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ALS Board Elects New President and Vice President!

In a recent vote, the Board of Directors of The American Liszt Society unanimously elected Dr. Jay Hershberger to serve as President and Dr. Alexandre Dossin to serve as Vice President of the Society, effective immediately. Below is President Hershberger's letter to the ALS membership:

Thomas Mastroianni, our beloved late president, envisioned a future for The American Liszt Society in which the influence of Liszt's legacy would increasingly leaven excellent fermentations of artistic musical culture through numerous vibrant and active local chapters of the ALS. The board of directors shares Tom's vision for this future, and its members have entrusted me to steward that vision as president. The prodigious artistic talent, masterful intellectual scholarship, and seasoned human experience found not only among the members of the board, but also among many members of the ALS throughout the nation and the world assures us all that The American Liszt Society is in secure and capable hands for the future. As well, our president emeritus Fernando Laïres set a similar course for us early on in the founding and flowering of the society, and the ALS remains grateful to him for what he and the other founders began.

In addition, the board of directors has named Alexandre Dossin vice president of the society and member of the executive committee. Alex is a wonderful human being and artist/teacher, and I am pleased that he has agreed to serve as the vice-president.

On behalf of The American Liszt Society Board of Directors, I invite all members to attend the upcoming ALS festival at the University of North Texas in September. Festival director Joseph Banowetz is serving up a marvelous feast of Lisztian delights for us, and I look forward to seeing all of our ALS friends there from around the country and the globe.

Excelsior!

Dr. Jay A. Hershberger, President
The American Liszt Society