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The Valdosta Symphony Guild
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*A Venice
Dream*

The Symphony Ball
Saturday, November 10, 2012

Friday, November 9, 2012

Opinion

WHAT WE THINK

Orchestra: A blessing taken for granted

We sometimes forget just how extraordinary it is. Most towns of Valdosta's size do not have a symphony orchestra, but our town does. For more than two decades, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra has been bringing the music and worlds of Bach, Beethoven, Berlioz, Brahms, and numerous other composers to the ears and worlds of South Georgia listeners. We sometimes take having a hometown symphony orchestra for granted. The Symphony Guild is one group that does not take the VSO for granted. The Guild works diligently to support the orchestra. This weekend, the Valdosta Symphony Guild hosts its annual ball, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Valdosta Country Club. The event features the Fabulous Classics playing a variety of music. With the theme, Venice Dream, the ball also includes an auction and more. The Symphony Ball's proceeds benefit the or-

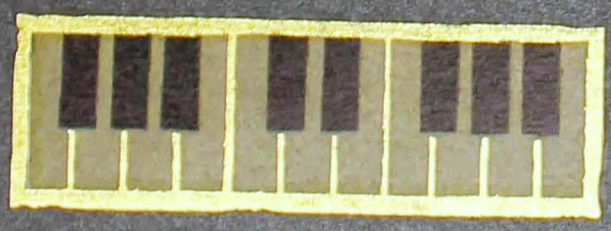
chestra's many youth and collegiate programs. Proceeds also benefit the Glenn Wisenbaker Memorial Concert.

Next weekend, Nov. 17, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra presents a concert featuring Higdon's "String", Schumann's "Konzertstücke for Four Horns, Op. 86", Mozart's Symphony No. 25 in G minor, K. 183.

Less than two weeks later, on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, the orchestra partners for the third time with Linda Chase and Dance Arts' long-running tradition of presenting "The Nutcracker."

All of these events should serve as a reminder of what a treasure we have in the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra.

A blessing which most towns our size and many much larger cannot boast.

