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16th Singing for Scholarships scheduled for Nov. 2

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Glasgow concert honors late coach, teacher

The 16th Singing for Scholarships honoring the late teacher and coach Bobby Driver will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Historic Plaza Theatre in Glasgow.

MORE INFORMATION

'Singing for Scholarships' fundraiser returning to Glasgow

This year's theme is "Music through the Decades" and will include entertainment from the Western Kentucky University Jazz Band and No Deposit Band.

"The night will feature instrumental and vocal songs taking you through the best and timeless music of each decade," said Betty Driver, wife of Bobby Driver and co-founder of the Bobby Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A diverse selection of music will be featured, including music from the Roaring 20s, jazz and swing from the big band era of the 1930s, songs from "Grease," paying homage to the 1950s, and music from the Rock 'n' Roll era.

Other local talent will also take the stage, including Depp Alexander, All About Dance Team, Tamara Cambron, Audrey Crain, Lorraine Ellen, Glasgow High School Scottie Singers (2023 National Beta Show Choir Champion), Jude Kingrey, Hayley Biggers Smith, Todd Woodward and Melanie Watson.

Driver said the idea for the singing came from a classmate of her husband's, Peggy Greer, who was assisted by other classmates from the Temple Hill High School Class of 1959.

"They formed a committee, which was in charge of planning, coordinating, organizing and conducting the event," she said. "There were lots of volunteers recruited to help as needed."

She said a key factor in the ongoing success of the scholarship fund, which she established in November 2006 with the help of her son, Brian M.P. Driver, is the financial aid it continues to receive from its supporters.

Bobby Driver, who taught and served as a coach for 30 years in Allen, Glasgow Independent and Barren County school systems, "was an inspiring teacher and coach who made a difference in his students," she said.

“It was in the spirit of genuine caring and concern for the students of Glasgow High School and Barren County High School that the scholarship fund was established,” Driver said. “His legacy as a husband, father and teacher was not forgotten. I sought to commemorate his life in some way.”

Scholarships are provided to graduating seniors at Glasgow High School and Barren County High School pursuing a college degree in their chosen field.

“Brian and I believe, as Bobby believed, that young people further themselves and society through education,” Driver said. “We hope, through scholarships, to encourage high school seniors to continue their education in order to work toward their career goals and be better prepared to enter today’s competitive workforce.”

To date, the scholarship fund has awarded \$79,200 to 45 students.

Tickets can now be purchased for the singing by stopping by The Plaza Theatre, by calling (270) 361-2101 or by visiting the Plaza’s website at www.historicplaza.com.

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