



President's Message

Vikki Sung

The 2022-2023 Showcase year is coming to an end. From our first meeting in the Founders Room in October to our last at San Gabriel Country Club, the year was filled with memorable meetings and events. I am honored to have worked with such a talented Board of Directors.



Vikki Sung
President

Eileen Reilly
First Vice President

Matt McIntyre
Second Vice President
Benefit

Undine Schwarz
Third Vice President
Finance

Suzanne Hart
Fourth Vice President
Gifts & Grants

Dotty Ewing

First VP Eileen Reilly kept our bylaws clean and consistent, as well as helped us secure grants from the Green Foundation and the California Small Business Relief fund.

Benefit Chair Matt McIntyre led his team in creating a wildly successful Showcase House. Over 24,000 visitors attended this year, a notable number that has not been seen since 2016. Compliments from visitors abounded (yes, flusable porta-potties *do* make a difference!). In

addition, Matt was able to secure a restaurant this year that operated three separate venues: Stewart's Bistro, Lucky's Cafe, The Shops Wine & Cheese Bar. Spearheaded by Undine Schwarz and Kathryn Hofgaarden, Shops vendors handled their own cashiering this year. The streamlined process resulted in over \$2 million in gross sales.

Premiere Night was a fantastic and fun event held on the lawn.

And of course, the Showcase House itself was a beautiful spectacle. Interior Design Advisor Jennifer Bevan created a pleasing palette that our designers incorporated. Many thanks to the Interior team, which included several Associate members: Dana Marevich (advisor), Danielle Takata-Herring, Holly Shearer, Joy Sullivan, Stephanie Johnson, and Suzette Cummings. The Exterior team included Debra Qurtman, Lisa Loeffler, and Suzanne Hart. The wheels would have come off if not for Ani Manjikian (Benefit Assistant) and Lydia Rubin (Designer Liaison +). Thanks to Garrett Colins and Elsa Balding for filling in on the Core team and as Managers on Duty. Of course, many thanks to the the whole Benefit committee who contributed to this year's success.

Undine Schwarz resumed her **Third VP, Finance**, role this year to keep us on a stable financial path. Many thanks to Undine for her wisdom on all things financial.

When she wasn't planting pansies, **Suzanne Hart** oversaw PSHA's philanthropy efforts this year as **Fourth VP, Gifts & Grants** chair. Her committee gave away \$900,000 to 75 non-profit organizations.

Membership

Stephanie Johnson
Secretary

Gretchen McNally
Advisor /
Parliamentarian

Barbara Lake
Benefit Chair-Elect

Britta Piotrowski
Hospitality

Christine Upton
Instrumental
Competition

Marsha Seyffert
Music Mobile™

Helen Gipson
Youth Concert

Colleen Robertson
Provisional

Garrett Collins
Public Relations /
Marketing

Cathy Hilton
Publications

Membership Chair Dotty Ewing and her committee kept busy this year interviewing many new members and checking in members at events. In addition, it is Dotty's job to keep track of all members and fulfillment of their obligations. Many thanks to Dotty for keeping everyone on track.

Secretary Stephanie Johnson had the unenviable task of recording the minutes at our Board and General meetings and putting them into legible documents. Thank you, Stephanie, for also making the mail runs and reminding us that postal mail is alive and well.

Many thanks to **Advisor/Parliamentarian Gretchen McNally** for stepping in to fill a void this year and for chairing the selections of next year's Board of Directors as well as Standing Committees.

Hospitality Chair Britta Piotrowski did double duty as Board and Benefit Hospitality Chair, making sure we had venues and refreshments at all of our meetings. We also can't forget the wonderful Roaring Twenties-themed Holiday Party at the Flying Ad Garage, that Britta and her team put together!

Instrumental Competition Chair Christine Upton further refined our competition for high school aged musicians this year. We got to see that talent abounds in the younger age group as well. With Christine's help in setting up next year's competition, Colleen can easily step into her new role.

Music Mobile™ Chair Marsha Seyffert saved our program and got us back on track with Pasadena Conservatory of Music. She has been diligently overseeing the redevelopment of the

Michele Lembo
Season Tickets

Jenny Chiang
Treasurer

Honorary Members

Dana Marevich
Archivist / Historian

Erin Dundee & Lynn Mehl
Associate
Representatives

program to make music-making more accessible and inclusive to the kids.