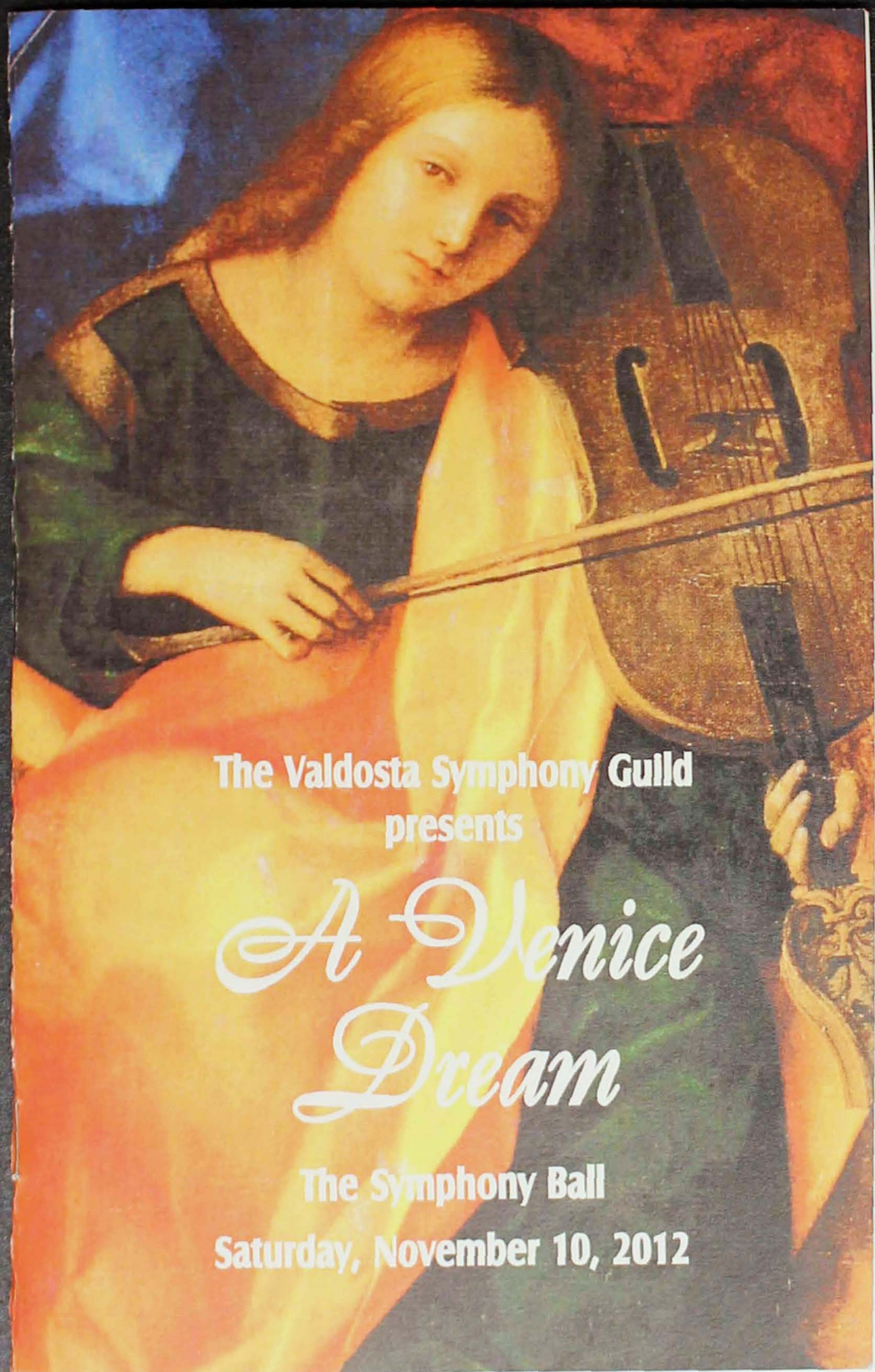


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Symphony Guild members

The Valdosta Symphony Guild recently welcomed new members to the Guild. Incoming members for 2012 are Harriet Messcher, Jane Whitehead, Sue Fuciarelli, Julie Savoie, Dana Simpson, Jolie Hyatt (pictured). Amy Aronson, Dacia Charlesworth, Karen Gunter and Quinn Vallotton are also new members. Preparations are underway for the annual Symphony Ball with the theme, 'A Venice Dream,' to be held Nov. 10, Valdosta Country Club. This Venetian experience and fun night out includes dinner and dancing. It supports the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra youth music programs. Its mission is to raise funds for the orchestra and youth music programs so that its existing talent can grow, flourish and continue to pursue a high standard of performance.

