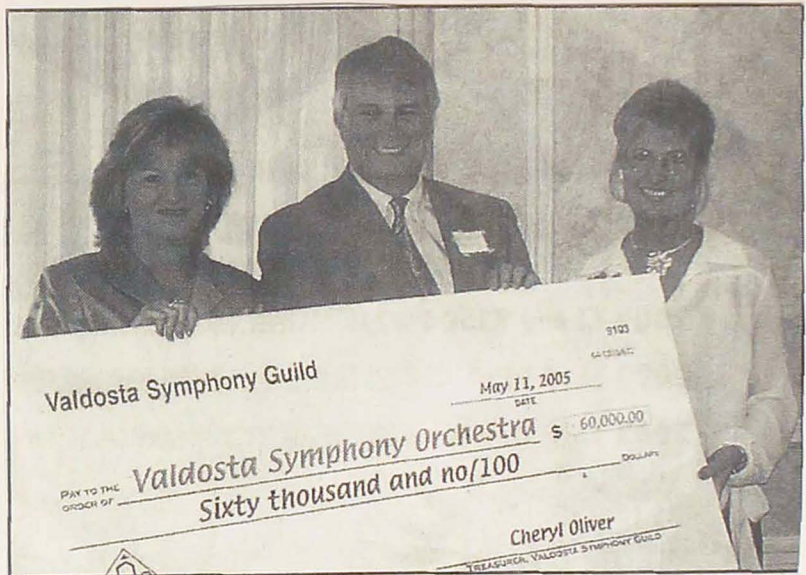
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Season End Celebration

Patrons and Subscribers are invited to a VSO tradition, the annual *Champagne Breakfast*. This year's event will be held immediately following the concert at Lulu's, 132 North Patterson Street. In addition to excellent food, the event is an opportunity for recognition of everyone who has made the fifteen season of the orchestra a resounding success. Cost is \$18.00 per person and reservations can be made through ArtSouth by mail or phone, (229) 3335841. Come and toast the season!

*From
Symphony
Notes...*



Nancy Warren, Symphony Guild president, left, and Cheryl Oliver, Guild treasurer, present a record amount to Dr. Tayloe Harding, VSO executive director, to support the symphony's 11 children's programs.

CONDUCTING A FUND-RAISER

Valdosta Symphony Guild officers recently presented a record amount of \$60,000 to support 11 Valdosta Symphony Orchestra children's programs.

Our first color
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The Symphony Ball Presented by The Valdosta Symphony Guild



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- Complimentary Tickets for Music Majors Program
- The Valdosta Symphony Children's Honor Chorus
- The Valdosta Symphony Youth Orchestras

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Shane Padgett

Ben Stroup, stageback-stage manager

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Scott Pool, Steven Taylor, Donovan Stokes, Lyle Indergard, continuo

Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn, Op. 56a
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

INTERMISSION

Second Horn Concerto in E-flat Major (1942)
Allegro-
Andante con molto
Rondo: Allegro molto

William Purvis, horns
Tagic Overture in D Minor, Op. 81
William Purvis, horns

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Nancy Warren