Youth Concert Chair Helen Gipson worked with the Learning Department at the LA Phil to put together the first school concert since 2019! The excitement of the students who attended was palpable that day.

As **Provisional Chair, Colleen Robertson** shepherded our newest class of Provisional members, making sure they integrated easily into the Showcase machine.

Public Relations/Marketing Garrett Collins, along with his team, publicized the organization's programs, as well as created media buzz for the Showcase House. Garrett created the most engaging social media campaign Showcase has ever seen.

Publications Chair Cathy Hilton has a hand in nearly every part of Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts. From maintaining the website to sending email campaigns and creating online payment options, Cathy allows PSHA and its members to complete many of our tasks online.

Season Tickets Chair Michele Lembo made sure that concerts were allocated fairly to members and facilitated use of the Founders Room, often chasing down payments for members' Founders Room charges.

I'm grateful to **Jenny Chiang** for her ongoing role as **Treasurer**. She diligently processes payments and reimbursements and performs the tedious job of inputting items into Quickbooks.

I thank **Archivist/Historian Dana Marevich** for being the keeper of the storage key and tablecloths.

Associates Representatives Erin Dundee and

Lynn Mehl did a fabulous job of keeping Associates engaged with activities and updated with their monthly Associates newsletter.

In Memoriam:

We will miss our dear members whose legacies have shaped the Showcase experience throughout the years.

Beverly Muench

Jacqueline Blank

Debra Scott

Martha Wetzel

Brigett Guitron

Cindy McNeish *Emeritus*

1st VP Policies & Procedures

Eileen Reilly

As I write this article, I am anticipating that, at the General Meeting on June 14, 2023, the Membership will have approved the changes to the Bylaws that I wrote about in my March “JIS” article. Most of those changes would fall into the category of “Housekeeping” changes that the Policies & Procedures Committee recommended and the Board approved with regard to Associates serving on various standing committees. The only substantive recommended change to the Bylaws was in Article IX, C.5.b., which allows the immediate past Advisor/Parliamentarian or Presidential appointee on the Nominating Committee, who is a non-voting member on that committee, to serve as an Associate member. The rationale for that change is that, usually, that person has served on the Board for many years and, especially in light of the fact that it is a non-voting position, that person should be able to serve as an Associate if he/she chooses, rather than losing that person’s experience and guidance on the committee.

I also wanted to announce that we have received the very good news that PSHA will

be getting a \$15,000 grant from the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Policies & Procedures Committee members who served so ably and well this year: Vikki Sung, President; Matt McIntyre, 2nd VP; Dotty Ewing, Membership Chair; Elected Members, Cathy Hilton and Debra Qurtman; and Presidential Appointees, Barbara Damerel and Stephanie Johnson. You all took your membership on this committee to heart and did your homework in advance of the meetings, which certainly made being the Chair so much easier and the meetings shorter! Thank you all for agreeing to serve!

2nd VP Benefit

Matt McIntyre

Staffing - Lani Moore



A heartfelt thanks to our members, community volunteers, and friends who staffed the 2023 Pasadena Showcase House of Design. It was an immense undertaking, with more than 1,200 staffing positions to fill in the House, Shops, and Tickets. We could not have done it without you!

The Staffing Committee

Lani Moore, Cynthia Bengston, Bobbie Nansen, and Susan Dachel

4th VP Gifts & Grants

Suzanne Hart



Membership

Dotty Ewing

With Appreciation

After two years of serving as your Membership Chair, I am exhausted, but exhilarated too, about our 2024 opportunities and challenges. Let's all take a good R&R this summer!

First and foremost, I would like to thank so many of you. Members...Active, Business and Associate members...who recommended new candidates, who are the lifeblood of our growth. We explored 75 leads over the last two years.

And with the help of the Membership Committee we brought in 55 new members (fingers crossed for 9 included in that number whom I will ask the Board to approve on June 21st).

