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Greetings from your Prez ...

The holiday season is indeed upon us and we are all busy with all sorts of preparations, as usual. I hope you are enjoying some music each day in whatever way enhances your daily life.

Let me remind you of our two December programs: **Tuesday, Dec. 4** and **Sunday, December 16**. Both programs feature a nice mix of music -- both holiday and otherwise -- for your listening pleasure. Please note that the Dec. 16 program starts at 3:00 p.m. and is at the Downers Grove Public Library. You might be intrigued by a special offering at the December 4 program where four of us pianists will present a Christmas piece written by Chicagoan Joel Raney for FOUR PIANOS. We are so grateful to Hendricks Pianos for helping to make this happen.

Our programs this fall have been outstandingly fine! If you missed them, then you missed some well-performed music, a nice variety, and a time to visit with other musicians in our club as well as a number of guests and visitors. Even on a rainy election evening, forty-one of us gathered at the Brigantine Gallery for music for flutes, Celtic harp and brass quintet -- what a delightful array of sound!

Your board of officers and committee chairs continue to support the goals set forth during this summer's brainstorming sessions, led by our Vice President of Business Development, Rose Verona. One major goal for this season is to make some specific inroads regarding our organization's visibility in the community. And one of those ways is our membership and participation in the **Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce**. As always, we welcome suggestions from any of you as well.

Greetings to each of you and best wishes for a blessed holiday season!

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

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Land's End apparel, displaying our own DGMC logo, can be purchased by clicking the **E-Store** link on our website www.downersgrovemusicclub.org.



December Programs

We look forward to two more wonderful programs to finish 2012. Both will be well worth your time during this busy month. Our first concert is on **Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. at Hendricks Pianos**. This program should provide a perfect evening of music to bring us into the holiday season. We look forward to hearing Ian Williams, one of our 2012 Scholarship recipients. The program will conclude with a medley of Christmas tunes written for **four** pianos. Where else could we do this but at Hendricks!

Our second program is on **Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Downers Grove Public Library**. We hope to begin a new tradition - a DGMC / Community Christmas Music Party. There will be a lively mix of Christmas favorites, original holiday tunes, a short skit, appearances by holiday characters and our annual sing-a-long. What an ideal event for children of all ages!

Congratulations!

Those of you who attended our program on November 6th enjoyed the DGMC debut of the Cove Creek Brass Quintet. We recently learned that the French horn player, Liz Moog, was given the WIST Diversity Award at Argonne National Lab in November. Below are a few snatches from the article written about her on the Argonne website.

WIST stands for Women in Science and Technology Diversity. The WIST Award celebrates an Argonne employee who has distinguished themselves through an outstanding commitment to promoting and fostering an environment of diversity. Liz has championed women in science for more than two decades. She has organized tours for female students to the Advanced Photon Source (APS) since 1990, providing an opportunity to expose young women to careers in science. She has been instrumental in recruiting and hiring talented women physicists at the APS - actively working with Human Resources to identify positions that women researchers could fill. She has been a member of the WIST Steering Committee since 2004 and has been the primary representative for WIST in her directorate. Elizabeth is seen as a trusted confidant and resource in her division. She has been relied upon as an advocate for researchers at the APS.

New Members

Please welcome two new members. **Katrina Tulloch** has signed up as a "non-performing" member but it looks like we may be able to convince her to perform. She has an extensive musical background - studying piano for 24 years, voice and guitar for 20+ years and dance for 10+ years. She studied piano from Jan McFarland and Mary Veverka, who were both long-time DGMC members. Katrina also studied from Ms. Kuehl at the North Shore Music Conservatory (now the Music Institute of Chicago).

Sharon Bodziak is a music lover. She is a friend of Rose Verona. In fact, Rose works for Sharon at Good Samaritan Hospital. We are always glad to have members who enjoy our programs. Welcome!

Directory Updates

Please update your directory with the following contact information for our new members...

Katrina Tulloch

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Sharon L. Bodziak

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and a change of address for Dimis (Dee) J. Wyman ...

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DGMC Notes

Jim Stahulak is producing a musical about JFK that will hopefully go on tour and then on to Broadway in 2013. Todd Diehl is the music director. Read more in the small box to your right and visit <http://www.kennedymusical.com/>. If you'd like to help out, please call Jim at (847)224-6573.

Treasures of the Holidays

Sunday, December 16, 2012

3:00 p.m.

