

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

... and a very happy Thanksgiving celebration to each of you! While we are at it, let's be especially thankful for our art - the gift of music. Whether we are a singer, director, instrumentalist or member of the audience or congregation, music is a gift to the soul. Why not share it with others? Why not tell your neighbor or your friend or your sister or your work colleague or your social network buddies about MUSIC CLUB! Invite them personally to a program. December looks like a great "lineup." Have them experience a bit of the holiday spirit through the gift of music. Each of us *can* do this. And each of us *should* do this. We, as a club, have much to offer. But, as I've said many times before, sometimes I think Downers Grove Music Club is the "best kept secret in town." Let's change that attitude. Share the gift of music.

Read this newsletter with your calendar handy. There are many activities coming up which might hold special interest for you. Soon it will be time to think about string festival, piano festival, time for high school musicians to fill out applications for scholarship monies from our organization, for more wonderful monthly programs, for a fantastic fundraiser in the spring provided by one of our own (Chris Garofalo), and for delightful fellowship with each other.

I have just come from a board meeting with those who help steer this ship. They are hard-working individuals, dedicated to their respective tasks as officers and committee chairs. They are committed to carrying on the tradition of good music, creating programs available locally which are open to each and every one of you - and to the public, for that matter. Even though you may not hold an office in the club, what can you do to help in some small way? Sing or play in a program? Offer to accompany students for auditions or competition? Prepare/serve refreshments for programs? Take photos of special events? You get the picture - so just contact those in charge and offer your time and your talents.

That's my "sermon" for this month. Let's practice *hospitality* with each other by inviting others to experience the joy of music right here in Downers Grove. And let's increase the *visibility* of our organization by talking with others. I was just told that our yearly brochures need to be replaced at our local library. Great! If you need some to distribute, contact Christopher Cox who is preparing a new batch. Then hand one to your musical friends as a little invitation from you - and from DGMC.

Okay, enough from me. You get the message. Happy Thanksgiving once again! Let's be thankful for music in our lives and let's share it with others.

Blessings to you all ... Marilyn E. Wilgoeki

Happy Holidays!

Our final concert for 2010 is on **December 7th at 7:00 pm** at **Faith United Methodist Church** (59th and Fairview Ave., DG). This evening will be a delightful break in your busy holiday season, featuring a variety of great Christmas music and our annual sing-a-long. Details are on page 2.

DGMC Festivals and Competitions

Thanks to three hard-working chairpersons, everything needed at this time for both the String and Piano Festivals is well in-place. Area teachers have been notified and mailings have gone out. If you did not receive information and would like to enter a student, please contact the appropriate chairperson soon. For strings, call Mary Ellen Newsom at (630) 910-7170; for piano, call Darlene Crilly at (630) 968-0591. Or visit www.dgmusicclub.org.

DGMC Notes

♪ Chris Garofalo has again offered his talent and home to provide a fundraiser for our club. We have tentatively set the date for this *House Concert* for March 19, 2011 at 7pm.

♪ Area schools have indicated a need for accompanists for their music students – for competitions, recitals, etc. In response to this request, we will add a list of possible accompanists to the music teacher directory we maintain for the community. If you would like to be included in this list, please contact Nancy Munding at (630) 971-0785 or nmundi2@hotmail.com.

♪ Thanks to much work on Cindy Jensen's part, DGMC is so far on its way to completing 501(c)(3) status that any donations made to the club may now be eligible for a tax deduction.

♪ A reminder to teachers that Steinway of Chicago is sponsoring its 20th Annual Young Artists Solo and Concerto Competition in the early part of 2011. It is a great opportunity for talented students. The registration deadline is January 25, 2011. Complete details can be found by visiting www.steinwaychicago.competition.com.

♪ **Happy Birthday** to Mildred Drew who will be celebrating her 97th birthday on January 22, 2011.

Address Changes

Please update your directories with the following new addresses for four of our members:

Sarah and Peter Flanagan
613 Ridgeview St., Downers Grove, IL 60516

Mary McNichols (effective 12-1-2010)
924 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

Gertrude Shapiro
2600 S. Finley Rd., Apt. 3502
Lombard, IL 60148

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. There will be no January newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, January 15, 2011.

