

DGMC Newsletter

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Season Finale

The last program for this club year is at Hendricks Pianos on **Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00pm**. Pat and Dennis Smith headline the program with two very different musical selections. Details are on page 3. Hopefully, the bad weather is behind us and many of you can join us as we bring this season to a close.

Piano Festival and Competition

On April 19th, the 2015 Piano Festival and Competition began—at seven different locations to accommodate the 129 students who participated. Fifty-five students were selected to play at the Honor Recitals on April 26th.

Chair Elissa Metropoulos has announced our Competition winners. At the Senior level, David Fomer won first place and Jelena Mihajlovi second place. At the Junior level, Kayla Odasco won first place, Kyle Zhao second place and Terry Dunphy third place.

We are very grateful to the continued generosity of the Downers Grove Rotary Club (which donated \$450 for the 1st place Senior Award), the Nancy Mundinger Memorial Fund (which funded a \$300 1st place Junior Award and a \$75 3rd place Junior Award) and the Bea Chiswick Memorial Fund (which provided a \$250 2nd place Senior Award and a \$150 2nd place Junior Award).

All students (and their teachers) who took part in the Festival & Competition can be very proud of themselves. A big THANK YOU to Elissa for running this huge event. Lots of thanks, also, to the many volunteers and to the judges, all of whom made this undertaking a success

Open Board Meeting

Our annual “open” board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 26th 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. There are so many details involved with running this club and our board members heartily welcome your thoughts (AND your time)!

Election Results

Congratulations to the board members who were elected on April 21st. Chris Garofalo was re-elected President; Mike Surratt was elected VP of Artistic Development; Gloria Salazar was elected VP of Business Development; Jen Leckie was re-elected Secretary; Sarah Flanagan and Charlotte Ewing were elected Members-at-Large.



Rising Stars

The Rising Stars program on April 21st was outstanding! It was such an important, exciting evening to culminate DGMC's scholarship award program. All six 2014 Rising Star award winners performed wonderfully. Music Education chair Gloria Salazar also invited the Downers Grove Children's Choir and the Jefferson Junior High Jazz Band to perform, along with a young composer and the District 99 String Quartet, both of whom had won awards at recent competitions.

It was hard to choose just a few pictures from this evening for the newsletter. Be sure to check the photo archives on our website for the complete set of photos. You can also view the video broadcast of the concert via the following link to **the Cube**: <http://thecube.com/event/489816>. Once on the Cube, you may create/use your own account OR you may use the DGMC account by clicking on “login!” at the very bottom of the pop-up window and entering:

Email = mused@downersgrovemusicclub.org

Password = risingstars2015

Even easier, there are links to both the video and the photos on the **Rising Stars** icon on the left-most column of our website.

New Member

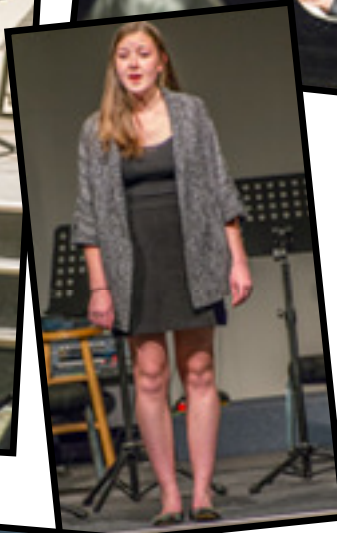
We are very pleased to welcome Rasa Valancius back to DGMC. Rasa teaches piano in Naperville. She loves classical music and, in addition to teaching, enjoys performing. Please update your directory:

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RISING STARS CONCERT



**APRIL
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2015**



Season Finale

Saturday, May 2, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Hendricks Pianos

421 Maple Avenue, DG

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano

Hubert Bird

- I. *Allegro con spirit*
- II. *Meditation*
- III. *Rondo giocoso*

Dennis Smith, clarinet
Charlotte Ewing, piano

I Can Cook Too

Leonard Bernstein

Patricia Smith, soprano
Charlotte Ewing, piano

and more ...

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org.

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: Single tickets are \$22 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students (\$2 discount for advanced purchases). Visit www.dgcs.org for details.

Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 PM: *Made in America* features Randall Thompson's *The Testament of Freedom* and Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*. Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main St., DG

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](#).

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.

Sunday, Apr. 26 at 3:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church. SBC presents their 2nd annual "SBC Voice" Competition Finalists performing lyric arias and opera solos (accompanied by the SBO). In addition, the orchestra will perform Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*.

Village Voices: This group was founded in 2006 by Director Marilyn Wilgocki. **Sarah Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit www.villagevoicesdgo.org or contact Marilyn at 630-971-1594.

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