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February Program

DGMC's first program of 2015 is a chamber concert at the Brigantine Gallery and Art Academy on **Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30pm**. The Cove Creek Brass Ensemble will perform the entire program. They will be playing a variety of pieces amidst the beautiful artwork of the gallery. Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful, FREE concert and invite friends, neighbors, students. A partial list of what they will be playing is on page 2.

Please note that the Brigantine Gallery has moved since the last time we were there for a program. It is now on Ogden Avenue, half way between Main Street and Fairview Avenue. Parking should not be a problem.

December Program

Thank you to all the musicians who performed at the December program. Everyone did an excellent job—it was a great concert. Please enjoy some photos on page 2.

Piano Festival & Competition

There is still time to enter students in the Piano Festival & Competition. The application deadline is March 19th. The festival and competition will be on Sunday, April 19th. The honors recital will follow one week later on April 26th. All application details can be found on our website,

www.downersgrovemusicclub.org.

Chairperson Elissa Metropoulos has judges and locations in place, but there is always a need for volunteers. If interested, please call Elissa at 708-288-7336 or e-mail her at pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org.

Music for Healing & Transition Program

DGMC member Sue Wohld is a harpist and a Certified Music Practitioner (CMP) who uses her musical gift and training as a music therapist. Sue would like us to know about a course that will be held in the Chicago area, beginning in mid-March. The course provides the training needed to become a CMP. It is run by the Music for Healing & Transition Program (MHTP). A flyer giving more details is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in this course, Sue recommends you respond within the next few weeks, to ensure a place for you is available.

New Members

We are so happy to welcome four new members to the Downers Grove Music Club.

Chris and Bill Miller are both musicians. Each one received a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. They also have done post-graduate work at VanderCook College of Music. Chris' specialization is choral; Bill's specialization is instruments. Chris teaches general music, piano, voice and ukulele to young students. She is also the children's choir director at Christian Church of Clarendon Hills. Bill is a band director at Downers Grove North High School.

Lori Graves earned a Bachelor of Music in organ and piano from DePaul University. She is currently a Concert Artist and Product Specialist for Lowrey Organ Company, where she also serves as music educator and music program writer for their Educational Music program. In addition, Lori is the owner of Keyboard Touch, Inc. - a studio for piano, voice, guitar, keyboard and organ lessons. Lori is on the board of directors for the American Guild of Music.

Lynda Quandt is a degreed piano teacher for all ages and all levels — from beginner to advanced. She teaches from her studio, Little House of Chords, in Aurora. She is a member of MTNA and ISTMA. She has also worked with a few of the finest businesses in the retail piano music industry. She was recommended to DGMC by her good friend Wayne Reid.

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DECEMBER 2
 2014



Barbara Dickerman and Mike Surratt playing a Faure prelude and fugue written for organ and piano.

Partial Program

*Chamber Concert
 in the Gallery*

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

**The Brigantine Gallery
 734 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove**

The Cove Creek Brass Ensemble
 will present a full concert,
 set in the Brigantine Art Gallery

- A Song for Japan** **Stephen Verhelst**
written in memory of the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami
- Solace - A Mexican Serenade** **Scott Joplin**
arranged for brass quintet by Andy Clark
- Trombone Amoureux** **arr. D. Zemp**
(The Trombone in Love)
"a polka on popular airs"
- You Made Me Love You** **Joseph McCarthy**
arranged for the Canadian Brass by Luther Henderson
- Fly Me to the Moon** **Bart Howard**
arranged for brass quintet by Jack Gale

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Tickets are \$45.

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 PM: *In Nature's Realm* is Acappellago's biennial benefit night. Enjoy solo and small ensemble performances of songs of nature, along with hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a cash bar and a silent auction (including an African safari). Benefit takes place in the Cantigny Park Le Jardin Room, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton

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.

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. Recordings of all concerts are on the [PianoForte Studios YouTube Channel](#).

Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:00 PM: *Schubert Birthday Party* featuring pianist Daniel Schlosberg and baritone Ryan de Ryke at the PianoForte Studios. General admission tickets are \$20 Adults and \$10 Students

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. All concerts but *Family Christmas Concert* are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$20 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under (\$2 discount for advanced purchases). For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Village Voices: This group was founded in 2006 by Director Marilyn Wilgocki. **Sarah 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