

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

A blustery January hello to each of you! By the time you receive this, it might just be possible that a few brave crocuses will be peeking out of the ground, urging a February thaw. No matter - we musicians play and sing in all kinds of weather, don't we?

Mark your calendar for the **first DGMC program of the new year, on February 2nd at 7:30pm** at Faith United Methodist Church. Abi Demirgian-Kuehn is chairperson for the "Theme of Love." Your attendance will support your fellow musicians and you'll enjoy a lovely evening of music prepared by talented folks. This will be our first program in a new venue. Come and see what you think.

We warmly welcome yet another new member - **Clete Davis!** Clete is a talented violinist, who lives in Elmhurst and teaches violin in Downers Grove.

Have you checked out the website yet? Christopher Cox, our Communications Chairperson, keeps it nicely up-to-date so that much information is available to both present members and prospective musicians.

Master classes at the high schools in town begin in February. I am happy to be teaching "Conducting" at both North and South. This is one more way for us to improve our visibility and "get the word out about our club."

Greetings to each of you,

Marilyn E. Wilgocki

December Program

Thank you to co-chairs Joyce Tumea and Sharon West, to the performers and hostesses who took time out of their busy holiday schedules to give us a very enjoyable Christmas program.

February Program

Even if the weather is cold, your hearts will be warmed by the program Abi Demirgian-Kuehn has assembled for February 2nd. Be sure to look at the program details **on page 2. It looks like it will be a great concert.**

As Marilyn mentions in her letter, this month's program will be held at a new location for us - Faith United Methodist Church. Faith Church has generously offered us the use of their facilities for our club activities. We'd like as many people as possible to come to see the new setting.

DGMC Website

Our website, www.dgmusicclub.org, is up and running! Christopher Cox has done a wonderful job putting it together. Be sure to check it out.

The website is still a "work in progress," but it already has many very useful features. Most of the site is designed to be used by both our members and the public. It contains details and downloadable applications for our three major youth activities - the String Festival, Piano Festival and the Rising Star Scholarships. It also contains new member applications and copies of all the newsletters for the current program year.

In addition, there is a special **Members** section which contains items which are available to members only and thus are password protected. Current members will be receiving instructions of how to access the members section in the same mailing (whether e-mail or regular mail) that brings this newsletter. If you have any questions or lose the code, please contact any of the board members for assistance.

DGMC Member News

On February 20 at 7:00pm, Chris Garofalo will present a solo piano recital at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale. He will play music by Handel, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Reynolds. A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and a recently-named Steinway Artist, Chris is an outstanding concert pianist. Tickets will be available at the door: \$20 adults / \$10 students. The Unitarian Church is located at 11 W. Maple Street in Hinsdale.

New Member

We are so happy to welcome **Clete Davis** to our club. Besides teaching violin, Clete plays violin in various churches in the western suburbs and with a number of local symphony orchestras. In fact, he will be performing in our February program.

Please add his contact information to your directory:

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708-449-0347

DGMC Notes

♪ Application deadlines for both our String and Piano Festivals are getting closer. The deadline for the String Festival is **March 1st**, the deadline for the Piano Festival is **March 13th**. The best place to go for festival details and applications is our new website, www.dgmusicclub.org! Otherwise, you may call Mary Ellen Newsom (Strings) at 630-910-7170 or Darlene Crilly (Piano) at 630-968-0591.

♪ In the last newsletter, we mentioned that our treasurer, Cindy Jensen, has begun the process of obtaining a “non profit” status for DGMC. One of the first steps we have taken towards attaining this goal is to acquire a Post Office Box. If you need to send the club anything and aren’t sure where to send it, this is the address to use:

Downers Grove Music Club
P.O. Box 551
Downers Grove, IL 60515

♪ Thanks to all who have paid dues for the current program year. There are still a few members who have not paid. Membership dues (\$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family) can now be mailed to our new post office box. Make checks payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*.

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, February 15, 2010.



Theme of Love

**Tuesday, February 2, 2010
7:30 PM**

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

Fantasiestücke, Op. 12 #1-2 Robert Schumann
Abi Demirgian-Kuehn, piano

TBA (Cornwall Aria)
Michael Thoms, voice

TBA
Edith Larson, voice

Chanson Louis XIII and Pavane Fritz Kreisler
Clete Davis, violin

Time in a Bottle Jim Croce
Shari Heda, clarinet*

Nocturne in D Flat Claude Debussy
Incitation to Desire (Tango) Chester Biscardi
Chris Garofalo, piano

The Swan Saint-Saëns
Chris Ferrer, cello*
Abi Demirgian-Kuehn, accompanist

**Program Chairperson:
Abi Demirgian-Kuehn**

* denotes guest performer

Fun Facts 😊 ~ Apparently, most toilets flush in the same key. Do you know what that key is?

(Answer on page 3.)

Organizations and Events

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

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 PM: Benefit Clarinet Recital – Dennis Smith & Friends will be held at the Community Congregational Church, 410 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park

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

Greensleeves – program includes Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4*, R. Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Greensleeves* and R. Schumann's *Piano Quartet*

- **Saturday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 PM** at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 201 N. Oak Street, Hinsdale

- **Sunday, Feb. 7 at 3:00 PM** at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville

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. Pre-concert conversation at 2:00 PM, concert starts at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG

Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3:00 PM: the Cuarteto Latinoamericano perform music of the European masters as well as music of their native Mexico and South America

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.

Chris Garofalo will perform music by Handel, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Reynolds in a solo piano recital. Tickets will be available at the door: \$20 adults / \$10 students.

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 11 W. Maple St., Hinsdale

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 First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove.

Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3:00 PM: DGCS will perform Dvorak's *Mass in D*, Schubert's *Mass in G*, O'Regan's *Triptych*

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.

Saturday, Jan. 30 from 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM: SCHUBERTIADE 2010 ... Celebrate Franz Schubert's birthday! Performers will include many of Chicago's best and brightest musicians and always a few special out-of-town guests. No reservations, just come and go as you please. Free admission (\$5 donation appreciated). Enjoy drinks and delicacies at the "Schubert Café."

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.

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: an international quality barbershop style men's chorus. www.westtowns.org

ANSWER (from Fun Facts, page 2):

Most toilets flush in E flat. Could this explain why in Beethoven's E-flat major sonata, the first movement is dominated by three descending notes?