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Hello from your Prez ...

Well, well, well - maybe spring is just around the corner, after all! I hope that, despite the cold and the snow, music has kept you warm these past few weeks - whether it be practicing or directing or performing or teaching or listening to a good CD. Anyhow, March greetings to you all!



We have lots of exciting news to share, so read this newsletter from beginning to end. (You may wish to also check out the board minutes on our website.)

Note the:

- upcoming fundraiser/recital/reception by our own talented Chris Garofalo.
- opportunity to contribute to a newly-established music scholarship fund created by the family of Beatrice Chiswick.
- progress towards DGMC attaining tax exempt status (with many thank yous to Cindy Jensen, our treasurer).
- presentation of a short opera by Symphonietta Bel Canto, a newly-created ensemble founded and directed by Dan D'Andrea and featuring many of our DGMC members.
- and, of course, our annual "Rising Stars" program on March 1 which showcases many very talented high school musicians.

Thank you all, for your understanding about the cancellation of the February 1 program - the day of the big blizzard. Obviously, it was a necessary decision. We will indeed reschedule with Village Voices, my community chorus. So keep posted for a possible date in the fall.

See you on **March 1st at 7:00 p.m.** at Faith United Methodist Church in Downers Grove. Let's make a real effort to support and encourage the musical youth of our community by being in the audience for their special program that evening.

Blessings to you all ...

Marilyn E. Wilgoeki

March Program

Traditionally, we have devoted our entire March program to our community's youth. This year is no exception. The *Rising Stars* concert on **March 1st** is being coordinated by Gloria Salazar. Gloria has included many very talented high school musicians in the program. All six winners of the 2010 DGMC Scholarships will be performing. In addition, a number of musicians (both soloists and ensemble members) have been invited to perform because they have won awards from other sources (such as IMEA). Gloria reports that all the students she has invited are very eager and honored to be a part of our program. Please make a special effort to hear these young musicians and let them know how honored we are to have them!

Benefit Recital

There are still a few tickets left for the Benefit Recital and Reception on **Saturday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** at Chris Garofalo's home (110 S. Washington St., Westmont). Chris will give a wonderful concert at his home, playing a variety of pieces on piano, harpsichord and clavichord.

This event is a fundraiser- all proceeds will go towards our Rising Stars scholarship awards. Tickets are \$25 per person. Additional donations are also welcome. In fact, if you choose to sponsor a \$200 scholarship, you will receive two free tickets. To make your reservations and to purchase tickets, please contact Nancy Munding (630-971-0785 or nmundi2@hotmail.com). Seating is limited to 25 attendees.

String Festival and Competition

The String Festival is here! The Honors Recital is **Sunday, March 20th at 1:00 pm** at the Fairview Village Great Hall (200 Village Drive in Downers Grove). The winners would really appreciate a good audience at their recital.

The competition itself will take place on **Sunday, March 13th**, from 2 pm though 4 pm, at Faith Methodist Church.

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

Piano Festival and Competition

Although this festival does not begin until April, the deadline for entering students is **March 9, 2011**.

All applications and entrance fees must be in Darlene Crilly's hands by March 9th.

Darlene has also asked for some help to make the festival run smoothly. She needs: hostesses to serve for at least 2 hours on April 10th (to monitor the contest rooms), someone to print the Award Certificates (using a computer program we already have) and someone to type the Honors Recital Programs (the format already exists). To volunteer, please call Darlene at (630) 968-0591.

Beatrice L. Chiswick Scholarship

The family of Bee Chiswick is establishing a scholarship fund in Bee's honor. Details of the scholarship are still being worked out but, since Bee was both a pianist and a teacher, the family would like to a portion of the money to go towards the Piano Festival. They plan to support the fund annually. We are honored to receive this gracious gift. Contributions made to the *Downers Grove Music Club* and marked with Bee's name will be put into this fund and the family will be notified. As soon as the details of the scholarship have been determined, we will post them in the newsletter.

