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THE WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF AUSTIN'S 70th Anniversary Jewel Ball

"The Platinum Jubilee"

The Women's Symphony League of Austin thanks the community for 72 years of collaborative support of the Austin Symphony Orchestra.



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ANNUAL JEWEL BALL FUNDRAISER BENEFITS AUSTIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Women’s Symphony League of Austin, with Honorary Chairs Susan and David Douglas, capped a milestone weekend with its 70th Anniversary Jewel Ball on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Palmer Events Center.

This year’s Jewel Ball Co-Chairs, Elizabeth Doughtie and Tricia Moose, and their 50-person all-volunteer committee, welcomed more than 850 people to the The 70th Anniversary Jewel Ball — The Platinum Jubilee, where guests applauded a presentation of the Royal Court and Junior Royalty, and enjoyed dinner and cocktails, live music from the Matchmaker Band, casino games, a photo booth, live auction, and silent auction.

The WSL is the largest annual donor

to the Austin Symphony Orchestra. Since 2002, the annual Jewel Ball weekend has raised more than \$5 million for the Austin Symphony Orchestra (ASO), making the WSL one of the most significant financial supporters of classical music in Austin. The contributions made have enabled the ASO to expand its programs and increase the number of schools served. WSL also provides hundreds of volunteers to support events, including the Tuneful Tales / Cuentos melódicos program, which is offered in both English and Spanish in partnership with the Austin Public Libraries.

The Jewel Ball is an annual event that brings together supporters of the symphony and arts from across the state, and highlights WSL’s multi-decade partnership with the ASO. The WSL

invited outstanding college-aged young women from across Texas to represent their communities as duchesses of the Visiting Jewel Court. Visiting Jewels from Dallas, Lubbock, and Waco joined this year’s Diamond Queen and two princesses from Austin, together honoring the support the Austin community gives the Austin Symphony Orchestra.

“Tricia Moose and I are honored to have chaired this year’s milestone Jewel Ball weekend of events, continuing this cherished Austin tradition that benefits the Austin Symphony Orchestra,” said Elizabeth Doughtie, Jewel Ball 2025 co-chair. “It is with great pride that we celebrated the families of our Royal Court and their commitment to the arts in Austin. The funds raised by the Jewel Ball support education programs

of the Symphony that will reach 50,000 K-12 students over the next year,” said Doughtie.

ABOUT THE WOMEN’S SYMPHONY LEAGUE

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INTRODUCING THE 2025 WOMEN’S SYMPHONY LEAGUE JEWEL BALL

Royal Court

Her Royal Majesty, the Diamond Queen

Rylee Walker
of the House of Hissey



Daughter of Knight and Mrs. Michael Eugene Hissey

Escorted by

Mr. Henry
Newton
Bell V



Son of Chancellor and Mrs. Henry Newton Bell IV, Grandson of Mrs. Pamela Roberts Bell and the late Lord Chancellor LIII Henry Newton Bell III

Mr. Callahan
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Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Charles Geisler



KING BRIO LIX
Frank Jackson

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Princesses and Escorts

Princess Reese
Madison Bain



Daughter of Knight and Mrs. David Fallon Bain

ESCORTED BY
MR. MICHAEL BUTLER VAN BAVEL



Son of Knight and Mrs. Nicholas Richard van Bavel
Grandson of King Brio XXXII and Mrs. Ernest Charles Butler

Princess Katherine
Elizabeth Martineau



Daughter of Knight and Mrs. David Tucker Martineau

ESCORTED BY
MR. ZACHARY MARC ZIMMERMANN



Son of Ms. Ashley Ann Smith

WSL was honored to have a wonderful group
of Visiting Jewels and Escorts:

THE PINK DIAMOND OF DALLAS

Duchess Annabeth
Gracelyn Winn



DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. LESTER MARTIN WINN
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Duchess Reese
Morgan Rogers



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REPRESENTING THE LUBBOCK SYMPHONY GUILD

THE SAPPHIRE OF WACO

Duchess Juliet
Elizabeth Indergard



DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL THEODORE INDERGARD
REPRESENTING THE WACO SYMPHONY COUNCIL



ESCORTED BY
MR. RYAN
NICHOLAS
McCORD

SON OF MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS
J. McCORD

REPRESENTING THE DALLAS
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE
HONOR GUARD



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MR. BRAXTON
COLE BUCKNER

SON OF MR. AND MRS. TODD
BUCKNER

REPRESENTING THE LUBBOCK
SYMPHONY GUILD



ESCORTED BY
MR. GABRIEL
RUBEN LUGO

SON OF DR. AND MRS. JOAQUIN
NOMBERTO LUGO

REPRESENTING THE WACO
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2025 JEWEL BALL HONORARY CHAIRS
David and Susan Douglas

Few individuals have demonstrated such long-standing and generous support of the Women's Symphony League of Austin than this year's Jewel Ball Honorary Chairs, King Brio LV and Mrs. David Warren Douglas.

