

DGMC Newsletter

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End of Season

After what seemed like an endless winter, our spring is flying by and with it comes the end of our 2013-2014 program year. Our final concert is on **Sunday, May 4th** at **4:00 pm** at Hendricks. All of our programs this year have been outstanding - this one will be no exception. More details are on page 2.

The Rising Stars Program

The *Rising Stars* program on April 8th was a great success. It was wonderful to hear all the 2013 Rising Star award winners and to fully understand why they were selected. It was also good to hear Gabrielle Henderson, the winner of this year's DGMC Piano Competition at the junior level. And finally, it was good to hear some talented young musicians who are not yet in high school. Photos from this event are now on our website. And, thanks to Glenn Williams, Fine Arts department chair at Downers South, there is a video recording of the entire concert on the Downers South High School Fine Arts Cube. To view either the photos or the video, please visit www.downersgrovemusicclub.org and click on the Rising Stars box on the left side of the webpage.

And the Winners are ...

Each May, DGMC presents scholarship awards to students currently attending District 99 high schools. This year, we are thrilled to announce that we will be awarding \$400 Rising Star Awards to **SIX** juniors and \$1,000 College Music Awards to **FOUR** seniors who plan to attend college next fall.

To apply for these awards, students were required to submit both a written application and a performance video. The review committee (Sarah Flanagan, Chris Garofalo and Gloria Salazar) reviewed each and every applicant for the breadth and depth of their musical achievement. This was a difficult process because of the high level of quality of the applicant pool.

Thanks to the successful fundraising efforts this year and to the many generous monetary donations, DGMC is proud to have an expanded budget of \$6,400 for the 2014 music awards. Specifically, one of the \$1,000 College Music Awards is funded by Grove Dental, and another of the \$1,000 College Music Awards is funded by the Nancy Munding Memorial Fund. The announcement of the winners will be at the awards ceremonies, held at Downers Grove South on May 6th and at Downers Grove North on May 20th. After these dates, the information will be available on the DGMC website. So stay tuned!

A Rising Stars Success Story

The Herrick Middle School Chamber Strings performed at the Rising Stars program. One of the conductors of this ensemble, Mackenzie Bufis, was a Rising Stars recipient herself. Mackenzie attended Downers North and was a percussionist; she played the marimbas at the first Rising Stars program in 2005. Mackenzie credits her band director at DGN, Brayer Teague, for being a huge influence in her life. He encouraged her love for music and steered her into Music Education as a career. When she accepted the teaching position at Herrick, she was a bit nervous about directing their orchestra because she had such a strong band background. But she has grown to love teaching string instruments and now thinks teaching strings is her favorite. And based on the way her students play, it obviously is a good fit.

A Notable Celebration of the Arts

DGMC will be holding its second **Notable Celebration of the Arts** fundraiser on **Saturday, November 15, 2014**.

The fundraiser which DGMC held last fall was so successful in many different ways. Not only did it raise enough money to support our Rising Stars scholarship awards and to allow us to award two more college awards than we expected, the event was enjoyed by many people in the community who are not members of our club. It was a fun, musical evening and we hope you mark it on your calendar now, so that you won't miss it this fall.

Open Board Meeting

Our annual "open" board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 6th** at **7:30 pm** at the home of Chris Garofalo (110 S. Washington St., Westmont). All interested club members are encouraged to attend this meeting which ends the current club year and begins the next one.

In Memoriam

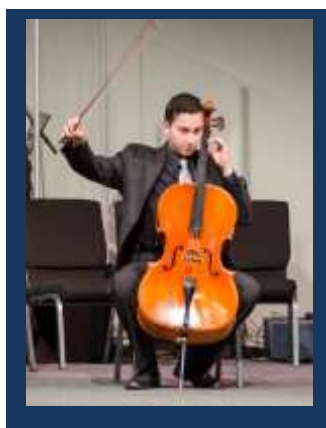
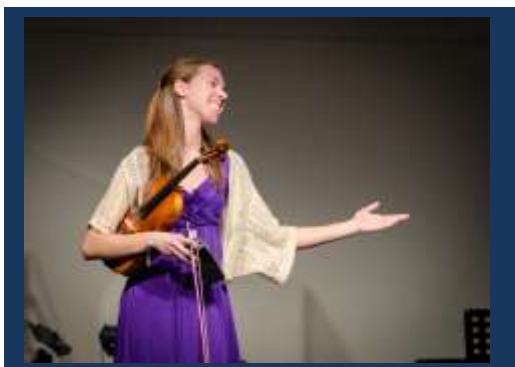
We were very sorry to learn that Mary McNichols died of cancer on April 6th. Mary had been a member of DGMC for a number of years. Mary was both an accomplished lawyer and a talented singer, teacher and director. For many years, she directed the Chicago Bar Association's Christmas Spirits production. She later opened the McNichols Studio in Downers Grove where she both taught and, through Mama Mac's Cabaret, provided musicians a place to perform. Mary is survived by her husband, Patrick Tallon and son John Tallon.

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April Elections

The results of the elections held at the April 8th program are as follows: Todd Diehl was re-elected Vice-President of Artistic Development, Cynthia Jensen was re-elected Treasurer and Michael Surratt was elected Member-at-Large. Congratulations to all! And thank you to Barbara Dickerman for serving as Member-at-Large the last two years. Her long experience with our club has made her a valued voice at our board meetings.

Scenes from April 8, 2014



Sunday, May 4, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Hendricks Pianos

421 Maple Avenue, DG

Concert AriaWolfgang Mozart

Allan Hins, euphonium

Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Scherzo Frederic Chopin

Jim Molina, piano

Reverie Claude Debussy

PavaneMaurice Ravel

Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

SonataThom Ritter George

Dennis Smith, clarinet

Chris Garofalo, piano

Topaz VanderCook

NocturneTyndall

Allan Hins, euphonium

Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Toothbrush TimeWilliam Bolcom

Dennis Smith, clarinet

Chris Garofalo, piano

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

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Organizations and Events

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

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.

Next Concert: **Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 PM**

Debe Welch Band: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.debewelch.com for details.

Downers Grove Choral Society: Visit www.dgcs.org. Concerts at the First United Methodist Church of DG, 1032 Maple Ave., DG. Single tickets are \$22 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students. There is a \$2 discount if purchased in advance.

Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 PM: a *Spring Concert* featuring Schubert's *Mass No. 5*, Corigliano's *Fern Hill* and Randall Thompson's *Last Words of David*.

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.

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, May 4 at 3:00 PM: “**The ‘SBC Voice’ Finalist**” featuring Beethoven's *Symphony #5, C minor* and SBC's brand new voice competition. Up to eight “SBC Voice” competition finalists will sing during the concert and the audience will get to vote for the “Audience Favorite Award.”

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 Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit www.villagevoicesdg.org or contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 PM: **Village Voices** presents its 8th annual Spring Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG.

Village Voices – our newest Ensemble member



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