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## ASSOCIATION OF THE LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA

**MISSION:** To provide funding and resources to support the Louisville Orchestra, to create opportunities for youth to excel in performing and appreciating symphonic music and to broaden the audience and support of the Louisville Orchestra throughout the region.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What an exciting and memorable 2019 for the Association of the Louisville Orchestra, Maestro Teddy Abrams, and the Louisville Orchestra! Thanks to your interest and devotion to keep a thriving orchestra in our community, the ALO's 2019 contribution to the Louisville Orchestra was \$100,000, including an ALO sponsorship of the LO Holiday Pops!

We are so proud of our Louisville Orchestra and Teddy! Hopefully, you recently saw members of the orchestra and Teddy perform in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center Awards in honor of Michael Tilson Thomas; on KET performing at the Kentucky Governor's Inauguration; and in the fall on the Jimmy Fallon television show. At one point in the performance Teddy played the piano with the right hand and the clarinet with his left hand! Teddy always delivers an interesting and delightful performance! These appearances, in addition to the scheduled concerts at the Kentucky Performing Arts Center, the Brown, the new Paristown venue,

Kentucky Opera, Messiah, Nutcracker, and other Christmas performances, have kept the orchestra musicians busily making beautiful music! We anticipate many more wonderful performances in 2020.

Your ALO Board is preparing many interesting events for 2020, and we hope you will participate as much as possible. There are many opportunities for you to become more involved with one of the ALO Committees. You will notice articles throughout this newsletter describing educational and social events that welcome more ALO volunteers. If you are interested in becoming more active with the ALO, please don't be shy. Contact one of the Committee Chairs or me, Mona Newell. We will be happy to have you join the fun in support of the Louisville Orchestra!

Thank you, again, for your interest, generosity and enthusiasm! Let's make 2020 a great year!

Warm regards,

*Mona S. Newell*

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## REMINDERS

### We need your email address!

To keep in touch. To give you timely updates about events. To save money on printing and postage. We promise to never send you spam or share your email with other organizations. You may also request that we not include it in the upcoming directory. Contact Marguerite Rowland at [associationloinfo@gmail.com](mailto:associationloinfo@gmail.com).

### Planning Ahead for 2020

**March** - Volunteer for kids concerts and orchestra member lunches. (See page 3.)

**May** - à la Carte rollout. Reserve your favorite events early. Many sell out fast!

**August** - Your next ALO newsletter.



# À LA CARTE - 2ND HALF 2019



*Hidden Music in the Garden*



*Low Country Shrimp Boil*



*A Magical Holiday Christmas*

**Wardrobe 911:** After a delicious lunch, Jeff Hunter from Rodes, one of Louisville's finest boutiques, shared how to update your wardrobe and pack light for a sophisticated look on trips.

**It's in the Cards:** A day of fun but competitive bridge playing with lunch by Big Spring Country Club.

**Cool Jazz on a Hot Summer Night:** Listening to cool jazz, sipping Old Fashions, and nibbling delectable appetizers in a stunning 1920's Beaux Arts style home overlooking the gardens. It made for a perfect summer setting.

**Jefferson Sails the Ocean Blue:** While feasting on a dinner prepared by Louisville Boat Club, renowned authority and author Chester Zoeller shared the history of Jefferson Bourbon, a Kentucky Artisan Distillery in Crestwood, KY.

**An Evening with the Bernhards:** featuring our beloved Principal Pops Conductor, Bob Bernhardt.

**Lunch at the Little House:** An intimate lunch at Little Melcombe, an historic Tuscan cottage, with a tour of the 1916 gardens.

**An Evening with the Maestro:** Another fantastic evening listening to our maestro and newly-arrived cellist, Lillian Pettitt, perform in the intimacy of his home.

**100 Years Fly By at Bowman Field:** Charles Arrington shared stories and milestone events on the history of Bowman Field.

**Ghosts, Boots & BBQ:** Author and storyteller Thomas Freeze narrated ghostly stories over BBQ in this haunted old barn.

**Low Country Shrimp Boil:** "The Big Easy" came to Louisville with Pat Galla's legendary shrimp and scallop boil held in the backyard of a beautiful home on the Ohio River.

**Secrets of Bluegrass Chefs:** Tim Laird, Brown-Forman's Chief Entertainment Officer and Kevin Harned, Wave 3 TV Chief Meteorologist brought us so many delicious items by Chef David Danielson, Executive Chef of Churchill Downs.

**An Evening at Bellwood:** Guests of Kevin Grangier, Louisville restaurateur and owner of the extraordinary Bellwood estate in Anchorage, experienced first-hand the splendor of its period furnishings and wonderful art, accompanied by delicious hors d'oeuvres and sipping cocktails.

**Hidden Music in the Garden:** The evening tour of the musical greats that call Cave Hill Cemetery their home concluded with a musical concert an orchestra quartet with a special appearance of our own Maestro Teddy Abrams.

**Brown-Forman Cooperage Tour:** A private tour of the Cooperage that handcrafts barrels for the aging of bourbon was followed by a gourmet buffet lunch served at the Bourbon Street Café.

