

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

Christmas greetings and holiday wishes to each of you! In spite of the difficult times in which we are living, I truly hope you and yours will enjoy a most blessed season of celebration and remembrance and that music will be a vital part of your journey.

Start the season off with the DGMC program on **December 1st** at the **Steinway Store**. Enjoy singing some old favorites in between performances by club members. Then enjoy some goodies which Nancy Munding and her assistants provide so beautifully at each of our programs. See you there!

We now have a new trifold **brochure!** The new brochures will be available at each monthly program. Take one, take several. Let's get the word out about our organization. We have much to share about who we are and what we do, in and around the community.

We soon will have an up-and-running **website**. Keep posted for further news about this. Both the brochure and the website are the work of new Communications Chair Christopher Cox. Hats off to him for doing such a fine job!

We welcome new member **Sharon West** - who will be co-chairing our December program. This brings us to a total of ten new members received in the past five months. Hooray for members getting the word out and for inviting others to share in our musical times together.

Keep your eyes open for master classes at the high schools (planned to begin in 2010), for special fundraising events (one of which will be scheduled in the spring of 2010) and for all sorts of other opportunities as together we experience the beauty of our art.

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

December Program

Be sure to come to our program on December 1st to joyfully begin the holiday season. Joyce Tumea and Sharon West are co-chairing an evening of music relating to Christmas and New Year's, with a variety of secular and religious tunes. Program details are on page two. There will be a mix of vocal and instrumental music, as well as a mix of traditional pieces and new, original ones. Even the audience will have a chance to participate because "sing-along" songs will be interspersed throughout the concert.

And, of course, the hostesses will be making certain we begin the Christmas baking season properly. So ... warm up those vocal chords and join us in celebrating the upcoming holidays!

November Program

Thank you to all who took part in what truly was a celebration of Madeleine Pedersen on November 3rd. Chairperson Edith Larson arranged a program that highlighted each of the aspects of Madeleine's musical life. It was a wonderful evening of excellent music, interesting historical notes and good company.

DGMC Member News

Congratulations to Chris Garofalo, who recently was designated a **Steinway Artist**. He now belongs to a select group of approximately 1500 artists, worldwide. The best explanation of what this honor entails comes from the following quote from the letter Chris received from Peter Goodrich, Vice President of Steinway's Concert and Artist Activities.

It is my pleasure to officially welcome you to the distinguished international roster of Steinway Artists. ... the high standard you have set by your artistic and professional achievements make it most appropriate that you are now formally included among a list of the most accomplished and discriminating performing artists in the world.

Andrea and Ted Anderson's daughter, Muriel Anderson, will be returning home for her 18th Hometown Concert on November 28th. Muriel will also be teaching an interactive guitar workshop on Sunday, November 29th. More details for both events are on page four.

New Member

We welcome **Sharon West** to our club. Sharon has participated in a number of DGMC programs over the past few years – we are so glad to have her join us. Sharon composes music full-time in her home studio. She is a singer / songwriter who works with Joyce Tumea in particular, arranging and creating music for performance in a number of venues.

Please add her contact information to your directory:

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DGMC Notes

♪ Two votes were taken at the program on October 6th. Cynthia Jensen was elected to continue serving us as Treasurer for the 2009-2010 year. A second vote approved the proposed change in wording of the last two sentences of Article VIII, Section 1 of our By-Laws, as published on the last page of the Membership Directory.

♪ The board is investigating the possibility of DGMC becoming a **non profit organization**. This designation will allow us to accept gifts and raise funds with the donor(s) listing their gift as tax deductible. It also opens the door for other opportunities. This, however, is a lengthy process and we are extremely grateful to our most competent treasurer, Cindy Jensen, who is working through the various aspects of gathering information and starting the process.

♪ The board is also reviewing, in some depth, the by-laws of our organization. It will take considerable time and much discussion. We hope to accomplish this task by the end of our 2009-2010 program year. The result will hopefully be a more accurate and a more updated set of guidelines for DGMC. Of course, any input, from any member, is most welcome.

♪ Please note that there will be neither a program nor a newsletter for January. Have a happy holiday and best wishes for the New Year!

Directions to Steinway of Chicago

Going north on Highland Av., turn Left (west) on Butterfield Rd. At the first stoplight, turn Left (south) and then immediately turn Left (east) onto the south frontage road. Steinway of Chicago's entrance faces North and is between Olive Garden and the Fitness Center.

Treasures of the Holidays

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

7:00 PM

Steinway of Chicago

1205A Butterfield Road

Downers Grove

Clara Claus

Joyce Tumea

arr. John Connolly & Sharon West

World Premiere

★ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG ★

Holiday Medley

various composers

Lynn West, vocalist

Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

★ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG ★

Polish Lullaby / Cold is the Morning

arr. Kim Robertson

Willie Take Your Drum arr. Sylvia Woods & Mary Radspinner

Cathy Eyberger & Marilyn Wilgocki, Celtic harps

★ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG ★

If You Think You're Alone

J. Tumea & S. West

Joyce Tumea & Sharon West, vocalists

CD accompaniment by Sharon West

★ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG ★

Bethlehem Pastorale

Rhone

Emily Fallert, flute

Barbara Dickerman, piano

★ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG ★

Holiday Cheer

Joyce Tumea & Tony Tumea

Joyce Tumea & Sharon West, vocalists

CD accompaniment by Sharon West

★ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG ★

Program Co-Chairs: Joyce Tumea, Sharon West

Hostesses: Nancy Munding, Andrea Anderson,
Betsy Ramp and Sylvia Wade

SING-ALONG Leaders: Joyce Tumea, Sharon West

SING-ALONG Accompanists: Marilyn Wilgocki,
Josh Evanovich



Thank You

During the summer, we received the following thank-you note from Catie Krygeris, one of the scholarship recipients from Downers Grove North.

