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Omaha Symphony education and outreach programs benefited from the Omaha Symphony Debutante Ball.

Embassy Suites La Vista was the setting for the Dec. 27 event, which honored 38 debutantes, 35 stags and their parents for volunteer and philanthropic support of the symphony and other Omaha-area organizations.

After being presented to the 530 attendees, the debbs and stags promenaded in the Grand March, which was followed by father-daughter and mother-son dances. Pam and the Pearls provided dance music.

Guests feasted on salads of chopped beets and spinach, followed by filet mignon with gratin dauphinois and green beans. Flourless chocolate cake concluded the meal.

Flower arrangements, which followed a winter theme, featured anemones, brunia balls, white carnations, dusty miller, winter evergreens, red hypericum berries, salal, seeded eucalyptus, and white and ivory roses.

Catherine Mahoney was chairwoman of the ball, assisted by associate chairwoman Julie Lyons, adviser Danielle Bunz and committee members Nancy Ayoub, Patty Buser, Sally English, Tonee Gay, Susan Heim, Jeanie Jones, Anne Medlock, Christine Nikunen, Jennifer Peterson, Christine Stevens, Stacy Wilson, Becky Wincek and Michele Zadalis.

Omaha Symphony Guild President Kim Hord and Omaha Symphony President and CEO James Johnson thanked the committee and presented Mahoney with a thank-you gift.

The ball raised more than \$80,000.

Catching up

» Benefit Art Auction - Proceeds from the \$425,000 raised at the Benefit Art Auction + After Party Concert will go toward programs at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts. The Oct. 27 auction and concert at the Bemis Center attracted more than 800 people.

» Climb Higher Luncheon - Omaha Outward Bound School benefited from the Climb Higher Luncheon at the Omaha Marriott Downtown. Tony Gunter, principal of **Howard Kennedy Elementary School**, received the 2017 Paddle Forward Award. The Oct. 25 event attracted more than 500 people and raised \$115,000.

» Comfort Food Classic - More than 300 guests gathered at Hotel RL for the Comfort Food Classic, a benefit for Grief's Journey, formerly Ted E. Bear Hollow. Attendees sampled dishes by five area chefs and voted for their favorite. The winner was Matthew O'Brien of Old Mattress Factory Bar & Grill, who prepared smoked meatloaf. Grief's Journey, which helps grieving children, teens and adults, recognized its community award winners during the Oct. 1 event. The awards and recipients: Hall of Fame Award, Mary Vondra; Volunteer of the Year, Sean Campbell; Facilitator of the Year, Michelle Peterson; Community Organization of the Year Award, Hillcrest Hospice Care.

ON THE CALENDAR

JAN. 20

Reflection Ball, Midlands Community Foundation, Embassy Suites La Vista, \$125, 402-991-8027 or midlandscommunity.org.

JAN. 25

Girls Nite Out, Girls Inc. of Omaha, Hilton Omaha, \$75, 402-457-4676.

JAN. 27

Rockin' Rosie 2018: Rosie Rocks a Night in Monte Carlo, the Rose Theater, Omaha Marriott Downtown, \$150, Paige Ritter, pdinsritter@gmail.com.

FEB. 2

Hopeful Hearts Dinner and Silent Auction, Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Adalbert Parish, Livestock Exchange Building, \$50, 402-346-0900.

MarianFEST, Marian High School, Hilton Omaha, \$150, marianhighschool.net.

FEB. 3

Omaha Heart and Stroke Ball, American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, Embassy Suites La Vista, \$300, heart.org/omahaheartball

FEB. 9

Mardi Gras Casino Royale, Heartland Cancer Foundation, Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln, \$100, 402-261-9974.

FEB. 10

Congé, Duchesne Academy, Hilton Omaha, \$150, duchesneacademy.maestroweb.com.

Swing Under the Wings, Strategic Air & Space Museum, \$60, held at the museum, events@sacmuseum.org or 402-944-3100, ext. 253.

FEB. 17

FIESTA 2018, Mercy High School, Embassy Suites La Vista, \$125, mercyhigh.org.

FEB. 25

Art & Soup, Visiting Nurse Association, Embassy Suites La Vista, \$55, 402-930-4170 or vnatoday.org.

MARCH 10

Silver Ribbon Event: The Heart and Art of Caring, CRCC, Scoular Ballroom, \$150, crccomaha.org/SilverRibbon2018.

APRIL 5

Wings of Freedom, Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum, held at the museum, \$125, events@sacmuseum.org or 402-944-3100, ext. 253.

APRIL 11

Author Luncheon, Completely Kids, Hilton Omaha, \$75, completelykids.org or 402-397-5809.

APRIL 13

Circle of Dreams, St. Augustine Indian Mission School, A View on State, \$125, Kelly Vazquez, kavazquez@archomaha.org.

APRIL 14

Hats Off to ACN, Autism Center of Nebraska, \$100, held at the center (9012 Q St.), 402-315-1000.

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Pinot, Pigs & Poets, Completely Kids, Happy Hollow Club, \$150, pinotandpigs.org or 402-397-5809.

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