Symphony Ball

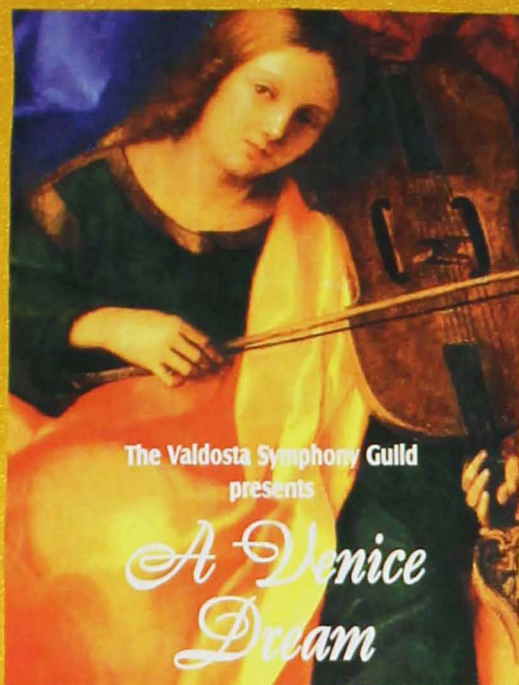


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A Venice Dream

The Symphony Ball
Saturday, November 10, 2012

The Valdosta Symphony Guild hosted their annual Symphony Ball on November 10th at the Valdosta Country Club. This year's theme was "A Venice Dream" which was carried out beautifully with decorations coordinated by Kay Jennett. There was a fabulous collection of auction items displayed throughout the club including an authentic Venetian dinner with VSU President, Dr. Bill McKinney, and First Lady, Dr. Dacia Charlesworth. John and Chris Roan were the high bidders for the jewelry from Steel's, and Terry Hunt won the bonus Steel's Shopping Spree for contributing the most during the silent and live auctions. Guests were treated to music by The Fabulous Classics. Proceeds from the event benefit youth and collegiate programs of The Valdosta Symphony Orchestra.



SYMPHONY BALL FUNDRAISER

Symphony Ball Committee Chairs, left to right: Kay Jennett, Sharon Morris, Harriett Messcher, Jeani Synyard, Guild President Patricia Vigerstol, Rhonda Hamman, Jessica Newman, President Elect Marian Belanger, Robin Wetherington (All photos by Bryan Garris)



