

## ***President's Message***

**Welcome** to the 2018 / 2019 Season of the Utah Symphony Guild. Thank you for supporting our organization who in turn supports our wonderful Utah Symphony Orchestra through financial contributions and many other service projects. Utah Symphony is one of the few full time orchestras operating year round in the nation.

Please visit our website [www.utahsymphonyguild.org](http://www.utahsymphonyguild.org) to find out more about the programs listed below and how you can help, become a member and start participating in those worthwhile projects.

The Guild operates the **Boutique** in the lobby of Abravanel Hall as well as at the Deer Valley Music Festival, all sales benefit the Orchestra, and you can volunteer to be a cashier.

Our **Youth Guild** organizes backstage seminars with symphony musicians, masterclasses provided by guest artists, operates the coat check, schedules the young musicians (ages 8-18) who are members of the Youth Guild to play in the lobby before performances and facilitates their participation in the Annual Youth Guild Recital, which may make them eligible to play with the Orchestra.

Through our **Outreach** Program young children, who otherwise would not have the opportunity to get lessons, are taught to play the violin. The guild provides the teacher, the violins and all needed materials. Two years in a row, 2017 & 2018 we have won the **Gold Book Award** from the League of American Orchestras for this program.

The **Docent** program sends guild members, who went through the docent program, to schools to teach Fifth Graders about classical music and etiquette before they attend a concert of the Utah Symphony and thus hopefully become our future audience.

The Guild also serves breakfast to attendees of **Finishing Touches** when patrons may attend the last rehearsal before a performance.

And there are of course our monthly **Luncheons** where Symphony musicians come and play and guild members can socialize and get better acquainted with one another as well as interact with the musicians.

Our **Annual Gala** is the main Fundraiser of our organization and this season it will be held on March 14, 2019 in Abravanel Hall.

I encourage you to participate in any of those programs that interest you and to start serving this very worthwhile cause in order to assure the successful future of OUR Utah Symphony Orchestra.

This year's Utah Symphony Board is comprised of many talented and dedicated men and women and I am very thankful for their commitment and all the time they spend making the Guild flourish in its endeavor to enrich the cultural scene in the community and particularly to help children.

Many Thanks to a wonderful Board!