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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.

April Elections

The election of officers will take place at the beginning of our program on April 21st. 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

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 2nd 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.

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 .

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 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 .

Debe Welch Band: with Anny Moravec. Visit www.debewelch.com for details.

Downers Grove Choral Society: Visit 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 .

Pianoforte Foundation: Executive Director **Thomas Zoells**, also with PianoForte Chicago, his piano store. Visit 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 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 or contact Marilyn at 630-971-1594.

The West Towns Chorus: an international quality barbershop style men's chorus. Visit www.WestTowns.org