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Happy New Year!

DGMC ended 2012 with two very different and very enjoyable programs. On December 4th we heard a tenor, a soprano and lots of piano music – solo, four-hand and even four- piano! We thank Hendricks Pianos for lining up four Yamaha grands for our final number. On December 16th, Joyce Tumea and Sharon West organized a delightful musical holiday event at the library – complete with colorful costumes and delicious treats. Most of the afternoon was devoted to an audience sing-a-long for both adults and children.

A full set of photos from both programs can be found on our website, www.downersgrovemusicclub.org and CD's from December 4th will be available at our next programs. And now, on to an active new year for DGMC ...

Greetings from your Prez ...

Hello to all you musicians out there!

Maybe by the time you receive this, we actually will have some snow on the ground! What a crazy winter this is. Do you recall a previous February Music Club program which we had to cancel because of blizzard conditions????

Anyhow, I hope this note finds each of you "recovered" from the busy holiday season and already preparing for Lenten responsibilities at your church or for upcoming concerts at your school or in the community. This town offers so many wonderful musical experiences in a variety of venues. One of those, of course, is our own Downers Grove Music Club. Take a good, good look at the program for February 5. A dynamite lineup! Spend an hour with fellow music appreciators at Hendricks Pianos that evening and then leave, with a smile on your face, with a head full of tunes, a heart full of fellowship and maybe even a mouthful of cookies!

Soon it will be Piano Festival time. Soon our musical youth of the community will be considering our scholarship offerings. Soon some of you will be sharing your skills at March, April and May programs. So, come rain, come sun, come snow – the music never stops in the minds and hearts of musicians. See you February 5.

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

February Program

Our next concert is on **Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 pm** at **Hendricks Pianos**. As you can see from the program on page 2, it will be a good mix of solo piano, instruments and song. You'll note that all of our performers are DGMC members. Please make a point of coming – it will be an great evening of music.

Piano Festival and Competition

The deadline for entering this year's piano festival is **March 1**. The festival and competition is on April 14, with the Honors Recitals following two weeks later on April 28. Please note the recitals will be at a new venue: Divine Saviour Church on Main Street in Downers Grove. Co-chairs Darlene Crilly and Elissa Metropoulos have all the judges and festival locations lined up. All application details can be found on our website, www.downersgrovemusicclub.org.

Rising Stars Scholarship Benefit Recital

It's not too early to make reservations for this year's **Benefit Recital & Reception** on **Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 pm** at Chris Garofalo's home (110 S. Washington St., Westmont). This is always a truly wonderful event. It begins with an outstanding one-hour concert (see page 3) and is followed by plenty of time to socialize and enjoy an abundance of tasty finger foods and desserts.

Chris will perform on clavichord, piano and harpsichord. This year he will be joined by violinist Jennifer Leckie and baritone Todd Diehl. We ask a minimum donation of \$35 per person. All proceeds benefit our Rising Stars Scholarship programs. Seating is limited so reservations are required. RSVP to Nancy Munding (630-971-0785 or nmundi2@hotmail.com).

Rising Stars Scholarship Winners

It's also not too early to mark **April 2nd** on your calendar, so you won't miss hearing some of our area's best young musicians. As a requirement of receiving the 2012 Downers Grove Music Club scholarships last spring, the winners will perform on our 2013 *Rising Stars* concert which is being held in April. **Please come out and support these very talented musicians.** It is so important that we, the members of DGMC, continue to support these students by attending their recital. In this way, they may see the many faces of our music club.

Program details will be coming soon. Stay tuned . . . this program is always one of the year's highlights.

Rising Stars Scholarship Donations

Rose Verona, our VP of Business Development, is working very hard to increase the amount of money we have available to award to music students of Downers Grove North and South High Schools. Music students are always in need of extra money to attend summer music camps, to help defray the cost of lessons, to purchase music, to maintain their instruments, etc., etc., etc. And there are many super-talented students who would greatly appreciate the help our scholarships can give them.

Please carefully consider what you can possibly donate this year. Any and all dollar amounts will be so helpful. Not only may you qualify for a tax deduction (we are a 501 (c)(3) organization), but you have the opportunity to affect a student's music education by your tax deductible contribution. Both the scholarship amounts and the number of scholarships to be given are determined by the amount of funds we have available.