David and Susan each moved to Austin from Dallas in 1980, but their paths did not cross until Susan, matriculated from Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, enrolled in some accounting courses at what is now known as The McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas. David was already there, obtaining his Masters of Business Administration; he saw Susan, and the rest was history

In 1992, the 25th Olympics took place in Barcelona, William Jefferson Clinton was elected as the 42nd President of the United States, and Johnny Carson hosted his final episode of The Tonight Show. Closer to home, right here in Austin, that same year, the Women's Symphony

League gained a fabulous new member in the lovely Susan Hargis Douglas. Since that day, during her 32 years and counting of membership in WSL, Susan has beautifully fulfilled the duties of virtually every single leadership position in the organization.

While it is impossible to list them all here, some highlights of Susan's myriad of and significant roles include multiple years of Austin Symphony Orchestra Board Membership; two-time Symphony Showhouse Chair; two-time TASO Conference Chair; WSL President in 2008-2009; TASO President in 2021-2022; and the recipient of the 2025 First Chair Award, the Symphony's highest honor recognizing extraordinary leadership and service. Additionally, the Douglasses' daughter, Frances Allyson, was selected as the Diamond Queen of the 2009 Jewel Ball – The Way You Look Tonight. Susan enjoyed each one of these titles and fondly recalls her tenures as WSL President and as Showhouse Chair as her very favorites.

Like his bride, David has held numerous leadership roles in the Knights of the Symphony, including his coronation as King Brio LV in 2020, the top honor bestowed by the Knights. Although David was raised in Arkansas, Susan is a proud native of Louisiana; as such, it was especially meaningful to the Douglasses that David was selected to reign over a New Orleans-themed Jewel Ball (2020-2021, Crescent City Celebration). Due to the postponement of the 2020 Jewel Ball due to the historic pandemic, David is proud of the fact that he is the only King Brio in the Knights' storied history to preside over the festivities with two Diamond Queens!



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Landry Jane Abarca



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Alicia Faith Baker



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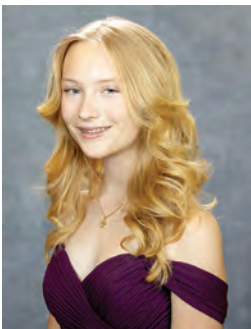
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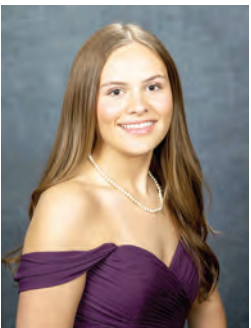
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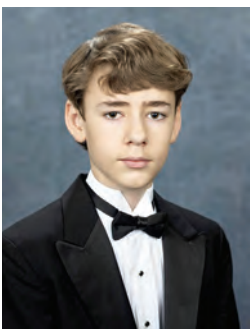
Presley Jaye McWilliams



Leo Daniel Moreno



Isabelle Catalina Richter



Locke Canon Robinson



Katherine Alyce Stotts



Avery Elizabeth Wilson

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Jacqueline Rose Ates



Jane Madeline Blackman



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Isla Danielle Collins



John Wesley Collins V



Charlotte Emerson Dickey



Abigail Helene Edwards



Benjamin Hunter Ellul



Veronica Beatrix Gibbins



Henry Robert Hare



Palmer Reese Icenhauer



Palmer Grace Lee



Caroline Rose Lupton



Madison Mae Moore



Lorraine Denise Moreno



George Dwight Morgan V



Sarah Grace Powell



Ava Grace Price



Raleigh Mary Rieck



Henley Madeline Scoggins



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Murphy Linden Stout



Celine Lillian Turnquist



Avery Barron Warriner



Scarlett Beda Spencer Watford



Casen James Wilson



Annabelle Christian Young

▲ FASHION LUNCHEON ▲

On September 19, 2025, the Women’s Symphony League of Austin Fashion Luncheon Chair Brooke Morgan, along with Honorary Chair Susan Douglas hosted the Fashion Luncheon — “Cheers to 70 Years!” at the Palmer Events Center.