**Behind the Scenes at Actors Theater Louisville:** An inside look at the production of Dracula revealed the complex staging, workshops, dressing rooms, costume shop and the trap rooms.

**Orchestra Art Fair:** Holiday shopping was on everyone's mind at the Louisville Boat Club as over 30 of local artist displayed paintings, tapestry, jewelry, glass, purses, jackets, shawls and more.

**A "Glitzy" Day:** A luxury coach to Nonesuch, KY for shopping at Acres Antiques Gallery and being treated to a three-course lunch at the award winning Glitz restaurant.

**Taste of Greece:** Greek "chefs" prepared a lavish 4 course meal of Greek specialties paired with fine wines.

**A Treasured Christmas:** This private home's extraordinary holiday collections included seven elaborate Christmas trees, Christmas village, Mark Roberts Christmas Fairies, and large display of Possible Dream Santa Clauses. A bountiful buffet and Christmas music played by Bob French on the piano.

**A Magical Holiday Evening:** This 1861 home on a spectacular Prospect estate was decorated to create a Christmas wonderland, with cocktails, appetizers, and grand piano, followed by a lavish hostess dinner. The University of Louisville Choir's Christmas concert ended the evening and our A La Carte events on the perfect note!

**Visit our website [www.AssociationLO.org](http://www.AssociationLO.org)**



**To see more photos from our fun events from last year and this year's 2020 À la Carte event schedule.**



**MAYA KILBURN**  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE



**NATHAN SHEPHERD**  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE



**CHRISTY KIM**  
3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

## CULTIVATING MUSICAL TALENT AND INTEREST

This year 18 young musicians auditioned on a very rainy day in October. Of those, eight made the finals. It was a pleasure to hear these young people perform. Maya Kilburn, violinist from Muncie, IN who had won second place last year, won first prize this year. Second was Floyd County, IN native Nathan Shepherd on the bassoon. He auditioned in both bassoon and piano and made the finals in both instruments! Christy Kim, middle school student from Cincinnati, OH won third place on the violin. So proud of them!

Many thanks to the University of Louisville School of Music for the beautiful recital space and to the new panel of competition judges. Many experienced ALO volunteers generously participated all day greeting and ushering students and their parents. Everyone is welcome to attend the Finals Recital. Watch for Lindsay Vallandingham's Young Artist Competition emails next summer and consider the opportunity to volunteer in October.

## GET INVOLVED

**À La Carte Events.** À la Carte is a great way to meet and mix with a community that appreciates and wants to support our Louisville Orchestra. Sign up to attend or host. Tax deductible. To host an event contact Michele Oberst at [associationloinfo@gmail.com](mailto:associationloinfo@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Lunch for LO Musicians.** Provide a quick lunch for musicians between youth *Making Music* Concerts: March 24, March 25, March 26 – all three days have concerts scheduled for 10:30AM and 12 noon. Contact Markie Baxter at [associationloinfo@gmail.com](mailto:associationloinfo@gmail.com).

**Help Kids at the "Instrument Playground"** *Peter & The Wolf Family Concert*: Saturday March 21 – volunteer call is at 9:45AM for pre-concert activities to start at 10AM and concert at 11AM. Contact Lindsay Vallandingham at [associationloinfo@gmail.com](mailto:associationloinfo@gmail.com).

**Marketing.** Help the LO marketing team put posters on community/retail bulletin boards. If you've got a stapler, you're set! Contact Randi Austin at [associationloinfo@gmail.com](mailto:associationloinfo@gmail.com).

### DONATE

**Instrument Donation.** Donate gently used instruments for youth at events such as the Family Concerts and in schools. Seeking string or brass instruments in good condition. Reeds create hygiene concerns and are not accepted. Contact Lindsay Vallandingham at [associationloinfo@gmail.com](mailto:associationloinfo@gmail.com) for more information.

**Donate Unused Gift Cards.** Sign up to donate unused gift card balances through Braandz at [www.braandz.net/#/give/ORCHESTRA](http://www.braandz.net/#/give/ORCHESTRA). Braandz confirms your donation by email.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program.** Visit [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com), click on "Save" at the top of the screen, a menu will drop down, and then click on Kroger Community Rewards. Select ALO as the organization you wish to support.

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## MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED! IN 2019, THE ALO...

### **Provided funding and support for the LO**

*(More than \$2.7 million donated by ALO during the past 32 years.)*

- raised and donated \$100,000 through 30 a la carte social and educational events and membership dues
- held 6 Dine and Donate events in 2019 raising \$4,000
- sponsored a Pops Concert in December
- hosted annual holiday event for LO staff to recognize and applaud their work

### **Created orchestra opportunities for youth**

- sponsored Young Artists Competition, an elite symphonic music competition drawing 5th-12th graders from large regional area
- assisted LO with Making Music concerts by hosting LO musicians for luncheons between concerts which reached 3,000 elementary and middle school students

### **Broadened the audience and support of the LO**

- aggressively marketed ALO events and LO on Facebook and developed our website, [AssociationLO.org](http://AssociationLO.org)
- hosted events/bus trips outside of Louisville metro area