



Dear Friends of the ASO,

I am honored to have been elected as the President of the Alliance Symphony Orchestra Board of Trustees. I am committed to working with our new Board of dedicated individuals, and look forward to collaborating with Elaine Anderson and Eric Benjamin. Our Fall concert will be outstanding!

During this upcoming symphony season, we will search for ways in which to improve our outreach as we continue to uphold the mission of the ASO. The concert dates are October 10 and April 24. Fall programming will feature our Solo con tutti Concerto and Aria Competition winners, Jenna Hoffman, pianist and Molly Muckleroy, cellist -- originally scheduled to perform with the orchestra in the spring of 2020 as well as Dr. Maira Liliestedt on Chopin's Piano concerto no. 1. It promises to be a great concert!

I was ten years old when I brought home a Kay cello from South Liberty Elementary School here in Alliance. It was the beginning of a life and love of music and playing the cello. How fortunate I was to be able to use "school" cellos through high school. At that time, AHS had a sizeable high school orchestra and a string quartet.

At Mount Union, I was a foreign language major and continued to study the cello under Peter Synnestvedt, the founder of the ASO. After graduation, I continued to play as an area resident musician. Upon Peter's retirement, Dr. Elaine Anderson took up his baton, and I was privileged to continue to study and play under her guidance. Playing with the Alliance Symphony Orchestra has been an important part of my life.

The Alliance Symphony has impacted the lives of so many over the years – musicians, educators, students and concert goers. Let us move forward focusing on a future that is filled with hope...and great music.

Sincerely,

Deborah Martin

The mission of the Alliance Symphony Association is to foster and promote musical appreciation and understanding through orchestral performance and other educational activities to benefit its audience, performers, and the greater Alliance community. (Spring 2019)