Janice Allen and Dean Brooks



Ed and Paula Hutchinson with Careen Shapiro



Mary and John Crawford



Earle McKey and Elizabeth Jones



Susan and Adam Steel



Barbara and Blake Pearce



Michael and Julia Bann





Bill McKinney and Dacia Charlesworth



Howard Hsu and Tamara Hardesty



Mike and Martha Dover with Chris and John Roan



Barry and Marian Belanger with Nancy and Ron Zaccari



Rose and Fred Ware



Joe and Quinn Vallotton



Barbara and Brantley Jenkins



Stephanie and Doug Moss



Lorre and Charles Hatcher



Robin Wetherington



Jerry Jennett, Jack Oliver and Chuck Steel



Kay Jennett



Leslie and Marty McGhin



John Gaston and Gloria Boyette



Dana and Larry Simpson



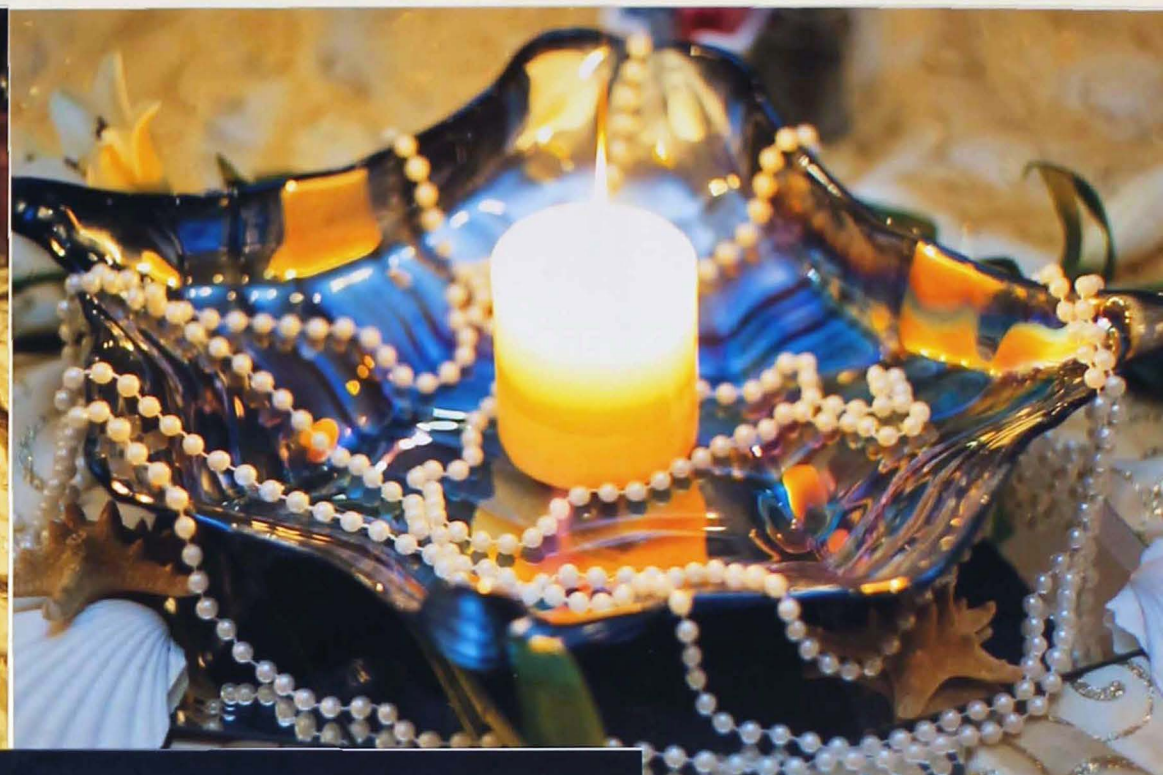
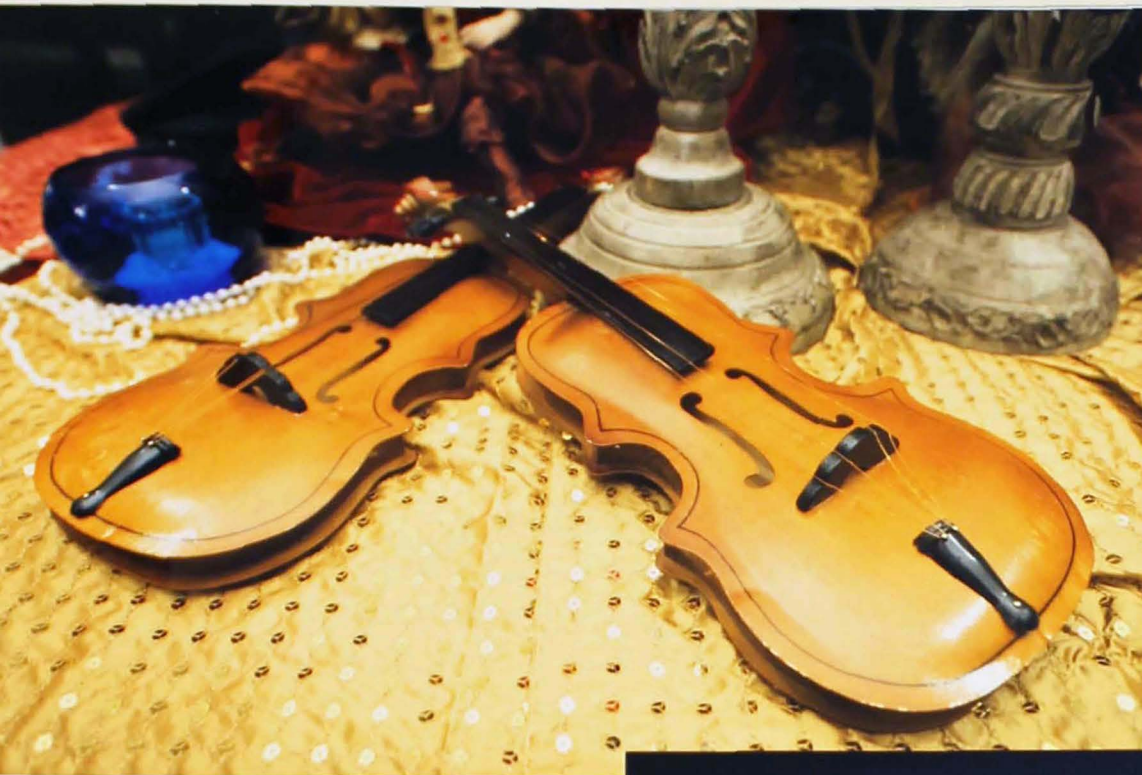
Susan and David Johnson with Linda Mullins



