

HISTORY OF SHJO**More than 32 years of free public performances**

- ♪ Home: Upper St. Clair High School Auditorium/Theatre – Premiere concert, Mother’s Day, May 13, 1984.
- ♪ Village Square Mall 1984
- ♪ Grand Opening of South Hills Village Kaufmann’s 1986
- ♪ Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State In-Service Conference at Monroeville Expo-Mart 1987
- ♪ Southminster Presbyterian Church (Mt. Lebanon) 1987
- ♪ Century III Mall 1987
- ♪ SHJO Ensembles at Norman Centre Borders Bookstore (numerous time beginning in 1989)
- ♪ White House lawn (Ellipse) in Washington D.C. 1988 and 1991
- ♪ South Hills Village Mall 1988
- ♪ Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto, Canada 1989
- ♪ SHJO Ensembles at Alcoa Headquarters, Phipps Conservatory, Old Allegheny Christmas Tour 1989 on
- ♪ SHJO Ensembles at Carnegie Museum (Oakland), Ross Park Mall, local churches and nursing homes 1989 on
- ♪ Franklin Mall (Washington) 1989
- ♪ Faneuil Hall in Boston, Massachusetts and Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut 1990
- ♪ “Pittsburgh Light-Up Night” in the PPG Wintergarten 1990-1997
- ♪ Rotunda at the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg 1991
- ♪ Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland 1991
- ♪ Ameriflora Festival, Columbus, Ohio 1992
- ♪ Pittsburgh International Airport 1992
- ♪ Upper St. Clair High School Large Gym (Anniversary Concerts) 1993, 2009
- ♪ Rose Tree Park, Philadelphia 1993 and 2000
- ♪ Merchant’s Square, Williamsburg, Virginia 1994
- ♪ Sandusky, Ohio bandstand and Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan 1995
- ♪ “Side by Side” Concert with the Hershey Symphony at the Hershey Medical Center 1996
- ♪ Home of Henry Clay (Ashland) in Lexington, Kentucky 1997
- ♪ Techno-Expo, Duquesne University 1998
- ♪ Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C. 1998
- ♪ Galleria Mall (numerous times beginning in 1998)
- ♪ Bethel Park High School and Independence Middle School Auditoriums 1998-1999, 2008
- ♪ Boyce Middle School, Upper St. Clair (15th Anniversary Concert) 1998
- ♪ Ginger Cove, Annapolis (near the Naval Academy) 1999 and 2008
- ♪ Kennywood Amusement Park 2000
- ♪ Partnership with the Fine Arts School, Willoughby, Ohio 2001
- ♪ Joy Manor Retirement Community and Monroe Park, Michigan 2002
- ♪ State House in Columbus, Ohio 2003
- ♪ Small Rotunda, PA Capitol in Harrisburg and Gettysburg, PA 2004
- ♪ “A Taste of Lewistown” Festival in New York 2005
- ♪ Cumberland, Maryland 2006
- ♪ On the “Belle of Louisville” steamboat and at a veteran’s hospital in Lexington, Kentucky 2007
- ♪ Campbell Park Stage, Annapolis City Dock, Maryland 2008
- ♪ Silver Anniversary Concert and Alumni Reunion, Upper St. Clair High School Gymnasium, 2009
- ♪ Festival Main Stage at Gettysburg College, and Visitor Center, Gettysburg National Military Park, 2010
- ♪ Strawberry Festival, London, Ohio, and Friendship Village of Columbus, Ohio 2011
- ♪ Phoebe Ministries and West Park Bandstand, Allentown, PA 2012
- ♪ Mount Vernon, Fairfax County, Virginia, and the Jefferson Memorial, Washington D.C. 2013
- ♪ 30th Anniversary Performance and Alumni Reunion, Fort Couch Middle School, 2014

HISTORY OF SHJO 30+ Years = > \$30K – The Philanthropy of South Hills Junior Orchestra

- ♪ SHJO collected \$600 for the Make-a-Wish foundation in May 1985.
- ♪ SHJO joined forces with the Pittsburgh Boychoir, the South Hills Chorale, pianist Lois Streater, organist Thomas Flynn, violinist Lawrence Lee, and soprano Li-Ping Hsieh, for a fall 1986 fund raising performance to benefit the Literacy Council and South Hills Libraries at the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon. \$570 of the proceeds of this concert was contributed to the Upper St. Clair Township Library.
- ♪ In spring 1987, another \$1670 was raised to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation grant the wish of a seriously ill 7 year-old girl to go to New York to meet Mikhail Baryshnikov.
- ♪ At the fall 1988 concert, the SHJO presented a gift of a portable xylophone to Upper St. Clair School District Supervisor of Curriculum John Small as a token of appreciation for providing the group a permanent “home” at USCHS.
- ♪ The first Founder’s Scholarship was awarded to Jenell Jacks in May 1989. Named for the memory of Paul Francis Fox, this scholarship was created to provide assistance to SHJO members who planned to continue their higher education as music education majors.
- ♪ The SHJO Boosters commissioned the first of several musical compositions in the spring of 1990. Assistant Director William Critser wrote the work, *North Star Suite*.
- ♪ To celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of SHJO (1994), the SHJO Boosters presented a check for \$500 to the Community Foundation of Upper St. Clair in recognition of the SHJO directors.
- ♪ SHJO Boosters again commissioned a work by William Critser premiered in 1996 as *Vision of Youth*.
- ♪ In 2000, SHJO Boosters donated \$2000 to the Upper St. Clair School District towards the purchase of four Wenger music library cabinets.
- ♪ In appreciation of providing almost two years of “free” rehearsal and performance space during the Upper St. Clair High School renovation project, SHJO donated a conductor’s stand to Bethel Park High School band director David Buetzow in 2001. In addition, during the following year, the SHJO Boosters purchased a new conductor’s podium and lectern (\$1500) for the USCHS band room.
- ♪ In 2002, SHJO also contributed \$3000 to the Community Foundation of Upper St. Clair to assist in the purchase of the acoustic shell in the Upper St. Clair High School Theatre.
- ♪ In consecutive years (2005 and 2006), SHJO provided Upper St. Clair School District two gifts of Yamaha Clavinova electronic pianos, valued at approximately \$6000 each.
- ♪ To celebrate its 25th Anniversary season, SHJO donated to the Upper St. Clair School District 48 Manhasset music stands with two storage racks for use on stage in the USCHS Theatre, and a Bose Acoustic Wave II machine, a total contribution of more than \$3700.
- ♪ SHJO raised \$2000 for the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank and other charities (2008-2013).
- ♪ For the 30th anniversary, SHJO commissioned *Vision Quest* written by SHJO alumnus Dana Howell, and also contributed a new cymbal stand (\$350) to the high school and \$1200 to the theater.
- ♪ For 32+ years, the SHJO boosters, directors, students, and parents have been grateful to the Upper St. Clair School District for providing its school-affiliated non-profit youth symphony rent-free practice and performance space, liability insurance, and use of instruments, stands and chairs at the Upper St. Clair High School. Thanks to the USC Board of School Directors and administrators’ generosity and collaboration, SHJO, in turn, has given back more than \$35,000 to the local community.