All donations are listed in our monthly programs for the 2012-2013 season. Each individual or organization donation of \$1000 may be kept together as a \$1000 award and distinguished with the individual/organization name on the award. Our Donor/Sponsorship Form is attached to this newsletter.

Thank You

We'd like to share with you another note written to the Downers Grove Music Club:

This is Dan Leahy, one of the recipients of the Rising Stars program Scholarship. I just want to express my immense gratitude for the money I was awarded towards my tuition at the Musical Theatre Intensive at the University of Illinois. This camp was a truly fulfilling experience and I feel as though my studies have really helped me to improve as a performer. I was exposed to so much talent and phenomenal instructors from places such as Eastern Illinois University, the University of Illinois and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. As hard as I may try, to be successful in Musical Theatre will be impractical. However, I hope that with extra help like that at the camp, my dreams can someday come true. I am so grateful for this scholarship which can, hopefully, help me take an extra step towards success.

Sincerely,
Dan Leahy

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, DG

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| Sonatina
<i>Menuetto – Vivace</i> | W. A. Mozart, arr. Jay Ernst |
| Cantilena | G. F. Handel, arr. Forrest Buchtel |
| Suite No. 1
<i>Andante</i>
<i>Allegro</i> | Arcangelo Corelli, arr. Ronald Dishinger |
| | Allan Hins, euphonium
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano |
| Ballade in d minor, Op. 10, No. 1, "Edward" | Johannes Brahms
Donald Newsom, piano |
| Sonata in G for Violin and Piano No. 8,
Op. 30, No. 3
<i>I. Allegro assai</i>
<i>II. Tempo di minuetto</i>
<i>III. Allegro vivace</i> | Ludwig van Beethoven |
| | Jen Leckie, violin
Chris Garofalo, piano |
| Sonata No. 1 for Piano, Opus 22
<i>I. Allegra marcato</i> | Alberto Ginastera
Susan Lee, piano |
| "Simple Song" from Mass | Leonard Bernstein
Pat Smith, soprano
Thomas Zoells, piano |
| Solitude
Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36
<i>Chris Garofalo, piano</i> | Leo Ornstein
Sergei Rachmaninov |
| Three Essays for Clarinet and Piano
<i>I. Allegro con brio</i>
<i>II. Adagio sostenuto</i>
<i>III. Allegro energico</i> | Norman Dello Joio
Dennis Smith, clarinet
Thomas Zoells, piano |

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 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.

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Tickets are \$40.

Saturday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 PM: *Escape to ... Variations on America* is the 5th annual Benefit Recital and Silent Auction. in the Cantigny Park Le Jardin Room, 1S151 Winfield Rd., Wheaton. Listen to soloists and ensembles, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a delicious sweet table and bid on a wide variety of items.

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.

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 .

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3:00 PM: *A Choral Collaboration* of DGCS with students from District 99 choirs. Featuring Haydn's *Missa Brevis Saint Joannis de Deo* and Brahms' *A German Requiem*, London version with four-hand piano. Free concert open to the public; free-will offering at time of performance. Concert held in Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG.

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 .

Mama Mac's Cabaret: at **Mary McNichols Studio**, 924 Warren Ave., DG. Tickets are \$15. Limited seating. Call (630) 852-1957 for reservations. Visit www.mcnicholsstudio.com for more info.

BROADWAY LOVE SONGS II – a Cabaret Evening of Broadway's Best Love Songs – conceived and directed by Les Zunkel. Three performances: **Friday, Feb 15 at 8:00 PM** and **Saturday, Feb. 16 at 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM**.

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.

Friday, Feb. 1 at 12:15 PM: SCHUBERTIADE PREVIEW featuring VOX 3 Collective. Sherwood Community Music School, 1312 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Sunday, Feb. 3 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM: SCHUBERTIADE 2013 in the Fine Arts Building, 8th & 10th Floors, 410 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. It has been an honored tradition in Europe to celebrate the music of Franz Schubert on the anniversary of his birth, January 31, 1797. PianoForte Foundation has brought this tradition to Chicago for the past 8 years, and is going for a 9th! Free admission - \$10 donation encouraged.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. Concerts held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$17 Adults, \$14 Seniors and \$5 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

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