Patricia Vigerstol, Marian Belanger and Bonnie Rainey



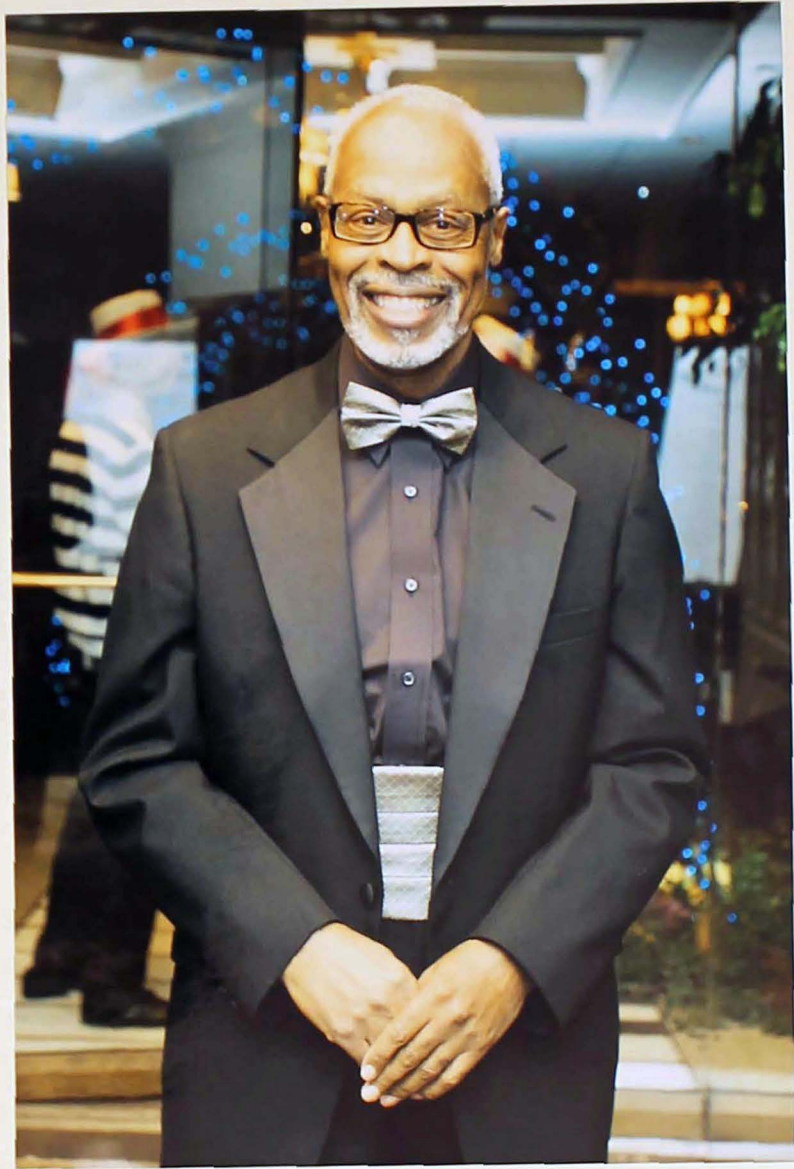
Rosalia and Jose Medina

















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Sunday, January 20, 2013

Tunes for Tots



Three-year-old Addilyn Presley tries to play Eric Bradshaw's instrument at Tunes for Tots on Saturday.

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Children introduced to musical instruments, Valdosta Symphony Orchestra

BY BRITTANY D. MCCLURE
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VALDOSTA — On Saturday, Whitehead Auditorium in Valdosta State University's Fine Arts Building was filled with art, music and the joyful laughter of little children as the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and the Valdosta Symphony Guild presented the annual Tunes for Tots.

"It's a great opportunity to introduce children to instruments of the orchestra," said co-chair of Tunes for Tots, Amy Neal. "We hope some will want to play an instrument or as the orchestra perform."

