



Join us for BVSO Derby Day 2026

Derby Day 2026 is within sight! This award-winning annual gala is the major fundraising effort of the Brazos Valley Symphony Society, a non-profit organization that supports and maintains the high artistic standards of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra.

LOCATION

Come see the Kentucky Derby, broadcast live from Churchill Downs, in the James A. Baker, III Pavilion at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. This incredible space features the 4141 Locomotive that honored President Bush, the historic Marine One helicopter, and Daisy's Table Café/Market, providing a unique and immersive experience for our guests.

DATE AND TIME

Join us **Saturday, May 2, 2026**. The starting gates open at **5:00 PM** for pre-race activities—cocktails, visiting with friends, and Silent Auction browsing—leading up to the “greatest two minutes in sports.”

EXCITING ACTIVITIES

- 1) Exhilarating viewing of the Kentucky Derby, broadcast live from Churchill Downs
- 2) Our renowned Hat Parade
- 3) Exquisite cuisine catered by Chef Tai, with Messina Hof wine at each table
- 4) “Behind the Scenes” experiences offered through Silent and Live Auction
- 5) Live music performed by the Peter Lleuwen Jazz Trio and the BVSO Quartet
- 6) David Gardner raffle for jewelry wonders, plus Derby Draw gifts for your winning horses

REGISTER FOR YOUR TABLE

Attached is a printable registration form if you prefer to register by mail instead of online. Also included is a sheet detailing the table levels to help you choose the best option for your group.

Here is a link to purchase tickets: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bvss/event/2026derbydaygala/>

MOVIES TO WATCH WHILE YOU WAIT FOR DERBY DAY

“Seabiscuit” (2003), “Secretariat” (2010), “Phar Lap” (1983), “50 to 1” (2014), “Let It Ride” (1989), “National Velvet” (1944), “Dreamer” (2005), “Run for the Roses” (1977), TV-Hallmark’s “Hats Off to Love” (2025)

The BVSS is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Information included with this letter describes in detail the benefits of table sponsorships.



<i>Kentucky Colonel</i>	<i>Triple Crown</i>	<i>Run for the Roses</i>	<i>Friends of the Derby</i>
<p>Table for 10 with premier seating location</p> <hr/> <p>Exclusive open bar access for your table</p> <hr/> <p>Reserved parking</p> <hr/> <p>Derby Day program recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Tabletop recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Pre-event recognition*</p> <hr/> <p>Post-event recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Website recognition at bvso.org</p> <p><i>\$5000</i></p>	<p>Table for 10 with prime seating location</p> <hr/> <p>10 Free drink tickets</p> <hr/> <p>Derby Day program recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Tabletop recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Pre-event recognition*</p> <hr/> <p>Post-event recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Website recognition at bvso.org</p> <p><i>\$4000</i></p>	<p>Table for 8</p> <hr/> <p>8 Free drink tickets</p> <hr/> <p>Derby Day program recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Tabletop recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Post-event recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Website recognition at bvso.org</p> <p><i>\$3000</i></p>	<p>Tickets for 2</p> <hr/> <p>Combined with other sponsors to fill a table of 8</p> <hr/> <p>2 Free drink tickets</p> <hr/> <p>Post-event recognition</p> <hr/> <p>Website recognition at bvso.org</p> <p><i>\$600</i></p>



Sponsor/Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

How sponsorship should be listed on Derby Day 2026 materials:

Yes! I would like to sponsor a table at Derby Day 2026 in support of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra.
Easy and secure registration is available at www.bvso.org

Fill out this form or
scan to register!



- Kentucky Colonel Sponsor | \$5000 (Table for 10)
- Triple Crown Sponsor | \$4000 (Table for 10)
- Run for the Roses Sponsor | \$3000 (Table for 8)
- Friends of the Derby | \$600 (2 Tickets)

My check is enclosed: Payable to BVSS Derby Day 2026

Please charge my credit card

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Please invoice me at the contact information listed above.

Please plan to provide the Symphony Office with table guest names as soon as possible.



Derby Day 2026 – BVSO Fact Sheet

The Derby Day gala is the most important fundraising event for the Brazos Valley Symphony Society (BVSS). This event has garnered much positive attention on the local, state, and national levels. The Texas Association of Symphony Orchestras recognized Derby Day as one of the best fundraising ideas in 2005 with a gold award. Also, the event was honored similarly in San Francisco as one of the best fundraisers at the national level.

- The BVSS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Its purpose is the establishment, development, maintenance of the continuing efforts and high artistic standards of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra and the promotion of musical art for educational and cultural purposes in our community.
- In 2010, the Brazos Valley Symphony's Children's Concerts were named by the Texas Association of Symphony Orchestras as the state's best education program.
- The Friends Association of the Symphony Orchestra (FASO) is a subsidiary organization of the BVSS. Its purpose is to promote, support and assist the BVSS and the Brazos Valley Symphony in any way deemed appropriate and necessary, including fundraising activities. Each year FASO organizes our Children's Concerts for around 2000 Brazos Valley students, sponsors a Youth Concerto Competition for area high school students with first, second and third place awards, provides food for the BVSO before each concert, and puts on a wildly popular fashion show each year to raise money for the BVSO.
- The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra is excited to be able to provide outstanding live symphonic music to the entire Brazos Valley. The Orchestra provides high quality concert performances that delight audiences from young students to seasoned concert patrons, a considerable accomplishment for a population of our size. Under the expert guidance of Maestro Marcelo Bussiki, Music Director since 1996, the Orchestra has flourished.
- The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra is, both economically and culturally, a tremendous asset to our community. Players are both local and state-wide professionals. Ticket sales alone, however, cover only a fraction of our annual expenses. To continue to present the quality of performances our community expects and deserves, additional partnership opportunities, such as annual fund donations and sponsorships are offered. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

For additional information regarding performances, season subscriptions or contributions, please visit the website at bvso.org or call the Brazos Valley Symphony Society at 979.696.6100 or email questions to office@bvso.org.