Downers Grove Public Library

1050 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove

Join us for a DGMC/Community Christmas Music Party. This is an event designed for all ages and would be perfect for children to attend.

Enjoy ...

- a mix of old Christmas favorites and original holiday tunes
- audience sing-a-longs
- a short skit to bring a Christmas song to life
- visits by Santa and Clara Claus, the NICE Snow Queen, Father Winter, a couple of elves and a frost fairy or two (all of whom will share interesting tidbits of history)

Co-chairs: Joyce Tumea & Sharon West

The Bells of Christmas

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Hendricks Pianos

421 Maple Avenue, DG

Anitra's Dance from Peer Gynt Edvard Grieg
The Marionette's Funeral March Charles Gounod
Christa Roehl and Julie Marcotte,
four-hand piano

Sonata in B-flat major, Op. posth. Franz Schubert
Il. Andante sostenuto
Charlotte Ewing, piano

Fantasia for unacc. flute in B-flat Major (No. 23) Georg Telemann
Emily Fallert, flute

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Faye Lopez
O Holy Night Adolphe Adam, arr. Faye Lopez
Sarah Flanagan, piano

Some Children See Him Alfred Burt
"Magnificat" from The Nativity According to Saint Luke R. Thompson
Has Anybody Seen Christmas? Jane Marshall
Edith Larson, soprano
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Christmas Themes, Extemporaneous Improvisation
Ian Williams, piano

"The Oxen" from Hodie R. Vaughan Williams
The truth sent from above arr. R. Vaughan Williams
James Van Camp, tenor
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Appalachian Christmas Carols Vincent Persichetti
(after John Jacob Niles)
Barbara Dickerman and Charlotte Ewing,
four-hand piano

The Bells of Christmas Joel Raney
Charlotte Ewing, Sarah Flanagan, Abigail Habegger, Marilyn Wilgocki,
pianos

Refreshments: Marilyn Wilgocki, Edith Larson, Nancy Munding

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

JFK – the Musical

Notes from Jim: our hard-working production crew and cast need an audience. The workshop production opens Wednesday, December 5th and runs thru Saturday, December 8th at the Athenaeum Theatre on Southport and Lincoln Ave. Daily show times are 7:30pm with an additional 2pm matinee on Saturday. This workshop is absolutely FREE with one request- that you complete a survey at the end of the performance with all your comments.

The workshop will be fully staged, costumed and choreographed to provide the audience a sample of what the complete show will look like when in full production. If you are associated with any schools, please invite your students to the event. Keep in mind that due to some language, it would be best to rate this show PG-13.

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 Midnight Clear ... Annual holiday concert includes carols by William Billings, Herbert Howell's *Three Carol Anthems*, jazzy *Evening in December* settings by David Maddux and new music by Sweden's up and coming young composer, Fredrik Sixten. Two performances:

- **Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 PM** in the Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

- **Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4:00 PM** at First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, 325 E. Downer Place, Aurora (1 block south of Galena Ave., between 5th St. and Broadway)

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.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 PM: presents a concert at the Turner Conference Center, SRC Room 2000. Tickets: \$4, available through the MAC Ticket Office (630) 942-4000

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 Dr. Amy G. Weller. 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 of Chicago: President **Thomas Zoells**, Fazioli Pianos. Visit www.pianofortefoundation.org or phone Mr. Zoells at (312) 291-0000 for the many upcoming concerts. On the first Friday of every month, 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 the Sherwood Conservatory.

SinfoniettaBel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 PM: presents its *Family Christmas Concert* with the combined Church Choir of Itasca, the Combined Handbell Choir and the SinfoniettaBel Canto. This is a fundraising event for area charities and is held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 524 N. Rush St., Itasca – 630-773-1272. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Sunday, Jan. 27 at 0 PM: presents its *St. Odilo Concert* with the St. Odilo Festival Choir and the SBC. This concert showcases a special Mozart Birthday celebration and sacred Marian works. It will be held at St. Odilo Church, 2244 East Ave. in Berwyn. For tickets, call St. Odilo at 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, visit www.villagevoicesdg.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 or call 630-201-5544. Tickets are \$25 & \$23 – all seats reserved. Three shows ...

An Old Fashioned Christmas will be presented on: **Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 PM**. This is always a grand event – tickets tend to sell out early.

Happy New Year!

No DGMC program or newsletter in January, 2013. Deadline for the February newsletter is January 15th. Anytime you have items to include in the newsletter, please e-mail them to Charlotte Ewing at CharEwing@aol.com or call her at (630) 985-8472.