

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

Warm, warm greetings to each of you in these cold, cold days! I hope you missed - even a little bit - the opportunity to attend a monthly Music Club program and renew friendships with other musical friends, since we, as usual, have no January program. At our recent board meeting, we all commented that it surely had seemed a long time since we had met. And we were glad to be back together again, making wise decisions (we hope) and helping to steer "the ship" along its fine arts path.

Here is a very special invitation **from ME**. I would love to have you in the audience on **Tuesday, February 1**, when my own community chorus, **Village Voices**, shares its music. This is a really fun group of 33 voices, specializing in music of a lighter, mostly secular nature. You will probably hear some folk music, Broadway show tunes, jazz standards, gospels/spirituals, music from film, and patriotic music. The accompanist is our talented club member, Sarah Jett Flanagan, and I am their director. Sharing in the evening will be Christopher Cox, organist, also presenting some delightful music from the organ console. Place - Faith United Methodist Church, 59th and Fairview. Time - 7:00 p.m. Stay afterwards for delicious refreshments and opportunities to visit.

Read this newsletter carefully - lots of important dates are coming up - especially in March! String festival and recital, a wonderful fundraiser by Chris Garofalo in his home and, on March 1, the Rising Stars program, highlighting many talented young musicians in the Downers Grove area. Let's support as many of these events as possible! Check the website from time to time. There is a lot of information there to read and enjoy.

All for now. See you at the February program!

Blessings to you all ...
Marilyn E. Wilgoeki

Benefit Concert for DGMC

We are pleased to announce that Chris Garofalo has again offered to donate his home and talent to benefit our club. DGMC will present a Benefit Recital and Reception on **Saturday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** at Chris' home (110 S. Washington St., Westmont).

This event is a fundraiser, with all proceeds going towards the Rising Stars scholarship awards we present each spring to local high school students. Tickets are \$25 per person. For this price, you will enjoy a lovely concert, followed by a delightful reception of tasty treats and great conversation. Chris will play a variety of musical selections on piano, harpsichord and clavichord. *Everyone* who attended last year's event thoroughly enjoyed it.

To make your reservations and to purchase tickets, please contact Nancy Mundinger (630-971-0785 or nmundi2@hotmail.com). Seating is limited to 25 attendees. First come, first served.

String Festival and Competition

The String Festival is just around the corner. The competition will take place on Sunday, March 13th at Faith United Methodist Church. The Honors Recital is Sunday, March 21st at 1:00 pm at the Fairview Village Great Hall.

The application deadline is **March 1st**. For more details, visit our website, www.dgmusicclub.org, or call Mary Ellen Newsom at 630-910-7170.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to receive the following message from Bee Chiswick's daughter, Lindy Camel:

My sister and I wanted to let you know that our mother passed away on Wednesday (the 19th). She died peacefully, at home, in her sleep, which was her fervent wish. Bee played the piano the day before, as she had every day.

Bee was a good friend to DGMC and will be greatly missed.

Memorial Gift

As many of you know, we have recently said goodbye to Joseph Cech - a highly-respected and talented piano instructor, a member of this club and a friend to so many. Two beautiful and interesting books on music/piano have been purchased, in Joe's name, by our club and donated to the Downers Grove Public Library. One book is Leon Fleisher's *My Nine Lives: A Memoir of Many Careers in Music* and the other, published by Indiana University Press, is titled *Famous Pianists and their Techniques*.

Steinway of Chicago

We were sorry to hear that the Steinway of Chicago store in Downers Grove will be closing soon. Their last day of business is February 28th. This store is where, over the years, many of our programs have been performed. We wish to thank Steve Marcus, manager, and the many helpful members of his staff for the service they have provided us. We are especially grateful for the opportunity we have had to use their beautiful instruments in such a fine acoustical setting.

DGMC Notes

♪ Because of Steinway of Chicago's pending closure, it is not certain whether Winston Choi's February 6th concert is still on. Please call the store (630-512-8830) to confirm.

♪ In addition, the DGMC program on May 3rd will need to be relocated. When a new location has been determined, it will be announced in the newsletter and on the website.

Directory Change

Please update your directories with the following new phone numbers for Sarah and Peter Flanagan:

Home: 630-968-0105

Sarah's Cell: 630-917-7653

Peter's Cell: 773-259-7585 (no change)

Future Newsletters

If 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. Dead-line for the next newsletter is February 15, 2011.

Fun Facts ☺

In what section of the orchestra is a piano placed?
(Hint: average piano has 230 strings.)
(answer on page 3)

Village Voices

Tuesday, February 1, 2011
7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall
Faith United Methodist Church

59th Street and Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove

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| <i>Everything's Coming Up Roses</i> | Jule Styne |
| <i>Over the Rainbow</i> | Harold Arlen |
| <i>Mother Goose Madrigals</i> | arr. Donald Moore |
| <i>Baby, It's Cold Outside</i> | Frank Loesser |
| <i>Sleigh Ride</i> | Leroy Anderson
arr. Hawley Ades |
| <i>Elijah Rock</i> | arr. Jester Hairston |
| <i>Danny Boy</i> | Traditional Irish melody
arr. Darmon Meador |
| <i>Down to the River to Pray</i> | Traditional |

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Marilyn Wilgocki, director
Sarah Jett Flanagan, piano accompanist

A Medley of Spirituals
Christopher Cox, organ

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| <i>The Silence and the Song</i> | Mark Patterson |
| <i>I Got Rhythm</i> | George Gershwin
arr. Mark Hayes |
| <i>Credo</i> | Mark Hayes |
| <i>Amazing Grace</i> | arr. Jack Schrader |
| <i>My Wish for You</i> | John Carter |

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Program Chair & Village Voice Director: Marilyn Wilgocki

Village Voice Accompanist: Sarah Jett Flanagan

Organizations and Events

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

Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 PM: *Escape to ... the Movies*. Celebrate an evening at the movies and take part in Acappellago's Fourth Benefit Recital and Silent Auction. Hear their singers as soloists and in ensembles, enjoy a delicious sweet table and bid on many exciting items in the auction. Event takes place in the Woods Room at the Hilton Lisle / Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive in Lisle.

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. **Note new location for the February concert only:** Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, Naperville

Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3:00 PM: The American String Quartet performs.

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.

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

Sunday, Feb. 13 at 3 PM: the DGCS presents **Love's Sweet Songs**, music about love and dreams

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. A wonderful event and it's 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.

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.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 PM: Village Voices star in the DGMC February program at Faith United Methodist Church, 59th Street and Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove

The West Towns Chorus: an international quality barbershop style men's chorus. www.westtowns.org .

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

ANSWER: Just messing with you. Despite all those strings, the piano goes in the percussion section. ☺