



Fall 2024

Thank you for a spectacular year! With your support, the Council Bluffs Guild proudly funds the Omaha Symphony's educational programming in southwest Iowa. Whether it be our scholarship fund or the Omaha Symphony's many educational performances and experiences provided to Iowa students of all ages; it's impactful. This past season, over 3,900 southwest Iowa students and educators benefited from your generosity!

The Council Bluffs Guild's signature event, the Love Your Symphony Dinners, were wonderful and our generous hosts did not disappoint! It was a magical evening, and we are so very appreciative to our hosts and attendees. These dinners are a beloved tradition, and I hope you will consider joining our Council Bluffs Guild for first access to the 2025 dinners.

The June Sips & Strings event had a fantastic turnout at the Hoff Center. Thanks to our sponsors, the proceeds from these events also enabled the Council Bluffs Guild to gift the Omaha Symphony with \$8,000.

At the 2024 Debutante Ball on December 21st, southwest Iowa will be well represented by stag Dan Kinsella, son of Dan and Kari Kinsella of Silver City, Iowa. Dan attended Treynor High School and is studying economics at Boston College. Congratulations to the debutantes, stags, and their families on this illustrious recognition, honoring their service to our community.

Please consider attending an upcoming Omaha Symphony concert as they offer so many unique and exciting formats for you to experience great music. They truly have something for everyone.

Spring of 2025 will mark the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Council Bluffs Guild. We intend to celebrate with our Guild members and hope we can count on you to join us. We are planning a festive members only celebration on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Without your membership, none of these things would be possible. Please visit omahasymphony.org/cbguild or complete the provided donor card and return it with your check to the provided address. I am honored to serve as the President of the Council Bluffs Guild and would greatly appreciate your support this year. I hope to see you all at an upcoming event and wish you all a happy holiday season.

Jennifer Hanwright



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Love Your Symphony Dinners

Save the Date: March 8, 2025

We can't wait to see what the hosts come up with this year. Seating is limited and CB Guild Members get first access. Please consider joining so you don't miss out on the fun!





If you would be interested in hosting, contact Jennifer Hanwright (jenniferhanwright@gmail.com)

Membership Levels

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Why Join the CB Guild?

- Discounted tickets to Omaha Symphony performances.
- Receive members only invites to performances and a special 60th anniversary celebration.
- First access to Love Your Symphony Dinners.
- Fund music education in southwest lowa.
- Contribute to a college scholarship for a southwest Iowa student to pursue their degree in music or music education.

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SYMPHONY

Council Bluffs Guild

On March 9, 1965, the Council Bluffs Guild of the Omaha Symphony held a tea for 100 prospective charter members. Guild president Mrs. Maurice Margules hosted the event at her home. The purpose of the group was "to stimulate interest in symphonic activities in adults and youth in southwest Iowa." Over the past 60 years, these goals have been perpetuated by our Guild.









Sips+Strings

Guests enjoyed an evening of music from Nova String Quartet, drinks, and delicious food in support of the CB Guild.



The CB Guild was honored to support the Omaha Symphony with a donation of \$8,000 for music education.

Ted and Polly Hoff were honored for their years of support of the arts.





The 2024 Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation (SWIEF) scholarship recipient, Katie Ramos.

Thank You Bob and Polina Schlott and Our Event Sponsors!







Jerry & Donna Callender









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Youth Education

The Omaha Symphony provides broad access at all grade levels with their many programs: Mission Imagination, Concerts for Youth, Celebrate Creativity, Music Mentors, Choral Collaborative, and Virtual Classroom. Over 3,900 southwest Iowa students and educators benefited from these programs.



Mission Imagination held in the spring at Iowa Western Community College was again a success with nearly 2,000 pre-K through 3rd grade students in attendance from various southwest Iowa schools.

Iowa School Districts Served:

- Council Bluffs
- Lewis Central
- St. Albert
- Underwood
- AHSTW
- Riverside
- Glenwood
- Missouri Valley
- Southwest Valley
- Schleswig
- Logan-Magnolia
- CAM Community Schools
- Heartland Christian

We will be updating the Council Bluffs Guild bylaws. Please visit omahasymphony.org/cbguild for details.