

## Holiday Treasures

The holidays got off to a marvelous start on December 1st with the Holiday Treasures concert led by Joyce Tumea. The standing-room-only audience enjoyed the festive program of well-known holiday music and wonderful original songs written by Joyce, Sharon West and Bob Holst. Whimsical characters in costume added to the fun and brought a touch of humor to the program. Angela Korbitz and members of the Downers Grove Choral Society rounded out the program with traditional holiday favorites. After the concert, the cast and DGMC members enjoyed a pizza party. 🎵



Photos from the Holiday Treasures program held on December 1, 2019 at the Downers Grove Public Library. See all the event photos at <http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/images/PhotoArchives/>

Photos by Tom Ewing

## Fall House Benefit Concert

Another successful House Concert was held on November 15th. Chris Garofalo always creates a wonderful event – each unique from prior ones, but equally awesome. Afterwards, audience members enjoyed a relaxed time of conversation with musicians and each other over a glass of wine and a generous selection of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Proceeds from this event, the first of two benefit concerts, reached \$2,050 – nearly half of our target to completely fund the 2020 High School Music Awards. See page 2 for pictures from the evening. 🎵

## 2020 Piano Festival & Competition

February 7, 2020 is the deadline for registering for the Piano Festival and Competition. This important event is fast approaching. ALL registration must be done online at <https://downersgrovemusicclub.org/pianofest.html>. The registration form has been revised this year to make it

much easier for teachers to enter all their students' music choices.

All judging for the Festival and Competition itself will be held at the Methodist Church in Naperville. This venue offers enough rooms and pianos to accommodate all participants. It also makes it easier for families who enter more than one student.

Volunteers are needed to assist the judges on March 8th from noon to 6:00 pm. If you are interested in helping for a few hours, email Gloria Salazar at [pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org](mailto:pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org), or call her at 630-968-8997. 🎵

### IMPORTANT FESTIVAL DEADLINES

- Entry forms due: February 7, 2020 – no extensions!
- Festival and Competition (all students): Sunday, March 8, 2020, Community United Methodist Church, 20 Center Street, Naperville.
- Honor Recitals (invited students): Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm, Downers Grove Public Library.



Photos from the Fall House Benefit Concert held on Friday, November 15, 2019. Performers included Jen Leckie, Violin, Chris DiMarco, Baritone, and Chris Garofalo, Piano, Harpsichord & Clavichord. See all the event photos at <http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/images/PhotoArchives/>. Photos by Tom Ewing

## Spring House Benefit Concert

Our second fundraising event is on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 pm at a private home in Westmont. We invite you to join us for a lovely evening of live music and delicious refreshments in the intimate setting of a private home. All proceeds from this event are dedicated to the funding of the Student Music Awards. This is a ticketed event with limited seating. Tickets are \$35.

The concert will feature cellist Andrew Molina. Andrew was a Rising Star in 2013 and was awarded a College Music Award in 2014. He is currently pursuing joint MD-PhD degrees in the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine's Medical Scientist Training Program. He is, however, still continuing to study cello and is the principal cellist in the University Symphony Orchestra.

Order tickets at <http://downersgrovemusicclub.org> or by calling Chris Garofalo at 630-968-7649. 🎵



## Membership Reminder

There are still a few people who have not paid their dues for the current club year. All our support for our free public concerts and music education programs comes from membership dues and generous donations. If you have already turned in your dues, THANK YOU! Membership dues: individuals \$30, family \$35, ensemble/org \$60, and student \$10. Member directories are now available. 🎵

## Winter Interlude Concert



If you are tiring of "windy" wintry weather, you will love the next DGMC concert on Sunday, February 9th at 2:00 pm. Two woodwind ensembles, a brass quintet and

saxophonist Dan Moroz have prepared special music for a Winter Interlude. See our program on page 5. 🎵

## Student Music Awards

Applications for the Rising Star, College Music and Elementary and Middle School (Private Lesson) awards are now open for the 2020 year. Applications must be completed on-line. The registration forms are found under the Education menu tab on the DGMC website.

Each spring, the Music Club presents cash awards to deserving music students attending a District 99 high school. Winners are chosen from applicants based on their musical ability and willingness to share their talent with our community. Applications must be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The music awards are funded by our house concert benefits, which always sell out and are attended by many "regulars" who very generously support our education mission. *Continued on page 3*

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100% of the proceeds from ticket sales and donations go towards the awards. This is because all musicians donate their time and all food is donated by the board members.

DGMC gives out up to six \$400 Rising Star awards to underclassmen attending a District 99 high school. New this year, we have opened this award to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. We give out at least one \$1,000 College Music Award to a senior who is planning to attend college in the fall following graduation.

Thanks to the Shelby Bulut Memorial Fund, DGMC also presents multiple Private Lesson Awards to 5th – 7th grade students enrolled in the Orchestra program in District 58. These awards (covering the cost of 12 lessons) are given to students who have never had private string lessons and who, based on their applications, seem very motivated to take advantage of more instruction. 🎵



## DGMC Notes

### New Member

We are so pleased to welcome our newest member - the Downers Grove Choral Society.

