

# DGMC Newsletter

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## ***Rising Stars!***

Our next program is the Rising Stars program on **Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30PM** at Four Corners Community Church in Darien.. All 2014 Rising Star winners will be performing, along with two area ensembles. This concert is a special event. The enthusiasm and talent of the young performers is always amazing. A few more details can be found on page 2, but we are still missing the titles of quite a few selections. The website will be updated as soon as that information is available.



The church (8251 S. Lemont Road) 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.fccc.church](http://www.fccc.church).

## ***April Elections***

The election of officers will take place at the beginning of our program on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Barbara Dickerman, chair of the Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of board members:

President - Chris Garofalo  
VP of Artistic Development - Mike Surratt  
VP of Business Development - Gloria Salazar  
Secretary - Jen Leckie  
Member-At-Large - Sarah Flanagan  
Member-At-Large - Charlotte Ewing

Be sure to come to vote and then enjoy a great evening.

## ***March Program***

THANK YOU to Susan Lee, Charlotte Ewing, Alice Schrader Cummings and Jim Molina for making March 7th a most enjoyable evening. The March program, held at the home of Chris Garofalo, was an all-piano concert with plenty of diversity in composers and styles.

## ***Piano Festival and Competition***



Chairperson Ellissa Metropoulos reports that we have 129 students entered into the 2015 Piano Festival & Competition.

The Festival & Competition takes place on Sunday, April 19th at 7 locations.

The Honors Recitals are one week later on **Sunday, April 26** at Divine Savior Church in Downers Grove

(6700 Main Street). The first recital begins at **3:00PM**; the second begins at **4:30PM**. Please encourage our festival winners by attending one or both of the Honors Recitals.

Last year the timing worked out so the winner of the Junior Competition (pictured above) performed at our Rising Stars program. It might be tight this year because the competition is only two days ahead of our April program.

## ***New Member***

We are very pleased to welcome the Academy of Music & Art, Inc. to DGMC. This Westmont school offers a wide assortment of lessons for all ages and all levels. It appears as though they teach everything - piano, guitar, strings, woodwinds, brass, voice and dance. We also look forward to hearing some of the teachers perform at our programs. Please update your directory:

Chris Wilson  
Academy of Music & Art, Inc.  
350 E. Ogden Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559  
(630) 654-8426  
[chris@AcademyofMusicandArt.com](mailto:chris@AcademyofMusicandArt.com)

## ***Directory Update***

We have a new address for Jim Molina:  
4521 Pershing Avenue, DG 60515  
(630)865-6681 (*no change*)

## ***May Program***

It's hard to believe our season is winding down. Our final program of the year is on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hendricks Pianos. There is still room on the program for performers. Interested? Please call Chris Garofalo (630) 968-7649 or e-mail him at [president@downersgrovemusicclub.org](mailto:president@downersgrovemusicclub.org).

## Rising Stars!

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Four Corners Community Church**

8251 S. Lemont Road, Darien

Join us as we hear all  
**2014 Rising Stars**

*Shannon Kennedy, alto*

*Julija Lemenaite, violin*

*Anthony McMahon, saxophone*

*Brett Cohen, baritone*

*Brooke Nuccio, flute/piccolo*

*Samuel Tedeschi, tuba/string bass*

Plus ...

*the Downers Grove Children's Choir  
and  
the Jefferson Junior High Jazz Band*

## Organizations and Events

**Acappellago:** Director, Dennis Smith, visit [www.Acappellago.org](http://www.Acappellago.org) .

**A Cappella Choir of Concordia University, Nebraska:** presents a *Concert of Sacred Music*.

Thursday, Apr. 9 at 7:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Concert is FREE.

**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) .

**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) .

**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. Recordings of all concerts are on the [PianoForte Studios YouTube Channel](#).

**Sinfonietta Bel Canto:** Dan D'Andrea, Director. All concerts but *Family Christmas Concert* are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$20 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under (\$2 discount for advanced purchases). For more details, visit [www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org](http://www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org) or call (630) 384-5007.

**Sunday, Apr. 26 at 3:00 PM** at Immanuel Lutheran Church. SBC presents their 2nd annual "SBC Voice" Competition *Finalists* performing lyric arias and opera solos (accompanied by the SBO). In addition, the orchestra will perform Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*.

**Village Voices:** This group was founded in 2006 by Director Marilyn Wilgocki. **Sarah Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit [www.villagevoicesdg.org](http://www.villagevoicesdg.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)