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Hello from your Prez ...

Greetings to all you musicians out there! We hope this strange winter of sorts has given each of you special opportunities to participate in or enjoy musical events which provide beauty, creativity and enjoyment to so many. Where in the world would we be without our "craft?"

That said, once again, I invite each of you to join your fellow members on Tuesday, March 5 for another worthy and well-presented DGMC program, coordinated by Todd Diehl, our hard-working Vice-President of Artistic Development. Perhaps this is also a good time for me to personally and resoundingly extend a **HUGE thank you to Hendricks Pianos**, who time and time again, has proven to be a wonderful gathering place for our organization. We have a lovely hall in which to perform, we have wonderful pianos to use and we have happy and helpful Hendricks associates who stay beyond their work hours, just to make sure all goes according to plan. How lucky we are to have this store in our town and to be the recipients of their generosity. Note that all of our programs thus far this year have been under the "sponsorship" of Hendricks Pianos. When next you happen to stop by, extend your personal appreciation and that of the club's, to any and all who are "on duty."

Another wonderful March event is **the fundraiser at Chris Garofalo's home**. Read about it in this March newsletter. Get your ticket or reserve a spot NOW! Gloria Salazar and Chris Garofalo, Music Education Co-Chairs, have worked long and hard at making this musical event even more special this year – adding voice and violin and a raffle! The date – Saturday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.

Note that exciting events are planned for April, not the least of which is the annual Piano Festival, under the guidance of Darlene Crilly and Elissa Metropoulos. Once again our club provides an excellent and well-organized day for youth of this community to share their musical skills and to receive helpful comments and encouragements from well-seasoned judges. The winners' recitals are outstanding. Stop by for even a short time and cheer on these musically gifted young people.

Enjoy the first teasings of Spring as we soon say goodbye to Winter. Keep music in your day and always in your heart.

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

March Programs

Our next program is on **Tuesday, March 5th at 7:30 pm** at **Hendricks Pianos**. As Marilyn has mentioned, this will be another fine evening of music – concentrating on voice and piano. Please turn to page 2 for details.

Our Benefit Recital & Reception will be on **Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 pm** at the home of Chris Garofalo. Tickets for this fund-raising event cost \$35. All proceeds will be used for the Rising Stars Music Awards which DGMC presents in the spring to six juniors in High School District 99. There are still some seats available for this delightful evening. Details for making reservations are on page 2. The complete musical program was included in our February newsletter and can be viewed on our website www.downersgrovemusicclub.org. And – new this year – we are adding a raffle to the evening's program. Read on for more information

Raffle

This year's Benefit Recital & Reception will include a basket raffle to add some intrigue to the evening and, hopefully, to bring in some additional revenue for our music awards. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$5.00 each or in a bundle of 8 for \$30.00.

Currently, we have 8 items for the raffle, each ranging in value from approximately \$40 to more than \$100. There are: an Irish Basket (in honor of St. Patrick's Day) with a Waterford bowl and lots of assorted gourmet Irish goodies; a Breakfast Basket with a whimsical mug and delicious food products from Williams-Sonoma; two different framed photographs; a Reed Fragrance Garden; a "Note"worthy Basket featuring a fun assortment of music-themed items; an Entertainment Basket with wine and a custom mosaic serving tray; and a Twirly Scarf Basket containing two unique, hand-made crocheted cotton scarves. We are still accepting donations of items.

If you are unable to attend the benefit you can still purchase raffle tickets. Please contact Gloria Salazar at 630-968-8997 or glsalazar@sbcglobal.net to purchase

Piano Festival and Competition

Co-chairs Darlene Crilly and Elissa Metropoulos have all the judges and festival locations lined up and are now just waiting until the **March 1st** application deadline to organize all the entrants. If you would like to help with the festival, please contact Darlene at 630-968-0591 or d.crilly2@gmail.com.



THANK YOU !!!

We gratefully acknowledge a recent \$1,000 donation from Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital. This donation will be used for a special award to be presented to a well-deserving music student at one of the Downers Grove High Schools. More details will follow in April.

April Elections

In April, we will be electing three board members whose terms are ending. They are: president, vice-president of business development and secretary. A nominating committee has been formed with Barbara Dickerman (chair), Mike Surratt and Lorie Crnkovich.