Downers Grove Music Club – I just wanted to thank you again for the very generous scholarship for my music camp this summer. Words cannot express how grateful I am. Thank you!

Shop and Share

Our second set of Shop and Share days are December 14, 15 & 16.

Please use the coupons that are coming with this newsletter if you are shopping at Jewel on these days. These coupons can be copied, so feel free to distribute them to students, neighbors, etc. The money we receive from these coupons goes towards funding the scholarships we present to local music students.

Future Newsletters

Whenever you have any items you would like included in the newsletter, please e-mail them to Charlotte Ewing at CharEwing@aol.com or call her at 630-985-8472. The deadline for the next newsletter is Monday, January 18, 2010.

Fun Facts ☺ ~

What famous composer wore a beard on only one side of his face?

(Answer on page 4.)

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**. www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Single tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors and Students.

Escape to ... The Light of the Star: stirring spirituals, favorite carols and contemporary songs will lead us down the path lit by the "Star of Wonder." Also includes an a cappella cantata by Benjamin Britten. Two performances:

- **Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 PM** in Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
- **Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:00 PM** at Naperville Congregational Church, 1 Bunting Lane, Naperville (SW corner of 75th & Washington)

Advent Chamber Orchestra: For more information, visit www.adventchamberorchestra.org, call 630-226-0686, or call **Elizabeth Quaintance**, 630-963-3813.

Keyboard Matters – pianist Matthew Ganong performs works of Bach, Handel, Beethoven, Schubert and Mendelssohn on:

- **Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 PM** at Naperville Public Library
- **Sunday, Jan. 10 at 3:00 PM** at First Congregational Church in Western Springs

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.myspace.com/affinitystringtrio for details.

Artists' Showcase West: Downers Grove Concert Association series. See www.dgconcerts.org or call (630) 963-9093.

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.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 PM

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

Downers Grove Arts Council: contact President **Jim Stahulak** at jimstahulak@yahoo.com

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director **Robert Holst**. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and students. For tickets, order online at www.dgcs.org, call 630-515-0030 or purchase at the door. Concert will be held at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, Downers Grove.

Organizations and Events (Cont'd)

Muriel Anderson's 18th Annual Hometown Concert: will be held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG. Tickets can be purchased at Anderson's Bookstores or online at www.murielanderson.com. For more info, call 630-541-8529.

Saturday, Nov. 28 at 8:00 PM: 18th Annual Hometown Concert, featuring Muriel Anderson (daughter of **Andrea** and **Ted Anderson**), with special guest Florida harp guitarist, Andy Wahlberg

Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2:00 PM: Muriel will teach an interactive guitar workshop at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. The \$25 fee includes handouts and a set of signature GHS strings.

Pianoforte of Chicago: President **Thomas Zoells**. Fazioli Pianos. Visit www.pianofortefoundation.org or phone Mr. Zoells at (312) 291-0000 for the many upcoming concerts. Every Friday at 12:15 PM, listen to the *Pianoforte Salon Series at Columbia College Chicago* on WFMT 98.7 FM or enjoy the live performance at Sherwood Conservatory.

Salt Creek Sinfonietta: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. All concerts, **except** the Christmas concert, held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 E. 1st. St., Hinsdale. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors and \$5 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit www.saltcreeksinfonietta.com or call (630) 415-2899.

Family Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 PM: traditional Christmas concert, with sing-a-longs, choir, orchestra, handbell choir and special kids' selections. **Please note:** concert held at Hanmee Presbyterian Church, 1149 W. Bloomingdale Rd., Itasca. This concert is a fundraising event for area charities (such as PADS) and thus season's passes are NOT applicable. Tickets prices: Adults \$9, children \$5.

Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3:00 PM: **A Mozart Repast** includes Mozart's *Symphony #40 in G minor, Exsultate, jubilate* (featuring **Angela Presutti Korbitz**, soprano) and Horn Concerto #3 in E \flat major (Gary Greene, horn).

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 Jett** is their accompanist. For further information, contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

The West Towns Chorus: The annual Christmas Show Extravaganza will be held at the Tivoli Theater in Downers Grove. To order tickets, visit www.westtowns.org or call 630-201-5544. This year there are four shows.

The Gift of Christmas will be presented on: **Friday, Dec. 11 at 8:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 PM**. In addition to the 70 voice barbershop style men's chorus, guest acts include the Affinity Strings and Brass Ensemble (headed by **Anny Moravec**), the Chancel Bell Ringers, various quartets and David Rhodes at the Tivoli Theater organ. Both **Tony** and **Joyce Tumea** are involved in this concert.

Answer to Fun Facts:

For some time Frederic Chopin, the composer and pianist, wore a beard on only the left side of his face, explaining: "It does not matter, my audience sees only my right side."