



Women's Symphony League of Austin

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The Women's Symphony League of Austin's 68th Annual Jewel Ball Fundraiser Celebrates Tradition and Jubilation

Benefit for the Austin Symphony Orchestra Welcomed 1,000 Guests, Raising \$313,000 for Austin's Oldest Performing Arts Group

Austin, Texas – (October 6, 2023) – The Women's Symphony League of Austin (WSL) hosted the 68th Annual Jewel Ball, Austin's preeminent black-tie affair, on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Hilton Austin.

This year's Jewel Ball Co-Chairs, Olivia Derr and Julia Null, and their 75 volunteers and committee members, created a magical "Under the Texas Stars" evening that celebrated the Austin Symphony Orchestra and recognized the Diamond Queen and five princesses from Austin, honoring the support of local families for the Austin Symphony Orchestra. The WSL also invited outstanding, college-aged young women from across the State of Texas to represent their communities as members of the Visiting Jewel Court.

This year's Royal Court is remarkable in that several of our Princesses are the third and fourth generation of families that have a long-standing history with the Women's Symphony League of Austin as well as the Austin Symphony Orchestra. It was with great pride that we celebrated these families and their commitment to the arts in Austin at the Jewel Ball.

"We are honored to have chaired this year's Jewel Ball, continuing this cherished Austin tradition that benefits the Austin Symphony Orchestra," said Julia Null. "Now more than ever, we appreciate the opportunity together to support a cause that truly enriches the lives of so many in our community. Of course, the highlight of the ball will be the presentation of our Royal Court. We are so grateful to the families represented in our royal court this year for their ongoing support of the Women's Symphony League as well as the programs of the Austin Symphony Orchestra."

The 2023 Royal Court with their escorts includes the following outstanding young women and men:

HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, KING BRIO LVII

AND

HER ROYAL MAJESTY, THE DIAMOND

QUEEN NICOLE CATHERINE OF THE HOUSE OF HEYER

DAUGHTER OF MS. CONNIE NIEMANN HEYER

ESCORTED BY

MR. MAXWELL MITCHELL CORBETT

SON OF MR. AND MRS. BRENT ASHLEY CORBETT

PRINCESS RACHAEL GRACE OF THE HOUSE OF BARKOFF

DAUGHTER OF MS. KELLY LYNNE REYNOLDS

ESCORTED BY

MR. WYATT MCCRACKEN GAY

SON OF KNIGHT AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER DAVID GAY

GRANDSON OF THE LATE MRS. JOY ROSS GAY

PRINCESS MADISON GENEVRA OF THE HOUSE OF BISANG

DAUGHTER OF CAPTAIN AND MRS. TODD HAROLD BISANG

ESCORTED BY

MR. MATTHEW DAVIS FARMER

SON OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM JOSEPH FARMER

PRINCESS SUMNER HOLCOMB OF THE HOUSE OF HILL

DAUGHTER OF KNIGHT AND MRS. JOSEPH WOLF HILL II

GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE LATE MR. W.H. TARBOX AND MRS. JOAN TARBOX

ESCORTED BY

MR. LIAM SCOTT KORNACKI

SON OF MR. AND MRS. TRAVIS PATTON KELSO
AND THE LATE MR. BRETT RUSSELL KORNACKI

PRINCESS CAROLINE ANNE OF THE HOUSE OF MARTINEAU

DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. DAVID TUCKER MARTINEAU

ESCORTED BY

MR. JOSEPH CHAFFIN BENSON IV

SON OF MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH CHAFFIN BENSON III

PRINCESS AVA ELIZABETH OF THE HOUSE OF WARD

DAUGHTER OF MS. MOLLY REESE WARD AND MR. WESLEY RALPH WARD

GRANDDAUGHTER OF KNIGHT AND MRS. DON MOORE WARD

ESCORTED BY

MR. JORY DIETZ RICHARDSON

SON OF MR. AND MRS. JOEL DIETZ RICHARDSON

The visiting Jewel Court included:

The Emerald of Lubbock

Duchess Claire Elizabeth Lansdell

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lansdell

Escorted by

Mr. Kirk Amis von Kreisler

Son of Ms. Kelly Amis von Kreisler and Mr. Alexander Nicolai von Kreisler

The Garnet of Tyler

Duchess Annabelle Kelly Nowlin

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Nowlin

Escorted by

Mr. Peyton William Martinez

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martinez

The Pink Diamond of Waco
Duchess Taylor Grace Felton
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Wade Jr. and Mr. Mark Preston Felton II

Escorted by
Mr. Daniel Wesley Swenke
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Daniel Swenke

About the Women's Symphony League

For 70 years, The Women's Symphony League of Austin has dedicated its energy, talents and volunteerism by providing service and financial support to the Austin Symphony Orchestra and its education programs. The Women's Symphony League is the largest annual financial supporter of the Austin Symphony Orchestra educational programs for children. Over 65,000 children benefit from the innovative educational programs of the ASO every year. Learn more at www.wslaustin.org.

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