

# DGMC Newsletter

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**April** is the month for DGMC's annual program which features all of our 2013 Rising Stars Award winners, along with some other very talented young people in our community.

The **Rising Stars** program is on **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m** at the **Four Corners Community Church**.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of our Rising Stars program! Details

are on page 2. Please note that one of the conductors of the Herrick Middle School Chamber Strings was a past DGMC Rising Stars winner who performed at the first Rising Stars concert in 2004.

Please make a special effort to attend this concert. It is always a wonderful experience and the students are so excited to perform for us.

The church is in the back of an industrial building on the east side of Lemont Road, just north of 83rd Street (also known as Plainfield Road). Turn east into the complex immediately south of the Safeguard storage facility. Continue east to the parking lot behind the building on your right. The entrance to the church is in the corner of the 'L' shaped building. Once you are in the back parking lot, the entrance is easy to see. For more info about the church, visit

[www.fourcornerscommunity.org/#/contact-info](http://www.fourcornerscommunity.org/#/contact-info)

## **Piano Festival and Competition**

The 2014 Piano Festival and Competition ended on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with two Honors Recitals that were dedicated to Nancy Munding. The first place winners were Gabrielle Henderson (junior level) and Jason Wu (senior level). Gabrielle will be performing in our Rising Stars concert on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **Piano Festival and Competition (Cont'd)**

The second place winners were Malika Ramani (junior level) and Allison Kirkegaard (senior level). A third place award was given to Tom Higgins at the junior level.

This year, we were able to increase the cash awards, due to the continued generosity of the Downers Grove Rotary Club (which donated \$450 for the 1<sup>st</sup> place Senior Award), the Bea Chisholm Memorial Fund (which funded a \$300 1<sup>st</sup> place Junior Award and a \$200 2<sup>nd</sup> place Senior Award) and the Nancy Munding Memorial Fund (which provided a \$150 2<sup>nd</sup> place Junior Award and a \$75 3<sup>rd</sup> place Junior Award).

**All** students (and their teachers) who took part in the festival and competition should be very proud of the work they did. Many thanks go to co-chairs Elissa Metropoulos and Eve Ciner for running a very well organized event. They, in turn, wish to thank their many volunteers who made this huge undertaking a success and to all the judges for taking time to write fair, constructive comments for all students.

## **April Elections**

There will be a short time taken at the April 8<sup>th</sup> program to hold our annual elections. This year there are three open board positions. A nominating committee, consisting of Lorie Crnkovich (chair), Barbara Dickerman and Abigail Habegger, has recommended the following slate of nominees: VP of Artistic Development – Todd Diehl; Treasurer – Cynthia Jensen; Member-At-Large – Michael Surratt.

## **New Member**

We are pleased to welcome another new member, Joseph Re. Joseph teaches piano, is a composer and has played in many different bands (including a Reggae band, a

Talking Heads Tribute Band and a Phish cover band), in various Jazz combos and as a solo Jazz pianist. He received a BA from Elmhurst College in Jazz Studies and Music Theory/Composition. He has been teaching piano for the last five years.

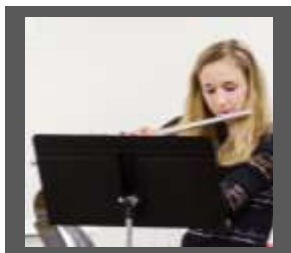
Please add the following contact information for Joseph Re to your directory:

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*March 2, 2014 – The Tapestry Celtic Harp Ensemble*



More Scenes from March 2, 2014



DGMC presents the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ...

# Rising Stars

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Four Corners Community Church**

**8251 S. Lemont Rd., Darien**

Inspiration .....Miles Teague

*Miles Teague*

*2014 IMEA All State Music Composition Contest  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Middle School Division*

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 ..... J. S. Bach / arr. Merle J. Isaac  
1st movement

Prelude for String Orchestra .....Elena Roussanova Lucas  
The Black Sea ..... Gary Gackstatter

*Herrick Middle School Chamber Strings*

*Conducted by Lisa Rose and Mackenzie Bufis\*\**

Divertissement in B flat ..... Franz Joseph Haydn  
*Kelsey Richardson\**, accompanied by Pam Nakane

