

♪♪ Notes from Symphony East ♪♪

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www.symphoneyeast.org

~ Welcome, Everyone ~
Our Season 63 continues!

*"Bringing to YOU
Musicians at their Best"*

Monday, October 21, 2024

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.



Program: Professor Edward Kocher and future Duquesne University Superstars!!

Dr. Edward Kocher will lead an informative presentation that encapsulates ways that music schools and symphony orchestras work together to develop and nurture the talent that sustains the orchestra into the future. He and Duquesne graduate students will provide live music to enhance the discussion. He brings exceptional experience, energy, and enthusiasm to the classroom, stage, and the national arts community. Currently, serving as Duquesne Professor of Music, he shares his love and passion for symphonic music and our beloved Pittsburgh Symphony with students

from the broad university population. From 2014–2019, he served as the inaugural holder of the William Patrick Power, C.S.Sp. Endowed Faculty Chair in Academic Leadership at Duquesne University. From 2000–2014, he served as Dean and Professor at Duquesne's Mary Pappert School of Music. An accomplished trombonist, Dr. Kocher's performance credits include tours and recordings with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, on stage performances at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, a 2007 GRAMMY winning recording with Nancy Wilson on the MCG Jazz label, and a host of solo and chamber music performances in America, Europe, and Asia.

An energetic and passionate advocate for the arts, he has served in an impressive array of leadership roles including the Commission for Accreditation for the National Association of Schools of Music, President of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society, and as a member of the Arts Education Collaborative Steering Committee. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Belle Voci intergenerational women's chorus, and the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra.

His current scholarly agenda focuses on using technology to develop improvisation and performances of music for trombone and organ.

Prior to his appointment at Duquesne University, he served for two decades at DePaul University in Chicago, IL, where he earned competitive grants for technology, improvisation, and diversity initiatives. Professor Kocher earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy Analysis-Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a Master of Arts in Trombone Performance at the University of Iowa, and a Bachelor of Music Education at Northwestern University.

Dr. Kocher will be accompanied by graduate students at Duquesne University's Mary Pappert School of Music:

Anderson Lacerda (born in Brazil) and Maryia Krastanova (born in Bulgaria) both studied for the artist degree at Duquesne University in the class of Charles Stegeman in 2022/2023. Both began their studies in childhood.

Mr. Lacerda will play Bartok's concerto for violin and orchestra and an excerpt from Don Juan (Strauss).

Ms Krastanova will play the Brahms concerto for violin and orchestra and an excerpt from Brahms Symphony 4 (4th movement).

Note: Symphony East is hoping that this **October 21, 2024**, program will be of interest to students, parents, teachers, and counselors interested in the **Mary Pappert School of Music**, and invites you to join us that day. Admission to the program from **1:00-2:00 PM** is free for students and teachers. Anyone wishing to come for lunch should complete and send the reservation form.



Reservations for lunch and program: All reservations for attendees must be received by the October 17 deadline. The price of the event is a flat fee of \$30.00 which covers the luncheon and program. 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 - be sure to choose the main dish that you prefer). A person who does not want to have lunch can relax and enjoy the musical program with a \$10.00 guest admission (no food). 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. 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 or make an arrangement with member Elaine Stevens.

😊 🎵 🎵 The October reservation form is below. Be sure to indicate your choice of entrée.

There is also a reservation form for the **Holiday Gala & Fundraiser**. It will help to simplify the accounting for the two events if you can send a separate check to pay for each event.

Including the forms and checks in the same envelope is most acceptable (save a stamp)! 🌷

Thank you. 🎵 😊 🎵 💰 🎵 💰 🎵 💰 🎵

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At SE's September meeting, the Symphony East audience enjoyed performances by two excellent trombonists who substituted for James Nova and Robert Matchett III. They were **Mark L. Lusk**, Professor Emeritus at Penn State, and **Taylor Jones**, second trombone in the Pittsburgh Opera Orchestra since 2018. Here are excerpts from their biographies:



Prior to his appointment in 1986 at PSU, Professor Lusk enjoyed a varied career with such diverse groups as the Woody Herman Thundering Herd, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Eastman Wind Ensemble, and the Chicago Contemporary Chamber Players. He continues to have an active playing career as a soloist, clinician, and freelance musician and he has performed throughout the U.S. and abroad, including featured performances at jazz festivals worldwide. He has also performed on Broadway, including the recent production of *Little Women*. Mr. Lusk is a native of Brandenburg, Kentucky and the proud father of seven. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Eastman School of Music and a performance certificate from Northwestern University. He was Kevin McManus' professor at Penn State.