Guests were treated to a modern twist on a champagne afternoon tea, designed to transport attendees “straight to the Savoy in London.” Special commemorative, hand-painted champagne bottles added a festive touch to the occasion.

The luncheon featured a dazzling runway program produced by Sue Webber Productions, spotlighting collections from Austin favorites The Garden Room and Saint

Bernard. The show captured the perfect blend of local style and high-fashion elegance.

A highlight of the day was a special onstage conversation with Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill — noted interior designer, author, and daughter of the 11th Duke of Marlborough. Lady Henrietta shared insights into design, heritage, and her family’s legacy at Blenheim Palace, offering guests a fascinating glimpse into her world.

The “Cheers to 70 Years!” Fashion Luncheon beautifully blended glamour, cultural exchange, and community impact — setting the stage for an unforgettable 70th Anniversary Jewel Ball season



HONORARY CHAIR SUSAN DOUGLAS, JEWEL BALL CHAIR TRICIA MOOSE, FASHION LUNCHEON CHAIR BROOKE MORGAN, LADY HENRIETTA SPENCER-CHURCHILL, JEWEL BALL CHAIR ELIZABETH DOUGHTIE



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GEORGEANN MCRAVEN, MELISSA JACKSON, LUTIE BUTLER



TIERRA NEUBAUM AND LADY HENRIETTA SPENCER-CHURCHILL



MARY ELLEN BORGELT



KATIE COMER, ALLISON EDWARDS, VALERIE GIBSON BENDELE

▲ SOIRÉE ▲

THE WOMEN’S SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF AUSTIN HOSTS ANNUAL PLATINE SOIRÉE EVENT

AUSTIN-AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY A BENEFIT FOR THE AUSTIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Women’s Symphony League of Austin’s Soirée Chairs Julie Dye and Christine Napierkowski hosted the Soirée Platine — The Purple Reign on Sunday, September 14, 2025, where they welcomed Austin’s 9th and 10th graders to an unforgettable evening of music, games, and connection.

This year’s Soirée carried on its tradition with a fresh new format at Holey Moley Golf & Entertainment, where teens enjoyed mini-golf showdowns, arcade battles, karaoke with friends, and high-energy décor that tied seamlessly into the Purple Reign theme. The evening provided a safe, lively space for teens from across Austin to connect and celebrate together.

“Soirée Platine is more than just a party—it’s part of a legacy,” said Co-Chairs Julie Dye and Christine Napierkowski. “Our vision was to create an unforgettable evening designed specifically for 9th and 10th graders, while also carrying forward WSL’s mission to support the Austin Symphony Orchestra’s award-winning education programs.”

Planning for Soirée began last spring and involved doz-



ens of volunteers, from committee members and school ambassadors to parents and day-of helpers. The move to Holey Moley opened the door to a completely reimagined experience, while still staying rooted in the traditions and purpose of WSL.

Every ticket sold directly supports the Austin Symphony Orchestra’s education programs each year. With its immersive atmosphere and joyful energy, The Purple Reign stood out as a night that was not only fun for teens but also deeply impactful for the community.

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SOIRÉE CO-CHAIRS CHRISTINE NAPIERKOWSKI AND JULIE DYE



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▲ WOMEN’S SYMPHONY LEAGUE JEWEL TEA 2025 ▲

In celebration of the 70th Anniversary Jewel Ball, the Women’s Symphony League of Austin (WSL) formally announced its Royal Court participants at the Annual Jewel Tea on Friday, May 16th. The Court consists of the 2025 Diamond Queen and Princesses, along with their Escorts from Austin, honoring the support of local families for the Austin Symphony Orchestra. The WSL also invites outstanding, college-aged young women and men from across the state to represent their communities as Duchesses and Escorts of the Visiting Jewel Court. Hosted by the Past

Presidents’ Council of the WSL and chaired by Past President Araminta Sellers, the Jewel Tea is a highly anticipated annual tradition. This year, guests arrived at the beautiful home of Stacy Toomey for the reveal of the Royal Court. Members enjoyed a variety of delicious wines, gourmet tea sandwiches, fruit, and traditional strawberry-filled cake during the exciting announcement. In keeping with 70 years of tradition, the 2025 Jewel Committee, chaired by Stacey McLeod Brewer and Stephanie Wilson, had the privilege of selecting this year’s Royal Court.



BELEN BENAVIDES, COURTNEY EDWARDS, TAMMY PARNELL, ALLISON EDWARDS, AJA PERRIN, STEPHANIE WALDEN



JEWEL BALL CHAIRS TRICIA MOOSE AND ELIZABETH DOUGHTIE



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