Frostbite ..... Emmy Cook

*Emmy Cook*

*2013 DG Music Club Rising Star Music Award Honorable Mention Recipient*

Three Taiwanese Folk Songs ..... Phil Young  
*Stephen Shi, piano; Sophia Preys, violin; Natasia Preys, cello*

Il Bacio .....Luigi Arditi

*Caitlin Carr\**, accompanied by Ingrid Mueller

Sonatina in a minor, Opus 13 No. 1 .....Dmitri Kabalevsky

*Gabrielle Henderson*

*2014 DG Music Club Piano Festival Junior Competition First Place Winner*

Sonata for Solo Cello, Op. 8. ....Zoltán Kodály  
Allegro maestoso ma appassionata

*Andrew Molina\**

Bassoon Concerto in F .....Carl Maria von Weber

Allegro ma non troppo

*Rachel Wydra\**, accompanied by Dr. Ricardo Pedroza

Zigeunerweisen .....Pablo de Sarasate

*Katie Portman\**, accompanied by Carol Portman

All the Things You Are ..... Jerome Kern

*Spencer Schillerstrom\**, accompanied by

*Robby Kulik, drums; Zack Foster, bass; Justine Hung, piano*

**Program Chair:** Gloria Salazar

\* 2013 DG Music Club Rising Star Music Award Recipient

\*\* Mackenzie Bufis is a 2003 Rising Star Music Award Winner.  
She performed in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Rising Stars Program in 2004.

## ***Organizations and Events***

**Acappellago:** Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit [www.Acappellago.org](http://www.Acappellago.org) or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2.

**Affinity String Trio:** with **Anny Moravec**. Visit [www.affinitymusicchicago.com](http://www.affinitymusicchicago.com) for details.

**Cantores Community Choir:** This non-audition group is open to anyone high school age and older who enjoys singing, wants to learn more about music and wants to perform a wide range of musical styles and genres. Under the direction of Belford Hernandez, this choir performs a wide variety of four-part musical literature and styles. **Cantores Community Choir** is a member of DGMC. For more information, call (630)-999-1190 or visit [www.cantorescc.org](http://www.cantorescc.org).

**College of DuPage Chamber Orchestra (CODCO):** Director, **Dan D'Andrea**. For more information about orchestra openings or upcoming concerts at McAninch Arts Center, contact Dan at (630) 322-9187.

**Debe Welch Band:** with **Anny Moravec**. Visit [www.debewelch.com](http://www.debewelch.com) for details.

**Downers Grove Choral Society:** Visit [www.dgcs.org](http://www.dgcs.org). Concerts at the First United Methodist Church of DG, 1032 Maple Ave., DG. Single tickets are \$22 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students. There is a \$2 discount if purchased in advance.

**Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 PM:** a *Spring Concert* featuring Schubert's *Mass No. 5*, Corigliano's *Fern Hill* and Randall Thompson's *Last Words of David*.

**Grant Street String Quartet:** This quartet was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians in the western suburban area of Chicago. It is based in Downers Grove and is a member of DGMC. For more information, please visit: [www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com](http://www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com).

**Pianoforte Foundation:** Executive Director Thomas Zoells, also with PianoForte Chicago, his piano store. Visit [www.pianofortefoundation.org](http://www.pianofortefoundation.org) for the many upcoming piano concerts. On the first Friday of every month, at 12:00 PM, listen to the *Pianoforte Salon Series Live* on WFMT 98.7 FM or enjoy the live performance at the new home of PianoForte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

**Sinfonietta Bel Canto:** **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. Concerts held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$19 Adults, \$16 Seniors and \$7 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit [www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org](http://www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org) or call (630) 384-5007.

**Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 PM:** “**The ‘SBC Voice’ Finalist**” featuring Beethoven's *Symphony #5, C minor* and SBC's brand new voice competition. Up to eight “SBC Voice” competition finalists will sing during the concert and the audience will get to vote for the “Audience Favorite Award.”

**Village Voices:** This group was founded in 2006 by Director **Marilyn Wilgocki**. It includes 32 singers. Their music includes spirituals, gospel tunes, jazz, Broadway show songs, folk music and other light-hearted choral music. **Sarah Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit [www.villagevoicesdq.org](http://www.villagevoicesdq.org) or contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

**The West Towns Chorus:** an international quality barbershop style men's chorus. Visit [www.WestTowns.org](http://www.WestTowns.org)

