



VISITING JEWEL COURT INFORMATION

The Women's Symphony League of Austin is pleased to announce our 65th annual Jewel Ball which will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Young ladies and their escorts representing symphony organizations from TASO member cities will be formally presented as Visiting Jewel Couples along with the Austin Royal Court. Presentation of the Jewel Court is one of the most spectacular and colorful moments in the evening's festivities. We would be honored to have representatives from your organization participate.

The Ball's festivities will be held at the Palmer Events Center and the historic Driskill Hotel. The weekend's activities include a variety of social functions which are outlined on the attached Calendar of Events. It is our hope that your representatives will want to participate in as many of the activities as their schedules allow.

We invite your organization to select young ladies and gentlemen to represent your league and city in the Court. These should be selected from families whom you wish to honor for their involvement with your organization. Jewel Court participants must be at least a sophomore in college, but not yet graduated in the fall of 2019. **Please notify us of your selection no later than April 15, 2019.** Jewel colors for presentation ball gowns will be determined (chosen) by order of participation fees received.

The presentation fee for each Visiting Jewel Couple is \$4,000; \$3,000 for the Jewel and \$1,000 for her Escort. (If you prefer for us to provide a Jewel's escort, the Jewel fee is \$3,000.) In the past, this fee has been paid by the organization or by the participants themselves.

The fee includes:

1. Announcement Jewel Tea for the Visiting Jewel and her Mother and her Escort's Mother.
2. The Knights of the Symphony King's Party for the Visiting Couple and their parents.
3. Fashion Show and Luncheon tickets for the Visiting Jewel, her Mother and her Escort's Mother.
4. Rehearsal Dinner for the Visiting Couple and their parents for a total of six reservations.
5. Transportation to the Rehearsal and the Rehearsal Dinner.
6. Saturday Knights' Luncheon for the Visiting Jewel and her Father.
7. Escort's white tie and tails and shoe rental.
8. Visiting Jewel's tiara.
9. Six tickets to the Jewel Ball; one for the Visiting Jewel and her Escort and two for each of their parents.

Each Visiting Jewel has the opportunity to bring up to three Trainbearers with her. These children should be between the ages of 5 and 8 years old. The cost for each Trainbearer is \$1,200 for girls and \$1,100 for boys. This fee includes the ball ticket and dress purchase or tuxedo rental for the participant, as well as two parent tickets to the Jewel Ball. Local Austin Trainbearers will be provided if needed, based on availability.

The Jewel Ball is an elegant evening of pageantry, dining and dancing in the beautiful City of Austin for your family and friends. We look forward to your response and hope that we will have the opportunity to honor your representatives as members of the 2019 Visiting Jewel Court.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda van Bavel at linda@texasvanbavel.com or 512-797-1168 or Lisa Irvin at lirvin@austin.rr.com or 512-789-1744 (2019 Jewel Committee Co-Chairs).



2019 ROYAL COURT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TBA (usually late May 2019) **Jewel Tea** – This beautiful event will be held in the home of a WSL member. It is the official introduction of the Royal Court. Austin Royal Court mothers and the Visiting Jewels and their mothers who are in attendance will be introduced.

Thursday, September 19th, **Knights of the Symphony King's Party** – This traditional Thursday night party is hosted by the Knights. The Royal Court will be introduced. Visiting Jewels and their parents are welcome to attend and will be introduced if in attendance.

Friday, September 20th, **WSL Fashion Show and Luncheon** – As part of the Royal Court participation fee, two tickets, one for the Visiting Jewel and one for her mother, are provided for the fashion show and luncheon. Escort mothers receive one ticket with their participation fee. Additional tickets may be purchased.

Friday, September 20th, **Jewel Ball Rehearsal and Rehearsal Dinner** – This mandatory rehearsal takes place at the Palmer Events Center in the late afternoon. Immediately after the Rehearsal, participants will travel together to the Rehearsal Dinner at the Driskill Hotel.

Saturday, September 21st, **Jewel Ball Rehearsal** from 9-11 am.

Saturday, September 21st, **The Knights' Luncheon** – Immediately following the morning rehearsal, the Austin Diamond, Princesses and the Visiting Jewels and all their fathers will attend this special luncheon hosted by the Knights of the Symphony.

Saturday, September 21st, **Pre-Ball Photography Reception** – At this reception, photographs will be taken on the 2nd floor of the Palmer Events Center for all Royal Court and Visiting Court participants and their immediate families.

Saturday, September 21st, **The 65th Annual Women's' Symphony League Jewel Ball** – Presentation, dinner and dancing will be enjoyed at the Palmer Events Center.