

# Kansas City Symphony Alliance

Newsletter

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## From the KCSA President

Thanks to all who made this a successful year. I look forward to seeing everyone to celebrate our successes at the Spring Luncheon.



If you have any pictures you would like included in the slideshow that will be running during the luncheon, please send them to me at [CMikeMinor@gmail.com](mailto:CMikeMinor@gmail.com).

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for the 2018 - 2019 season. You can renew using a credit card on the KCSA website at <http://kcsymphonyalliance.org/join->

## *Join us for the KCSA Spring Luncheon on June 2 at Grand Street Cafe - Lenexa*

Please join your fellow Kansas City Symphony Alliance members for our annual **Spring Luncheon** on **Saturday, June 2**. The Spring Luncheon will be held at **Grand Street Cafe - Lenexa**, at 8815 Renner Boulevard. The schedule is:

- 11:00 a.m. Social hour and cash bar.**
- 11:45 a.m. Entertainment.**
- 12:00 noon. Lunch.**
- 1:45 p.m. Raffle.**

The music will be provided by Zofia Farley, who was the audience favorite from the Woman's City Club Charitable Foundation Young Artist Competition of the Kansas City Symphony. She is an extraordinary young musician and you will want to be sure to hear her.

Also, this meeting is the **official annual**

[us/](#) and selecting a membership level. Individual and couple **Sustainer** levels have now been added to the website for those wanting to opt out of the member 20-hour volunteer requirement.

As President Elect, **Annette Szulc** becomes our next president. Please give her the dedication and support that you have given to me. In my next role, as immediate past president, I will have the important task of chairing a committee to nominate officers for the 2019 - 2020 season. If you have an interest in a leadership role or any questions about this, please let me know.

Looking back, I am thankful for your hard work, expertise, and great results. I am also thankful for the great times and new friendships. Thank you for your support of the Kansas City Symphony.

Mike Minor, President

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### ***KCSA Projects in 2017-18 Raise \$150,000 for KC Symphony***

The 2018 **Symphony Designers' Showhouse** attracted nearly 6,500 people to the home at 56th and Pennsylvania, and preliminary figures show that the Showhouse, together with the other two KCSA fund raising projects (the Symphony Shop and KCSA Trips) raised over \$150,000 for KCSA and the Symphony. Be sure to attend our annual meeting (see article above) to hear all of the final results.

**meeting** of the Kansas City Symphony Alliance where we will receive a **review of the KCSA year** from President **Mike Minor**, Treasurer **Peggy Jacobson** and others. Also, we will **elect officers and directors** for the next year. Every KCSA member has received a listing of the nominees. We will **install the new board and officers**. We hope you will come and help us usher them into office for the next year!

The Spring Luncheon will include full attendance and financial results for the **2018 Symphony Designers Showhouse** and awards presented to **outstanding volunteers**.

We will also hear from a Symphony staff member about the latest happenings from the **Kansas City Symphony**.

You should already have received an invitation, but if you have any questions please contact Kami Toben at [catoben07@gmail.com](mailto:catoben07@gmail.com).

We hope to see you there!

Please don't forget that **your KCSA dues are due!** If you haven't paid your dues yet, please **bring your check** to the Spring Luncheon so you can be on our membership list for next year and be included in our membership roster. **You don't want to miss out** on any of the fun!

### **Congratulations to our President Mike Minor on the C Minor Recital Hall**

**The Missouri State University** in Springfield recently opened a new performing venue which has been named the **C Minor Recital Hall**.

The state-of-the art recital hall, named for current KCSA board president



Shown at the ribbon cutting for the 2018 Symphony Designers' Showhouse are (left to right) KCSA president Mike Minor, homeowner Heather Pluard, KCSA Showhouse Vice Presidents Vandra Solomon and Judy Barackman, Kansas City Symphony Executive Director Frank Byrne, and Renee Demott, the publisher of *KC Home and Style*, which produced the Showhouse program book.