Our current president, Marilyn Wilgocki, has served two consecutive terms and thus is not eligible for a third term. Our current secretary, Sarah Flanagan, will not be available for another term. We are, therefore, seeking people who may be interested in these two positions. If you are interested or even curious about the duties for these positions, please contact any of the members of the nominating committee. Barbara's phone number is (630) 969-0455; her e-mail is *highlandpipers@att.net*.

New Member

We would like to welcome Bill Kelly to the Downers Grove Music Club. Bill has been attending some of our programs and we are so pleased he has decided to join us. At this point, we do not have any other information about him to share - we will do so after his application form is completed. Please add Bill's address to your directory: 1 S412 Chase Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148

**Rising Stars Music Awards
Benefit Recital & Reception**

**Saturday, March 16, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

*Donation \$35 per person. Limited Seating.
RSVP by March 10th to Nancy Munding
nmundi2@hotmail.com ~ 630-971-0785*

Jennifer Leckie
Violin

Todd Diehl
Baritone

Chris Garofalo
Clavichord ~ Piano ~ Harpsichord

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

**Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, DG**

"Bois epais" from Amadis	Jean-Baptiste Lully
Obstination	Henri de Fontenailles
Aus meinen grossen Schmerzen	Robert Franz
Wie Melodien zieht es, Op. 105, No. 1	Johannes Brahms
Zueignung, Op. 10, No. 1	Richard Strauss
Lungi dal caro bene	Giuseppe Sarti
"Vecchia zimarra" from La boheme	Giacomo Puccini
"The Road to Paradise" from Maytime	Sigmund Romberg

*Todd Diehl, baritone
Michael Surratt, piano*

Sonata for Piano No. 20 in A Major, D 959	Franz Schubert
<i>I. Allegro</i>	
	<i>Dr. JeongSoo Kim, piano</i>

Ballade in g minor, Op. 22, No. 1	Frederic Chopin
	<i>Jim Molina, piano</i>

Hungarian Dances for Piano Four Hands	Johannes Brahms
No. 1 in g minor	<i>Allegro Molto</i>
No. 2 in d minor	<i>Allegro non assai - Vivace</i>
No. 3 in F Major	<i>Allegretto</i>
No. 4 in f# minor	<i>Poco Sostenuto - Vivace</i>
No. 5 in f# minor	<i>Allegro - Vivace</i>
	<i>Sarah Flanagan and Elissa Metropoulos, piano</i>

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

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In Memoriam

We were sorry to learn that a former DGMC member, Art Cox, passed away on January 17th. Art had been living in Arizona for the past sixteen years, but when he was in Downers Grove, he was an active member of the music club. He was an accomplished amateur trumpet player, playing not only for DGMC but serving as the principal trumpet player in the West Suburban Symphony. Music was a hobby for Art. He had a very successful career as a nuclear physicist at Argonne National Lab.

DGMC Notes

♦ **Important Schedule Change:** The program featuring the *thesix* (a piano-brass-woodwind group which premiered with us last year) was originally set for March 17th. It has been rescheduled for **April 7th at 4 pm**. It will still be held at Hendricks Pianos.

♦ **Directory Update:** Dee Wyman has a new phone number – (630) 624-5056.

♦ **Deadline for the April newsletter is March 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.

April Events

- ♦ **April 2nd:** Rising Stars Award Recipients Program
- ♦ **April 7th:** Recital by Piano & Wind Ensemble *thesix*
- ♦ **April 14th:** Piano Festival & Competition
- ♦ **April 21st:** Concert at Hendricks
- ♦ **April 23rd:** Recital by the Grant Street Quartet
- ♦ **April 28th:** Piano Festival Honors Recital

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$15 seniors and students.

Escape to ... Blue Skies ... Set your eyes on the skies and look to Acappellago to predict the “National Weather Forecast.” Two performances:

- **Saturday, Mar. 16 at 7:30 PM** in the Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

- **Sunday, Mar. 17 at 4:00 PM** at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia (across from the library)

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 Choral Society: Director Dr. Amy G. Weller. 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 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.

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 \$19 Adults, \$16 Seniors and \$7 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Sunday, Mar 10 at 3:00 PM: “Rossini & Schubert Anniversary” featuring Schubert’s *Symphony #1 in D major* and Rossini’s *Il Signor Bruschino* (one act comic opera).

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.villagevoicesdq.org or contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

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