Neal — who is no stranger to music considering she's on the symphony guild and her husband Dr. Paul Andrew Neal is VSU's choral director — brought her two sons, 4

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Five-year-old Amelia Dugan and her little sister, 3-year-old Taylor Dugan, play the xylophone at Tunes for Tots on Saturday.

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The South Georgia String Project performed for Tunes for Tots on Saturday in Whitehead Auditorium in the Fine Arts Building at Valdosta State University to demonstrate to children where their musical ambitions can take them.

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and a half year old Andrew and 3-year-old Christopher.

"They love it," said Neal. "They love that they get to touch the instruments because normally we say, don't touch!"

Over the years, music programs in schools throughout the country have been reduced and even eliminated due to budget cuts. Programs such as Tunes for Tots and the South Georgia String Project, led by VSU director and master teacher Lauren Burns, hope to find ways to bring music into children's lives and express the importance of art and culture.

"We need future musicians or we won't have an orchestra in 25 years," said Neal.

The South Georgia String Project — winner of the 2011 National String Project of the Year — is a joint venture of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and the Department of Music at VSU. It serves a

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Amy Neal

Co-chair of Tunes for Tots

dual purpose, providing an after-school music program where children can easily access low-cost stringed instrument instruction, and providing valuable, mentored teaching experience for music students at VSU.

The String Project, comprised of musicians ages 8 years and up, performed Saturday for an auditorium of more than 200 children and their parents.

It provided children an excellent visual of where their musical ambitions can lead them.

After the performance, children were turned loose throughout the first floor of the Fine Arts Building where they touched and played a plethora of instruments by 13 different musicians.

"Today, it's all about the kids," said Neal.

Parent George Alvarez brought his 6-year-old daughter Miranda and his 5-year-old son Manny to Tunes for Tots with the hope of getting them more interested in music.

"We want to expose our kids to culture and musical instruments," said Alvarez.

Three year old Addilyn Presley practically dragged her mother Nikki Presley to the event Saturday because, despite her young age, she has a taste for sophisticated music.

"She loves classical music," said Presley. Even musical novices, such as 11-year-old Will Correll, were introducing children younger than himself to his viola.

"This is only his first semester in the String Project," said Will's mother, Scarlet Brown.

Into the afternoon, tots were plucking strings, banging drums, buzzing trombones, blowing into oboes, shaking maracas, tapping tambourines, and experiencing all that music has to offer in a fun and encouraging environment.



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NIGHT



Cast & Crew





*The Valdosta Symphony Board of Directors
and
The Valdosta Symphony Guild*

Cordially invite you to

The Champagne Breakfast

Toasting the Symphony Season

Saturday, April 27, 2013

10:00 pm

(or immediately following the concert)

*Plantation Grill
Valdosta Country Club*

\$26 per person

Champagne included * cash bar available

(Prepaid reservations required, please.)

RSVP by April 25th to Jeani Synyard 244-3036 or 834-6004
(Check may be mailed to 746 Lake Laurie Dr., Valdosta, GA 31605)

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(Signature) _____

Address _____

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Number Attending _____

_____ My check is enclosed. (Payable to Valdosta Symphony Guild)
We accept Visa, Master Card and American Express (call 244-3036)



Bravo!



The Solo



*The Valdosta Symphony Guild's
Annual May Luncheon*

*Please join us as we
welcome our newest members
and install our new President!*

*We'll celebrate the Guild year
that is ending, and
present our check to the Symphony.*

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
11:30 AM
Valdosta Country Club

Musical entertainment: The South Georgia String Project
student musicians

Please don't miss this exciting event!

\$18 per person

(Prepaid reservations, please)

RSVP by Thursday, May 2 to Robin Wetherington, Treasurer
P.O. Box 1872, Valdosta, GA 31603-1872
Or call Patricia Vigerstol at 229-269-2232