Mr. Jones is an active freelancer who also regularly performs with the Pittsburgh Symphony, Wheeling Symphony (WV), Westmoreland Symphony, and Johnstown Symphony Orchestras, and the River City Brass Band. Before moving to Pittsburgh in 2018 from hometown Birmingham, Alabama, he held the position of Bass Trombone in the Meridian Symphony Orchestra, Mississippi, for two seasons. He greatly enjoys performing in chamber music settings such as Chamber Orchestra Pittsburgh, where he recorded Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du soldat*, *Pulcinella Suite*, and Messiaen's monumental *Des canyons aux étoiles*.... He has performed with Andrea Bocelli, Yo-Yo Ma, The Who, Weird Al Yankovic, Mac McAnally, and the Coral Reefer Band. Mr. Jones holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Performance from The University of Southern Mississippi, where he gained experience in both classical and commercial idioms, and a Master of Music degree from Duquesne University where he studied with James Nova.

President's Message:

This time of year is a transition time for me. It is time to put away the relaxed attitudes of summer and begin to look forward to winter activities. The weather is slowly changing and cooler days are here. I begin to focus on the coming holidays - Thanksgiving and Christmas. I look back over our past year and know that we have done a good job of supporting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Your board is back to work to bring you the best programs that we can secure. Planning for the holiday party is well underway. I hear that the theme will be Italian this year. Begin thinking about what type of basket you will donate to the party. All of our efforts contribute to keeping the music alive. We may not be a large organization but we are mighty. Let's keep up the good work.

Pat Frick, President

► ► \$ ☺ **From our Treasurer: \$\$\$\$**

As of September 16, 2024, the ending balance is \$4,768.52. The remaining entertainment budget is \$2,000.00 leaving a spendable balance of \$2,768.52.

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 2024-2025 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 available at regular meetings. ◀



Your new Yearbook: 📖

The 2024-2025 Yearbook is now available at the October meeting. The various changes from over the past season - including the information about new members and the amended by-laws - are included. If you will not be at the meeting, your member copy will be mailed to you.

Symphony East welcomes new members Bev Bitler, Chris Drenning, and Shelley Crannell.



► ► **Symphony East notes another activity in 2024:** 🍷 🎵

► **December 2, 2024 - "Italian" Holiday Gala & Fundraiser - with the Dr. Zoot band and a presentation by Italian tenor Mr. Marco Fiorante with a view of Italian Christmas traditions.**

Guests are always encouraged to attend and are welcome!

and even more more activities in 2025:

"Brass on the Bluff" from Duquesne University on March 17, 2025. April 14 and May 19 programs are not yet determined. The likely performer for the December 1, 2025, event will be Mikey Dee's band.



Symphony East Holiday Gala Fundraiser news:

Italian Holiday Gala!

December 2, 2024
Mark Your Calendar
Invite Your Friends!



Symphony East is delighted to announce a holiday gala that is sure to delight! This year's Italian Holiday Gala will feature the music of Dr. Zoot and a special presentation by Italian tenor, Marco Fiorante, who will entertain with an enchanting presentation on Italian holiday customs and Christmas songs. Mr. Fiorante, a lyric tenor, was born in Cellino San Marco in Italy and is renowned for his Italian-themed programs. It is a performance not to be missed!

This event, a fundraiser for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, features a buffet luncheon, our traditional holiday basket raffle, and a large selection of special door prizes! Please mark your calendar NOW, send in your reservation form, and invite your friends to come. Symphony East needs all of our members to support this unique event and to bring many guests!



