

Midland Symphony Guild
2008-2009
Prospective Membership Application

Dear Prospective Member:

On behalf of the Midland Symphony Guild Board of Directors, we would like to extend an invitation for you to become involved in the support of West Texas' largest professional performing arts organization. With over 400 members, the Midland Symphony Guild is also the largest volunteer organization in Midland, devoting more than 20,000 hours of volunteer service yearly to the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale.

In an effort to make joining the Guild more meaningful and worthwhile, we have developed a training year for first-time members. Training members are individuals who complete mandatory training requirements during their first year in the Guild in order to be eligible for Active membership. These members will have different membership requirements than Active members, with a focus on education and history of the Guild, the Symphony, and the Belle program; and will not vote or hold office. The membership requirements of Members-In-Training (MIT's) are outlined below.

Your prospective Belle will be able to enter the Belle program upon your completion of the Member-In-Training year. The following years, 9th through 12th, you will be required to fulfill the Active Membership requirements as well as the Belle earning five work credits each year...9th through 11th ...for a total of 15 credits. Eligible Belles will be presented as Freshman Belles and again as Senior Belles. The membership requirements of Active Members are also outlined below.

Within this packet you will find the forms required for application. We have also included an APPROXIMATION COST for the Belle Program for 9th grade through 12th grade to give you an idea of the costs associated with the program.

Please be aware that all forms and financial obligations must be returned postmarked by April 1, 2008. **There are no exceptions.** You are welcome to attend the last general meeting of the 2008 season on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will decide to invest a little of yourself in our 46th year of service to the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. The rewards will enrich your daughter's and your life!

Member-In-Training Requirements: (Prospective Belle's 8th grade year).

1. Pay all Guild financial dues and ticket obligations by April 1st of 7th grade year.
2. Attend three Member-In-Training (MIT) sessions. (Usually held sometime in September – February)
3. Attend at least three General Meetings by April 1st. Meetings are held monthly, September – April, excluding December and February.
4. Fulfill an assigned placement on all fundraising projects of the Guild, as requested. One placement includes the MIT Magical Christmas in December.
5. Attend at least one MOSC concert during the training year with your daughter. All training requirements must be completed during the first year of training in the Guild in order to be eligible for Active membership.

Active Membership Requirements: (Belle's 9th – 12th grade years)

1. Attend at least three General Meetings by April 1st of each year.
2. Pay all Guild financial dues and ticket obligations by April 1st each year.
3. Fulfill an assigned placement on all fundraising projects of the Guild, as requested each year. One placement will be the Gala Event in February each year.
4. Fulfill an assigned committee placement each year.

Upon reviewing the above information, if you would like to join the Midland Symphony Guild, please complete the enclosed forms and submit them postmarked by April 1, 2008, in the envelope provided. We look forward to meeting you.

Midland Symphony Guild
Board of Directors

The Required forms include:

MSG New Membership Application – Gold

The information on this sheet is compiled for the database, mailings, and the yearbook. It includes historical questions concerning any past Guild membership, demographics for you, as well as the prospective Belle. This document is also maintained as your signed Membership Contract and Alcohol Consumption contract.

At the Bottom is your individual invoice for the 2008-2009 season as a new potential member. This form requires your signature, the prospective Belle's signature, and the signature of the current Active Member that is sponsoring you. **This form requires one check made payable to Midland Symphony Guild.**

MOSC Symphony Season Ticket Obligation – Blue

There are two options regarding ticket obligation. Please keep in mind that Guild members **must** purchase, at least, **one (1)** General Admission Package for **\$96.00**. Please mark the preferred option. **This invoice requires a separate check made payable to MOSC.**

All forms and payments are to be submitted in the envelope provided and **must be** mail postmarked by the April 1, 2008 deadline. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**

Membership Packet Checklist

_____ New Member Application (Gold) _____ Check for membership dues made payable to MSG.

_____ MOSC ticket obligation form (Blue) _____ Check for ticket obligation made payable to MOSC.