The committee deserves my sincere thanks for their work in processing these candidates as well as carrying on the overall business of the Membership Committee: meeting sign-in, conflict of interest forms, hosting internal and outside

events as well as interviewing each prospect. The 2023 members committee were included Helen Gipson, Mary Jarrett, Marcia Kreditor, Lani Moore, and Analily Park, plus Erin Dundee, Beth Hanson and Lynn Mehl, our Associate members appointees. Colleen Robertson, Provisional Chair, worked closely (and with great vigor) by our side. My thanks, too, to Cathy Hilton, Michele Lembo, Britta Poitrowski and Lynne Graves for their ready assistance whenever asked.

Congrats to Matt and the Core Team!

Matt and his team's successes are a hard acts to follow! I enjoyed working with so many members and I appreciate all of you, especially all that the Core Team did to help to nurture and teach the rules, ropes, and ins-and-outs of staffings to our Provisionals and First Year Actives.

End of Year

By now, many of you have paid your dues. But for those of you who have not, please know that after our Wednesday, June 14th general meeting, dues payments must include a \$50 delinquency fee. Additionally, all financial obligations (buy-outs, dues, and any other monies due Pasadena Showcase) must be paid by June 30th to maintain your membership for 2023-2024.

And about Next Year

Please be aware that in order to fulfill your membership requirements, in addition to staffings, musical event programs participation and meeting attendance, every Active and Business member MUST serve on a Benefit Committee. (We welcome Associates, too.) I have received numerous responses to the survey sent out in April asking for your preference in the coming year. Please feel free to email me if you have not yet responded, and everyone, stand ready to discuss assignments as I reach out this summer to form up our 2024 Benefit Committee.

Welcome to the new Team

And finally, please welcome our new team, Cindy Bengtson, Membership Chair and Ani Manjikian, Provisional Chair. They, too, will welcome your support.

Advisor/Parliamentarian

Gretchen McNally

Congratulations to the Volunteer of the Year – Ani Manjikian and to the Distinguished Service Award recipient – Eileen Reilly. Both these women are the personification of these awards.

And THANK YOU to the Nominating Committee – Advisor, Barbara Damerel; Membership Chair, Dotty Ewing; Shari Domenghini, Lisa Loeffler, Lydia Rubin, Marsha Seyffert, and Christine Upton. Your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Hospitality

Britta Piotrowski

What a year it has been for the Hospitality Committee! Cost cutting measures and post-pandemic event planning certainly had its challenges, but our committee managed to create some memorable events in the end.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered with the Board and Benefit Hospitality events. I could not have handled all of this without you all. Special shout-out to the many Provisionals who were eager to assist!

My last official duty will be the Outgoing and Incoming Board Meeting, to be held on June 21st at the Pasadena Conservancy of Music. The Garden Party theme in their lovely Courtyard will be a fitting location as we celebrate the changing of the Board guard.

Best of luck to Shari Domenghini, who will be taking over the Board Hospitality role for the upcoming year. Of course, I will be around to offer my services!

Provisionals

Colleen Robertson

What a pleasure it has been to help these 26 amazing Provisional Members incorporate into our large organization, not that they needed much help! They quickly found their way onto suitable committees, helping cheerfully with mundane tasks but also jumping into major roles commensurate with their many talents and abilities.

They were quick to sign up for staffing shifts for the Showcase House, and enthusiastically showed up to help with every party and event throughout the year.

Our final social get-together was at the beautiful home of Marybeth Rehman-Dittu on May 1st, and was a Cinco de Mayo Extravaganza, thanks to our hostess with the mostess! It was a festive evening of music, games and good food, and a treat to

have the opportunity to be together as a group.

With pride, let me introduce our “Graduates” from Provisional Members to Active Members of the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts:

Dana Abelson
Susie Aprahamian
Mary Lou Byrne
Sonia Chelsvig
Natalie Farrow
Maria Ferrer
Annie Garabedian
Jessica Harrison
Michele Hemmings
Susan Pickering
Colleen Schultz
Jan Suter
Kassie Douglass

Patricia Jasper
Jackie Jones
Karen Jones
Peggy Kelley
Wende Lee
Linda Li
Mary Lyon
Anne Muller
Gohar Ohanian
Alicia Schmitz
Debbie Schweiner
Suzy Woo

We can't wait to see what these new members accomplish next year!



