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Photo taken by Tom Ewing just before the event began.

A Notable Celebration of the Arts

The benefit concert, reception and silent auction which was held on November 2nd was a success in many ways. There were about 100 attendees and, from what we can see on the pictures on page 3, they had a good time. The concert was wonderful. The desserts were delicious. The silent auction was fun. And DGMC raised about \$4,000 which will be used to fund music awards to worthy music students at Downers North and Downers South High Schools.

This event was successful thanks to many people – to the musicians who performed flawlessly, the volunteers who helped plan and staff the event, to all the people who bought tickets and then bid on auction items, to those who generously gave extra money to our cause and to the businesses and individuals who donated items for the auction. There is not enough room here to list everyone. Please visit www.downersgrovemusicclub.org to view the photos taken on November 2nd. You can get to the photos by clicking on either the banner or the icon for *A Notable Celebration of the Arts*. While you are there, you will see the long list of businesses who gave us their support.

A New Feature in the Works

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we are adding a feature to our website – a directory of members who perform professionally. If you would like to be included in this directory or if you have questions about it, please call Charlotte Ewing at 630-985-8472 or e-mail her at charewing@aol.com.

Happy Holidays!

It's hard to believe that 2013 is quickly drawing to a close. Our next program is on **Tuesday, December 3rd** at **7:30pm** at Hendricks Pianos. It will be a great way to start the holiday season – with lots of songs sung by the Village Voices and then a bit of piano and solo voice thrown into the mix. Finally, the program will conclude with a pair of **four-piano** pieces. You don't want to miss that! Please turn to page 2 for program details.

January News

We never write a January newsletter because we do not have a regular January program. This year, however, we have a special treat – the Grant Street Quartet will be giving a full concert on **Saturday, January 18th** at **7:30pm** at Hendricks Pianos. The program details are on page 2.

Although it's not a DGMC event, on January 26th the Sinfonietta Bel Canto (SBC) will present a program which features two of our members. Susan Lee and Marilyn Wilgocki will be performing in Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor*. The SBC's director, Dan D'Andrea, is also a DGMC member. (More details on page 4.)

New Members

We are pleased to welcome two new members. Both families joined after attending *A Notable Celebration of the Arts*. Craig and Elaine Cook say they are "non-performing" members, but their daughter Emilie may very well perform for us. Emilie is a DGN senior who was given an honorary award by the Music Club because she composed a special song and put together a website for the students involved in the Sandy Hook shooting.

Helene and Tom Fields are life-long music lovers. Tom is a retired physicist from Argonne National Lab; Helene is a retired teacher. They so enjoyed our fundraiser that when they joined they wrote "It was a Notable evening" on their dues form.

Please add the following contact information for our new members to your directory

Craig and Elaine Cook
409 Oakwood Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-515-0188
ejohnsoncook@gmail.com

Helene and Tom Fields
5749 Dearborn Parkway, Downers Grove, IL 60516
630-960-4322

Important! DGMC Membership Dues are Due

If you haven't yet, December is the month in which to pay your dues. Our dues, if paid by 12/31/2013 are: \$30 (Individual), \$35 (Family), \$10 (Student), \$60 (Ensemble or Organization). On January 1st, the rates go up to \$40, \$47, \$80, \$13, respectively. You can pay your dues at the December 3rd program or mail them to: DGMC, P.O. Box 551, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Checks should be made mail payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*.

DGMC Notes

- Fred Munding has donated a set of tickets for the remaining season of the Sinfonietta Bel Canto. If you are interested, please call Marilyn Wilgocki at 630-971-1594.
- The deadline for the February newsletter is January 15, 2014. Please e-mail news to *charewing@aol.com* or call Charlotte at 630-985-8472.

Grant Street Quartet

Saturday, January 18, 2014

7:30 p.m.

**Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, DG**

String Quartet in C Major, K. 465, "Dissonant" W.A. Mozart

*Adagio - Allegro
Andante cantabile
Menuetto - Allegro
Allegro molto*

Dover Beach S. Barber

Karen Archbold, mezzo-soprano

String Quartet no. 3 in A minor, Op. 33 E. Dohnányi

*Allegro agitato e appassionato
Andante religioso con variazioni
Vivace giocoso*

the Grant Street Quartet

*Jennifer Leckie, violin; Kate Lano, violin;
Benjamin Weber, viola; Timothy Archbold, cello*

Program Chair: Jennifer Leckie

Sponsored by: Hendricks Pianos

Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

7:30 p.m.

**Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, DG**

Sonata in E Major Domenico Scarlatti
Sonata in G Major Domenico Scarlatti

Charlotte Ewing, piano,

How Can I Keep From Singing? American Folk Hymn

Don Smit, solo

You Raise Me Up Rolf Lovland, Brendan Graham
arr. Mark Hayes

No Ruby Andy Beck

Dawn Zimmerman, solo; Susan Shields, violin

A Cappella Overtures Andy Beck

Remember My Song Sally Albrecht, Jay Althouse

Village Voices

Marilyn Wilgocki, director; Sarah Flanagan, piano

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

*Barbara Kellert, soprano
Todd Diehl, piano*

I'll Be Home For Christmas Walter Kent

Cathy Campbell Sanders, mezzo soprano

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson

Teri Harrop, sleigh bells

You'll Never Walk Alone Richard Rodgers, arr. Clay Wamick

The Pink Panther Henry Mancini, arr. Jay Althouse

Vern Cleveland, narrator; Peter Flanagan, the panther

Village Voices

Marilyn Wilgocki, director; Sarah Flanagan, piano

Ukrainian Bell Carol arr. Mark Hayes

We Wish You a Merry Christmas arr. Hayes, Bennett, Nielson, Young

Todd Diehl, Sarah Flanagan, Abigail Habegger, Marilyn Wilgocki, pianos

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

Sponsored by: Hendricks Pianos



Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$15 seniors and students.

Escape to ... a Star in the East ... Annual holiday concert with music of Eastern European composers Arvo Part and John Tavener, favorites from Germany and Scandinavia, the US premiere of "OMagnum Mysterium" by Icelandic composer Sigurour Saevarsson. Two performances:

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

- **Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:00 PM** at Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave, Batavia (across from library)

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.

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. 4 at 7:30 PM: Class Schedule "serenades" performed at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. Tickets: \$4. For more information, call the MAC Ticket office at (630) 942-4000.

Muriel Anderson's 22nd 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), \$17 (Seniors/Students) or in advance (\$22/\$15) at Anderson's Bookstores or online at www.murielanderson.com.

- **Saturday, Nov. 30 at 8:00 PM:** 22nd Annual Saturday-After-Thanksgiving Concert, featuring national champion guitarist / harp guitarist Muriel Anderson (daughter of **Andrea** and **Ted Anderson**) with special guest, Tom Shinness (innovative Nashville harp guitarist/cellist).

- **Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 PM:** Muriel's guitar workshop at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., DG. Tickets can be purchased at www.murielanderson.com or at the door but seating is limited.

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.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. All concerts but *Family Christmas Concert* are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 PM: presents its *Family Christmas Concert* with the combined Church Choir of Itasca, the Combined Handbell Choir and the Sinfonietta Bel Canto. This is a fundraising event for area charities and is held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 410 S. Rush St., Itasca – 630-773-0396. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 3:00 PM: kick off the New Year with a special benefit fundraiser for the SBC featuring light "pops" music (selections from Musicals, Strauss waltzes, ...) followed by a catered buffet dinner. Tickets (\$40 adults, \$35 seniors/children) must be ordered by 12/20/2013.

Sunday, Jan. 26 at 3:00 PM: presents *Piano Pasticcio* featuring Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony, Volkmann's Concert Overture in C Major and Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor – with pianists **Susan Lee**, **Marilyn Wilgocki** & Charis Spahn Buell. Tickets: \$19 Adults, \$16 Seniors, \$7 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under (\$2 discount for purchasing in advance).

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, visit www.villagevoicesdq.org or 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/Christmas.cfm or call 630-201-5544. Tickets are \$27, \$25 & \$23 – all seats reserved. Three shows...

A Holly Jolly Christmas will be presented on: **Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1:30 PM**
This is always a grand event – tickets tend to sell out early.