Fun Facts ☺

If you received all of the gifts in the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, how many would that be? (answer on page 3)

Sounds of the Holidays

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
7:00 PM

Sanctuary of Faith United Methodist Church
59th Street and Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove

Still, Still, Still German carol tune
arr. Douglas Wagner
Jan Martin* and Barbara Vaughan*, handbells

♪ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG - *O Come, All ye Faithful* ♪

Appalachian Christmas Carols Vincent Persichetti
(after John Jacob Niles)
Barbara Dickerman and Charlotte Ewing, Piano duet

An American Christmas arr. Douglas Wagner
Cathy Eyberger*, Barbara Vaughan*, Allan Hins, Mike Lobash*,
Jan Martin*, handbells

♪ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG – *Angels We Have Heard on High* ♪

Sleepers Wake J.S. Bach
Emily Fallert, Flute and Barbara Dickerman, Piano

Invention No. 1 in C Major J. S. Bach
arr. Bowen and Cortez
Cathy Eyberger*, Handbells and Marilyn Wilgocki, Piano

Weihnachtsbaum F. Liszt
Andrew Remillard, Piano

What Child is This? trad. English carol
arr. Douglas Wagner
Cathy Eyberger*, Barbara Vaughan*, Allan Hins, Mike Lobash*,
Jan Martin*, Handbells

♪ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG – *Jingle Bells* ♪

Now is Born the Divine Christ Child trad. French carol
Silver Bells J. Livingston & R. Evans
(both selections arranged by Amy Rice-Young)
FESTIVAL FLUTES: Emma Jerzyk*, Edith Larson, Elizabeth Marcotte,
Julie Marcotte, Rebecca Marcotte, Kimberly Steere*

♪ AUDIENCE SING-ALONG – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ♪

* denotes a guest performer

Program Chair and organist: Christopher Cox

Hostesses: Linnea Cox, Barbara Dickerman & Edith Larson



Organizations and Events

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

Escape to ... A Child's Christmas: a musical celebration of Christmas as seen through the eyes of children ... favorite carols and lullabies, dances and games, Christmas trees, Nativity scenes and pageants. Two performances:

- **Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 PM** in Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

- **Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4:00 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.

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 box office at (630) 963-9093 or subscription manager at (630) 692-9099. Pre-concert conversations at 2:00 PM, concerts start at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG

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.

Next concert is **Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 PM** at the McAninch Arts Center

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

Downers Grove Arts Council: The DG Arts Council was formed in 2008 to promote not-for-profit Fine & Performing Arts in Downers Grove. Contact President **Jim Stahulak** at jimstahulak@yahoo.com or visit the council's website at www.dgarts.org for more info.

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director **Robert Holst**. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and \$5 students. For tickets, order online at www.dgcs.org, call 630-515-0030 or purchase at the door. Concert will be held at Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville, IL.

Muriel Anderson's 19th 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 the door for \$25 (Adults), \$15 (Seniors/Students) or in advance (with a \$3 discount) at Anderson's Bookstores.

Saturday, Nov. 27 at 8:00 PM: 19th Annual Hometown Concert, featuring new-age flamingo music performed by the Tierra Negra Trio. This trio, comprised of Muriel Anderson (daughter of **Andrea** and **Ted Anderson**) and two German guitarists, will have available at the concert a CD which was recorded at a castle in Germany.

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.

Saturday, Jan. 29 from 2:00 PM through 9:00 PM: **Schubertiade** - a marathon festival of Franz Schubert's music on the 8th floor of the Fine Arts building, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. FREE.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. Single tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors and \$5 Students under 21, Free - 6 & under. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 PM: *Family Christmas Concert* at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 410 S. Rush St., Itasca. Ticket prices: \$9 Adults, \$5 Children. Proceeds benefit Itasca-area charities.

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 3 PM: *Haydn in London ...* Haydn's *Symphony #93 in D Major* and Faure's *Requiem, op. 48*, performed with the St. Odilo Festival Choir. Concert at St. Odilo Church, 2244 East Ave., Berwyn. For tickets, contact St. Odilo Parish, (708) 484-2161.

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 Flanagan** 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. Tickets are \$23 - all seats reserved.

This year there are four shows ...

Christmas Dreams will be presented on: **Friday, Dec. 10 at 8:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM and Sunday, Dec. 12 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, the Scrambled Craigs comedy quartet, The Skinkers mixed quartet, renowned flautist Martha Farahat, various other quartets and guest acts and David Rhodes at the Tivoli Theater organ. Both **Tony** and **Joyce Tumea** are involved in this concert.

ANSWER (from **Fun Facts**, page 2)

You would receive 364 gifts.