DGMC Notes

♪ The federal forms required for 501(c)(3) non-profit status have been completed. Cindy Jensen has really been working hard to fill out these forms and to follow the many steps needed to become a non-profit organization. We are close enough to our goal that donations made to our club at this time are, to the extent allowed by law, tax-deductible.

♪ On **March 13th**, the Sinfonietta Bel Canto, a new chamber orchestra and opera company directed by Dan D'Andrea, will present its program as a tribute to the Downers Grove Music Club. Seven DGMC members will appear in the group's performance of Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas*. They are: Jann Mochelle, Elizabeth Quaintance, Jim Stahulak, Barbara Keller, Andrea Anderson, Ted Anderson and Brad West (Lynn West's son). See page 3 for more concert details.

♪ Chris Garofalo's original choral work *Alleluia* will be one of the selections performed at the College of DuPage on two Thursday evenings - **March 17th** and **April 28th**. Both concerts will begin at 7:30 pm. *Alleluia* will be directed by Lee Kesselman. Also see page 3.

Rising Stars

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
7:30 PM

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

Starring
the 2010 DGMC Scholarship Winners:

Elliot Bild – trumpet
Collin Ludlow – voice
Sherilyn Munoz – clarinet
Alexandria Osborn – flute
Caroline Sterr – voice
Isaac Stevenson – percussion

Plus
Additional solo and ensemble performances
featuring award-winning compositions
and student-led jazz combos

Program Chairperson
Gloria Salazar

More DGMC Notes

♪ A new location for the **May 3rd** DGMC program has been set. Abi Demirgian-Kuehn, chairperson for this all piano program, reports that it will be held at Downers Grove Community Church (6600 Fairview Avenue) and that Andrew Remillard will be providing (free of charge) Steinway pianos for the concert.

♪ Our condolences go out to the family of Ed Jacot, who passed away recently. He and his wife Lib were members of DGMC for many years. If you wish to send a card to the family, please send it to Adams, Winterfield, Sullivan (4343 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515) and they will gladly forward it.

♪ 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 March 15, 2011.

Fun Facts ☺ ~ What materials did Bartolomeo Cristofori use to make the first piano hammers?

(Answer on page 3.)

Organizations and Events

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

Escape to ... the Movies: enjoy the magical, musical world of the movies - from the popular songs of the Gershwins, Berlin, Loesser and Arlen to the classical composers who shared their talents with Hollywood, to "infectious tunes for 'toons" from Disney, Dreamworks, Pixar and even the Beatles. Two performances:

- **Saturday, Mar. 19 at 7:30 PM** in Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
- **Sunday, Mar. 20 at 4:00 PM** at Naperville Congregational Church, 1 Bunting Lane, Naperville (SW corner of 75th & Washington)

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

Sunday, Mar. 20 at 3:00 PM: Concert by Claire Huangci, pianist. This 20 year old American is the winner of the 2010 National Chopin Competition in Miami.

College of DuPage Chamber Orchestra (CODCO): Director, **Dan D'Andrea**. For more information about orchestra openings or upcoming concerts at the McAninch Arts Center, contact Dan at (630) 322-9187.

Next concert is ... **Monday, Mar. 14 at 5:00 PM**

College of DuPage Student Concert: at the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage. For more information, visit www.AtTheMAC.org.

Thursday, Mar. 17 at 7:30 PM: Student Concert will include a performance of *Alleluia* by **Chris Garofalo**.

DGMC String Winners' Recital culminates the String Festival & Competition.

Sunday, Mar. 20 at 1:00 PM in the Fairview Village Great Hall, 200 Village Drive, DG

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**. Visit www.dgcs.org.

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.

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 \$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, Mar. 13 at 3 PM: *Sinfonietta Tribute to the Downers Grove Music Club* ... Beethoven's *Symphony #1 in C Major, op. 21* and Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas*, with performances by a number of DGMC members. See page 2 for more details.

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.

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

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

*Parchment glued together to form a tube with soft leather on top to strike the strings.
Learn more interesting facts from Chris Garofalo at the Benefit Concert on March 19th.*