

A letter from the President...

Dear Members and Friends,

In 1968, The Summer Ball was founded as one of the earliest not-for-profit, volunteer organizations created by women in the Denver area. It has evolved into an organization that has given away millions of dollars supporting multiple arts disciplines. After 50 years, the Fine Arts Foundation celebrated with a Reunion Gala for Members, Grant Recipients, Citizens of the Arts Honorees and Debutante families.

The History Colorado Center provided the perfect venue for the much-anticipated reunion. The evening began with the A Cappella magic of the 17th Avenue All-Stars followed by the All-Stars Dance Band! There were festive food stations along with celebratory beverages enjoyed by all. Guests were also invited to sample the Museum. Prizes of engraved champagne buckets and jewelry added to the festivities. A huge thank you is due to our Reunion Gala co-chairs; Susie Hotz and Elizabeth Hotz Hubbard. Their skillful planning and insight were the reasons this beautiful evening happened. Bravo to Susie, Elizabeth and all the committee members!



Earlier in April, I had the honor of attending another special event. The University of Denver Named Scholarship Dinner. This dinner was to honor those individuals and companies who donate to scholarship funds at the University of Denver. The Fine Arts Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund at the Lamont School of Music was established in 2001. To date, we have provided scholarships for nine students. I was seated with Denise Jones, who is our current scholarship recipient. Denise is a graduate student who plays the viola. She expressed her sincere thankfulness for this scholarship because without it, she and the many other students there would not have been able to pursue their dreams through education. It was a very inspirational event. We should all feel very proud that the grant funding we provide goes to such an important cause.

I would like to thank the Board of the Fine Arts Foundation and all our members for your efforts. We are only able to continue our Mission through the generosity and commitment of our members and friends.

Very truly yours,

Caroline

Caroline Simpson President
Fine Arts Foundation



Above: Lisa Reese and I are picking out our Surprise Jewelry bags!

Left: We're having fun in our tiaras! I'm with Rhonda Hartman and Jane Wiltshire.

Robert and Carole Slosky honored as 2018 Citizens of the Arts



Robert and Carole Slosky with son Jeff and granddaughter Rachel, son Brent and granddaughter Camryn (2018 Fine Arts Foundation Debutante), grandson Adam and daughter-in-law Terri Cohen

Robert and Carole Slosky are well known for their thirty plus years of tireless promotion, support and nurturing of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA). As exemplary patrons, their service includes thirty years on the DCPA Board of Trustees and the 2014 establishment of the *Robert and Carole Slosky Fund for Arts in Education*. In addition, they have earned their revered place in our theatrical community as founding members the *Colorado New Play Summit*, *Encore Society* and the *Women's Voices Fund*. Robert has served on the *Colorado Business Committee for the Arts*, the *Colorado Council on the Arts* and was Chairman of the Board for the *Cherry Creek Arts Festival*.

Their mutual love of all things artistic evolved into a lifetime passion. Throughout almost sixty years of marriage, Robert and Carole have actively collected art, with a primary focus on the contemporary Native American genre. It was an "area we could get our arms around and really get to know the artists personally," explained Robert. He and Carole visit the Indian Market in Santé Fe yearly where they have nurtured a connection with various artists that express their culture through multiple mediums.



February 1, 2018 • Denver Center for the Performing Arts • Seawell Ballroom

Auction Chair: Mary McNicholas
Jubilee Chairs: Elizabeth Collins and Suzy Nelson

"A Beautiful Ride"

An original one act play written by Dee Covington and produced by Chip Walton (pictured here) was performed by actors from Curious Theatre Company. It was a superb tribute to the Sloskys and the highlight of the 2018 Jubilee!



Robert's sister Sandra Cohen and friends from St. Louis, Dr. Harvey and Fran Cantor



Amy Frederick and her Debutante daughter Nicole, Debutante Alex Davis and mom Lori



Phyllis and Dr. Gary VanderArk, who were honored in 2003, Valerie Wassill, Kevin Rudolph and FAF President Caroline Simpson



Debutante Kiki Neff and mom E.J. Bennett, Rebecca Bonner and Debutante daughter Anna



Jubilee photos are from the "FLEURISH" article by Scottie Taylor Iverson for The Villager, February 15, 2018.



Striking a playful pose with the parade of "Debutante Fashions through the years" are Rhonda Hartman (FAF founding member), Lisa Reese (former FAF Debutante), Charle Tate (daughter of FAF founder Vivian Tate) and Margo Schlup (FAF BRAVO Award recipient).



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Stephen Garbett, Erica Thompson, Steve Smith, Marion Smith, Lynn Wong, David Wong, Katherine Wong and Chancy Quarles



Chuck and Vonee Pell



Lucy and Erik Bowman



Carolyn and Hal Kepner



Arlene Johnson and Scottie Iverson



Angie and Scott State



Sarah Duman, Elizabeth Hotz Hubbard and Jenny Scholer



Jim and Jane Wiltshire, Janet and Mike Carrol

- Reunion Patrons*
- Brantley Family
 - The Crazy Merchant, Inc. / WillMac Foundation
 - Joy and Christopher Dinsdale
 - Pamela and Dave Duke
 - Elliott Family
 - HOTZ Group / Kentwood Real Estate
 - Arlene Johnson
 - Sharon and J Landis Martin
 - McNicholas Family & Café Rendezvous Catering
 - Simpson Family
 - Nancy and John Stamper
 - Stephanie and Robert Whittelsey
 - Lynn and David Wong
 - Deborah and David Younggren

Thank you for pARTnering with us!

Our Debutante Ball, Citizen of the Arts Jubilee and generous patrons enable us to ensure worthy arts organizations remain a vibrant and creative force in Colorado.



Co-Chairs
Susie Betts Hotz
Elizabeth Hotz Hubbard



To everyone's delight, the 17th Avenue All-Stars A Capella and Dance Band welcomed FAF President Caroline Simpson to the stage with a rousing version of "Sweet Caroline"!



Party guests were greeted by Stacy McCallum and Charlyn McCallum.



Aubrey Lospino, John Simpson and Jenny Simpson were in charge of the amazing jewelry sales!

