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PEORIA SYMPHONY GUILD CELEBRATES 60TH

The Peoria Symphony Guild will celebrate a 60th anniversary beginning with the fall season of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. The celebration will include informative and entertaining presentations at the concerts.

At the opening concert on September 17th, ladies in long dresses (reminiscent of the 1950's) with colorful sashes marking the Guild's creation will greet concertgoers at the Peoria Civic Center. Characters from the Peoria Symphony Guild Puppet Troupe and their puppeteers will get acquainted with the audience before the concert and during intermission.

The October 22nd Concert will feature the introduction of a new Jerry Klein book tracing the history of the Peoria Symphony Guild. Mr. Klein will be available for a book signing. The Guild will also display interesting elements from the archives showing the involvement of volunteers in Guild projects over the years.

The January 14th Concert will be dedicated to the Guild's Young Artist Competition that annually selects an outstanding young area talent to be recognized and perform with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. Several past winners of the competition will be present to perform.

The February 18th Concert will salute the Guild's Student Concerts that annually invite thousands of area students to a special performance of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra designed for them.

The March 13th Concert will recognize the Guild's Musical Mornings that offer guests an opportunity to hear talented musicians play and share their love for music.

The April 21st Concert will share the Guild's long-standing tradition of serving coffee and treats to the entire Peoria Symphony Orchestra during their rehearsal. This time the entire audience is going to get a cookie!

At all of the concerts, posters and displays will inform audiences about the great contributions of the Peoria Symphony Guild that support the Peoria Symphony Orchestra and educate students about classical music. During the last sixty years, those efforts include the fund raising of \$537,000 for Peoria Symphony Orchestra concerts, \$25,000 for an endowed chair in the orchestra and \$7,200 for student instrument grants.

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