Publications

Cathy Hilton

Have you changed your email address or moved this year? We are preparing the 2023/24 Roster that will be distributed in the Fall. We want to be sure we have your most up-to-date information to include in it. Many of you submitted updated contact

information with your dues payments. But if you paid online or have additional changes that you would like to make to your Roster listing, please let me know now. Either log in to the Member section of the website and go to [Update Contact Information](#) or email me directly at hilton.cathy@gmail.com

Season Tickets

Michele Lembo & Lani Moore

The 2023 Hollywood Bowl Summer Concerts are coming up and we know many of you are looking forward to enjoying one of the wonderful concerts in this year's series. A survey was sent out to all members so that you could indicate your preferences on Tuesday, June 6th and is now closed. If you participated in the survey and are receiving concert tickets, you will be notified no later than Friday, June 23rd.

SPONSORED CONCERTS (50 bench seats & 2 boxes available for each):

Wednesday, July 19th: Diana Krall

Thursday, August 24th: Joe Hisaishi & La Mer

Tuesday, September 12th: The Planets

SUBSCRIBED CONCERTS (1 box to each concert - Garden 341):

Saturday, July 8th: Maestro of the Movies – John Williams with the LA Phil

Saturday, July 15th: Kool & The Gang

Saturday, July 22nd: Café Tacvba with the LA Phil

Saturday, July 29th: Quincy Jones 90th Birthday Tribute – A Musical Celebration

Saturday, August 5th: Walt Disney Animation Studios – The Concert

Saturday, August 12th: Carla Morrison

Saturday, August 26th: Boy George & Culture Club

Saturday, September 2nd: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi in Concert

Saturday, September 9th: Fireworks Finale: Maxwell

All boxes are \$475.00 this year and tickets will be distributed upon receipt of payment. We are privileged to have complimentary bench seats. Please keep in mind that we always have several members that are placed on a waiting list for these concerts too, so let's not see any empty seats! If your plans change and you are not able to use your tickets, please notify the Season Tickets Chair so another member may be able to enjoy the concert! We thank you for your cooperation and

hope you have a wonderful time at the 2023 Hollywood Bowl Summer Concerts!

Associates

Erin Dundee & Lynn Mehl

Where did the year go? Hard to believe that we are heading off to summer adventures. Seems like we were just celebrating the holidays! This year has been another successful one for the Associates and PSHA. We think as each year passes our Associates have been taking on more “hands on” roles and it is hopeful that that will continue. We have so much experience and lots of knowledge. So many of you stepped up to the plate and volunteered for shops and staff shifts; not to mention Benefit leadership roles. We are profoundly grateful to you. We could not do it without your help!

It was been a world wind of events starting with the General Meeting at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Designer Walk Thru, Formals, Holiday Party, Empty House Party, Punch & Lunch, Premiere Night, Closing Party and shortly, the Year End Celebration. In addition to the member events which Associates are always invited to we had 2 special events this year. In fall we had a private narrated tram tour and lunch at the Arboretum. Our guest speaker was Richard Schulhof, retiring CEO of the Arboretum. It was a wonderful opportunity for our members to be acquainted with the long term plan for the arboretum. March saw the return of the ever popular “Hard Hat Tour” of the Showcase House. Associates were joined by the Benefit Team and Patrons for a first-hand look at the house in progress. Although there was a light rain, it didn’t dampen our party!.

Once again we have enjoyed being your Associate Reps and wish you all the very best for good health and love of volunteerism.



06/03 Christine Upton

06/04 Susie Aguirre

06/06 Salpy Pontrelli

06/08 Dana Ostroff Abelson

06/09 Jessica Green Harrison

06/12 Dawn Bazler

06/12 Linda Massey

06/13 Michelle Lembo

06/13 Ying Ying Lin

06/15 Susan Olsen

06/19 Nancy Cole

06/19 Kathleen Feely

06/20 Weta Mathies

06/21 May Miao

06/21 Barbara Voors

06/29 Susan Barilich

06/30 Barbara Damerel

Not getting PSHA emails?

Please be sure these are included in your email contacts:

president@pasadenashowcase.org

psha@pasadenashowcase.org

emailadmin@pasadenashowcase.org



Watercolor by Lynn Van Dam

[View this email in your browser](#)

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts

P.O. Box 93486
Pasadena, CA 91109
626.578.8500

Want to change how you receive these emails?
[You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.](#)