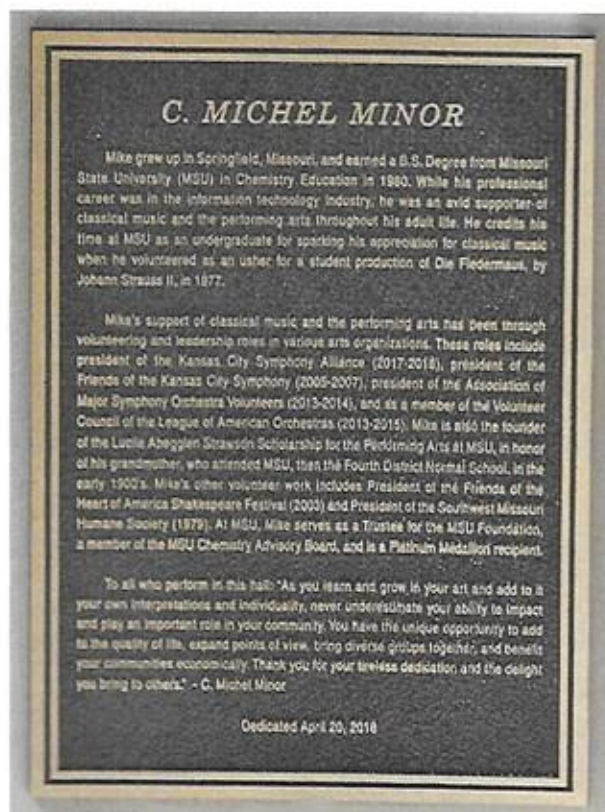
## The Kansas City Symphony Shop Still Needs You!

Whew! The year is *over* for KCSA. Or *is* it? Actually, *no!* The Showhouse may be closed, but our other major fund raising project, the **Kansas City Symphony Shop**, is still in high gear.

There are **several more concerts** before the Symphony's 2017-18 season ends (see Symphony article below) and the Shop still needs volunteers to staff the Shop until the end of the year.

**Symphony Shop chair Cathy Radek** asks you to please check your calendar, log on to

**Mike Minor**, was part of a \$14 million renovation of the music building at Missouri State University. Music programs at the university include instrumental, jazz, keyboard and vocal performance, composition, and recording arts.



Mike is a 1980 graduate of Missouri State University. Congratulations to Mike on this honor!

## And the Winners Are.....

The Showhouse is closed, the votes are in, and we have the winners as determined by those who toured the Showhouse.

First Place Room: the **Sunroom**, designed by **Woodson Antiques and Interiors**.

Second Place Room: the **Tween Suite**, designed by students from **Johnson County Community College**.

Volunteer Matters, and see if you can work at least *once more this year* for the Shop. It's fun, social, and doesn't involve any heavy lifting! Let's bring home a really successful year for the Shop!

Third Place Room: the **Comfort Zone**, designed by **Motivo Designs**.

The winner of the wine raffle was **Zack Hangauer**. The beer raffle was won by **Joanne Songer**. **Pam Griffith** won the necklace, for which the drawing was held in the Boutique.

Our congratulations to these winners!

## Upcoming at the Kansas City Symphony

The **Kansas City Symphony** wraps up its season in June with a flurry of concerts.



*Martin Helmchen*

In the Classical Series, the Symphony performs **Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto** with pianist **Martin Helmchen** the weekend of **June 1-3**. The concert also includes instrumental excerpts from Richard Wagner's monumental **Ring Cycle** of operas.

On June 7, the Symphony finishes its Classics Uncorked series with a concert entitled **Musical Makeovers**, about composers who rewrote or orchestrated works by earlier masters. The music of

**Bach, Vaughan Williams** and **Stravinsky** will be featured.

The Symphony welcomes guest violinist **Augustin Hadelich** to the Kauffman Center the weekend of **June 15-17** for a performance of a **Haydn First Violin Concerto**, paired with the **"Italian" Symphony** of **Mendelssohn**.

The weekend of **June 22-24**, the Symphony caps the season with a performance of **Berlioz'** virtuosic **Symphonie Fantastique** and Leonard **Bernstein's Age of Anxiety**, featuring pianist **Ran Dank**.

Thank you for your support of the Symphony this year!



*Ran Dank*

### Meet a KCSA Star...Nancy Johnson

Nancy Johnson first learned about KCSA ushering at the Symphony Concerts. Another Usher named Carmen invited her to volunteer at the Showhouse in 2010. A year later, she received an email inviting her to come to Hard Hat and sign up to volunteer again, and eventually through volunteering she was encouraged to join KCSA and did so in 2011.

Since then, Nancy has served as the Hard Hat Chair and Showhouse Staffing Chair. However, Nancy's biggest contribution may just be her assistance and knowledge in using Volunteer Matters and Constant Contact which are vital to our organization.



*Nancy Johnson*

Outside of KCSA, Nancy has worked for Sprint for 27 years doing a variety of things that has included testing new software audited by power companies for compliance. She has also taught computer science classes at Penn Valley Community College and spoken all over the United States on topics related to her field.

Nancy grew up in Independence, Kansas and has been happily married to her husband of 44 years who is from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Nancy shared that being a member of KCSA has given her lots of friends, including Bertie Young. She enjoys the working with the wonderful group of people in the organization and encourages new members to get involved because it is fun. (She thinks the really active members are the fun ones). Her final piece of advice is one that many others have also echoed, "If you need to know anything, go see Helen Miller."

by Kellie Sullivan

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