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*Save the Date and Invite Your Friends!*



**RESERVATION FORM** *for*

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

**SYMPHONY EAST'S**  
*Annual Sounds of Joy!*

**"Italian" HOLIDAY GALA LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER**

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

**Monday, December 2, 2024 - 11:00 A.M.**

**Deadline is Saturday, November 23, 2024**

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

First Name(s) Last Name(s)

**My guest(s) will be:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The meal offerings will be at a Substantial Buffet and with Assorted Desserts.**

**[Note that assistance will be given to anyone needing help to carry food dishes to the table.]**

**Number of attendees @ \$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 *Saturday, November 23*, to:  
 Dolores Gallagher, 140 LaVale Drive, Apt. 404, Monroeville, PA 15146**







## Basket Donations Urgently Needed!

The fund-raising committee urgently needs your help! Please plan to donate a basket for the raffle in support of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. If the thought of creating an entire basket is daunting but you find that you have new or very gently used items that could be incorporated into themed baskets, please call Nancy Dalverny (412-523-6686) or Diane Kaufmann (724-327-9095) to arrange for pick-up.

Gift cards to local restaurants, shops, and theaters are always appreciated!

Your creative ideas are strongly encouraged but if you're stumped, the following basket ideas are always popular:

- Mystery Box, Bag or Purse
- Wine Lovers Basket
- Tea Lovers Basket
- Coffee Lovers Basket
- Keurig Accessories & Supplies
- Movie Gift Card, Beverages, Snacks
- Chocolate Lovers Basket
- Restaurant & Movie Gift Cards
- Lottery Tickets on a Display Board
- Christmas Decorations & Ornaments
- Stationery Basket
- Fashion Accessories
- Pittsburgh Sports Basket
- Dog or Cat Toys and Treats Gift Basket



Grand Prize

Un Gran Premio

An Italian Gift Basket!

The fundraising committee challenges each member to invite friends to the Italian Holiday Gala! In appreciation for the efforts of our hostesses, we will award a gorgeous basket of Italian goodies to the member who brings the most guests (non-members) to this special holiday event. Please pick up the phone, write a note, send an email invitation, or tell everyone you meet about this wonderful program. We hope to welcome over 100 guests!



**PSO & PSA News:** <http://www.PittsburghSymphonyAssociation.org>  
Newsletter: *Staccato Notes*

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

**Excerpted from the PSA President's Message in the October 2024 *Staccato Notes* newsletter:**

Our annual Fall Luncheon was held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at St. Clair Country Club. An arrangement of chrysanthemums and other flowers in the spectrum of fall colors centered each table for the special fall event honoring PSO first violinist Christopher Wu on his upcoming retirement. PSO musicians Anne Martindale Williams, Irene Cheng, Dylan Naroff, Tatjana Mead Chamis, Rhian Kenny and Ellen Chen Livingston performed and shared their stories of their friendship with Chris Wu. Chris's wife, Annette, also attended.

**PSA's annual fundraising check for \$167,000 was presented to PSO President and CEO Melia Tourangeau.**

**The check includes the donations from Symphony East. [editorial note]**

At the Fall Luncheon, Robert and Sue Kemper were honored as 20-year members.

**Upcoming Events**

*except the Oktoberfest which was cancelled.*

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| <b>Oktoberfest</b><br>Teutonia Männerchor<br>Thursday, October 19, 2023 | <b>Holiday House</b><br>Preview Party<br>Shadyside<br>Sunday, November 12, 2023 | <b>Holiday House</b><br>Shadyside<br>November 17-19, 2023 | <b>Holiday Luncheon</b><br>Duquesne Club<br>Tuesday, December 5, 2023 |
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Reservation/  
Registration  
forms are on the  
PSA Website



**RESERVATION FORM**

for

Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

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**Deadline is Thursday, OCTOBER 17, 2024**

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

First Name

Last Name

Indicate your choice of entrée: #1 Chicken Parmesan or #2 Pork cutlet

My guest(s) will be: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entrée: # \_\_\_\_\_

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Choice of entrée: # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**SYMPHONY EAST MEMBERSHIP FORM 2024-2025**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



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LUNCHEON &  
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