The DGCS has been an important choral presence in the Downers Grove community since 1959. We have always felt a kinship with the DGCS, thanks to the musicians who are members of both clubs.

For the last few years, an outreach group from the DG Choral Society has cheerfully led our holiday sing-a-longs at the library. 🎵

### Request for Performers for May

We still have openings for 1-2 performers for Classical Jam, our program on May 17th. Please contact Charlotte Ewing at [charewing@aol.com](mailto:charewing@aol.com) or 630-985-8472 if interested. 🎵

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## ORGANIZATIONS and EVENTS

**Downers Grove Choral Society** begins its 61st season. For more information, visit [www.dgcs.org](http://www.dgcs.org).

**Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 pm: Poetic Portraits ...** features works by *Lauridsen and Rutter*. First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., DG

**Grant Street String Quartet:** This quartet was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians in the western suburban area of Chicago. For more info, visit <http://www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com>.

**PianoForte Studios: Thomas Zoells, Director, and Owner of the PianoForte Chicago piano store.**

Visit <https://pianofortechicago.com/concerts-events/> for information on upcoming piano concerts at the PianoForte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. You can also call for information at (312) 291-0000.

**Sinfonietta Bel Canto: with Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, Artistic Director/Conductor.** For more info & advance tickets, visit [www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org](http://www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org) or call 630-384-5007. All events at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG.

**Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm: SBC Voice Competition Finalists ...** Beethoven's *Symphony No. 4 in B<sup>b</sup> major, op. 60* and up to 9 SBC Voice competition finalists performing lyric solos and opera arias with orchestral accompaniment. Come vote for your favorite singer!

**Spirito! Singers:** For more info, visit [www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org).

**Saturday, February 29 at 9:00 am – 5:00 pm: Choral Retreat and Singer Workshop** for professional choral educators and girls in the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Attendees will work with three preeminent conductors: Christopher Bell, Catherine DeLanoy and Eric Esparza. Registration deadline: Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst.

**West Towns Chorus:** Chartered in 1948, this group is one of the premier men's a cappella choruses in the Chicago area. For more information, please visit [www.westtowns.org](http://www.westtowns.org).

## Upcoming DGMC Events

### **Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm – *A Winter Interlude* \***

Take a break from winter as Downers Grove Music Club musicians perform classical music celebrating the beautiful things of February. Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St.

### **Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 pm – *March of the Women: Music for the 100th Anniversary of Suffrage* \***

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Suffrage as folk musician Phil Passen, on hammered dulcimer, entertains and informs us with songs from the mid-19th century through 1920. Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St.

### **Sunday, March 15 at 1:30 & 3:00 pm – *Piano Festival Honors Recitals***

Recitals featuring the piano students who excelled at the 2019 Piano Festival and Competition. Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St.

### **Friday, March 20 at 7:30 pm – *Spring House Concert***

Fundraising event for the season features a Benefit Concert and Dessert Reception at a private home. All proceeds are used to fund the Rising Star and College Music Awards given to talented local high school music students. This is a ticketed event with limited seating. Tickets are \$35.

### **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm – *Rising Stars Concert***

Exciting concert featuring the 2019 Rising Star recipients and other talented young musicians in the Downers Grove community. Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St.

### **Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm – *The Blues According to John Primer* \***

If you're looking for fantastic blues, look no further than John Primer, two-time Grammy Award nominee. Join John and his harmonica player, Steve Bell, for an acoustic set of great music and stories. Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St.

**\* Part of the Concert Series co-hosted by the DG Library and the DGMC.**

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# Winter Interlude



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**Downers Grove Public Library**

1050 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove

**Quintet in E flat major OP88 #2**

**Anton Reicha**

1. *Lento - Allegro Moderato*

**Suite For Woodwind Quintet OP 57**

**Charles Lefebvre**

3. *Finale*

**Monarch Winds**

Laurel Tempas, flute; Mary Payne, clarinet; Robert Gordon, oboe;  
Amanda Karvoske, horn and Jay Chen, bassoon

**Divertimento for Flute, Oboe and Clarinet**

**Malcolm Arnold**

*Allegro energico, Languido, Vivace*

*Andantino, Maestoso, Prestissimo, Piacevole*

**Aubade**

**Paul de Wailly**

**Les Trois Mesdemoiselles Musicales**

Nancy Kandl, flute; Jacqueline Landis, oboe; and Janet Zuffa, clarinet

**Vida Nueva**

**Dan Moroz**

Dan Moroz, saxophone

Dan Hennel, piano

**Selections for Valentine's Day**

**Performed by the Cove Creek Brass**

David Patek and George Dzuricsko, trumpets; Liz Moog, horn;

Corey Kirkpatrick, trombone; and Chris Miller, tuba

The concert is free, but reservations are recommended. You may register on the Events Page of the library website <http://dglibrary.org/events> or by calling the library at 630-960-1200.