

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

Here we are, about to say adieu to an OUTSTANDING year of programming for DGMC. If you did not get to any of this year's programs, you missed out on a great deal. Our performers were stunning and well prepared, as they shared wonderful skills and enviable musical insight. We heard a huge variety of music over the ages. We used a variety of venues to present these programs. All of you who attended spoke in glowing terms of the quality of the selections played by quality performers. Congratulations to each of you - and a huge congratulation bouquet to Todd Diehl, VP of Artistic Development, who made it all happen!

Our last program is upon us - Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. at Hendricks - an all-showtune night! Here's a little deviation from our usual fare. Come and support those who will be performing. Come and visit with your fellow community musicians. Come and enjoy being part of a fine musical organization in our town.

Your board is discussing new ideas and plans for enriching and enlarging the scope of our presence in the community. Rose Verona, VP of Business Development, is chairing some brainstorming meetings for all involved as we wrestle and contemplate improving visibility of our club in the western suburbs. Keep posted. Attend, if you can. Your board very much appreciates the input from all members.

Your board has been an exemplary group with whom to work. Each person does his/her job - well! Each adds to the lively discussion around the table at our monthly meetings. Each follows through on specific responsibilities connected to those tasks. Thank you - Todd Diehl, Rose Verona, Cindy Jensen, Sarah Flanagan, Josh Evanovich and Chris Garofalo. And another big thank you to all committee chairs - Nancy Munding, Gloria Salazar, Mary Ellen Newsom, Darlene Crilly, Lorie Crnkovich and Char Ewing. As we say "farewell" to Josh who leaves the board because of a move out of the area, we now welcome Barbara Dickerman as member-at-large, duly elected at the April program. She will be a fine asset to an already active and dedicated board.

I wish for each of you a gentle and enjoyable summertime, with perhaps a bit less hectic schedule, time in the garden, a walk in the park, and a song in your heart. We'll keep you posted regarding further details as they become available. Our first program in the fall is the first Tuesday of October, for you "calendar bunnies!"

*Blessings and happy music-making
to each of you! Marilyn E Wilgocki*

Tuesday, May 1st is the date of our final program of the 2011/2012 season. It begins at 7:30 pm in the recital hall of Hendricks Pianos. This will be our Show-Tune night and will be a great way to end a wonderful program year. Since the format of this program is a bit less formal than our usual events, we can accommodate last minute additions. If you are interested in performing on May 1st, please call Todd Diehl at (630)964-5654.

Piano Festival & Competition

The Piano Festival and Competition was held on Sunday, April 15th. Two Honors Recitals will be held on **April 29th** in the Fellowship Hall at Faith United Methodist Church (59th & Fairview) in Downers Grove. The times for these recitals are 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

Thank you to chairperson Darlene Crilly for all the work she has done to make this event run smoothly.

Open Board Meeting

Our annual "open" board meeting will be held on **May 6th** at 4:00 pm at the home of Rose Verona (320 Third St., DG). All interested club members are encouraged to attend this meeting which ends the current club year and begins the next one. The second part of the meeting will be a brainstorming session to clarify our goals for DGMC and to consider new ways to increase our presence and involvement in our community. If you would like more details about the brainstorming session, please call Rose at (630)963-3108 or e-mail her at rverona1@comcast.net

DGMC Notes

◆ **Joanne Bollinger**, who, since moving to Maine, is probably our most distant member, plans to attend our May 1st program. She is looking forward to seeing old friends.

◆ **Winners of the 2012 Rising Stars Scholarships** have been chosen by the music education chairs (Chris Garofalo and Gloria Salazar) and a special committee who reviewed the applications we received. The scholarships will be presented at the Awards Nights at the two local high schools - May 1st at Downers Grove South and May 15th at Downers Grove North.

◆ **Keep updated with the latest DGMC news** by visiting our website www.downersgrovemusicclub.org

FUNFACT

What is a Bagatelle? (A) a type of pasta, (B) a game like billiards, (C) a trivial matter, (D) a short musical piece that is commonly relaxing to the ear.

(Answer on page 3.)

String Festival and Competition

Many thanks go to chair Mary Ellen Newsom for organizing another excellent String Festival and Competition. Students who achieved a score of 95 points or above were invited to perform at the Winner's Recital that was held on March 18th. Medals were awarded to those students achieving scores of 99 or higher (indicated by *). The HIGH POINT winner was Francesca Korbitz who earned a perfect score of 100.

Participants in the recital were as follows. Violin: Level I - Francesca Korbitz* (*Minuet I* by J.S. Bach), Regis Lee* (*Allegro* by S. Suzuki), Richard Lu* (*Happy Farmer* by Schumann) and Anna Chi* (*O, Come, Little Children, Folk Song*); Level II - Grace McGarry* (*Witches' Dance* by Paganini), Ellie Krick* (*Bourrée* by J.S. Bach) and Joy Chi* (*Waltz* by Brahms); Level III - Silas Luk* (*Gavotte* by Lully); Level IV - Amelia Korbitz (*Concerto No. 2, 3rd mvt.* by Seitz), Rachel Zhang (*Gavotte in D* by J.S. Bach) and Martin Whitmore (*Minuet* by J. S. Bach); Level VI - Shannon Low (*Gigue* by Veracini) and Jocelyn Liang (*Intermezzo* from *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Mascagni); Junior Level - Sharon Liu (*Fantasy* by Frederick Koch). Viola: Level VI - Shannon Low (*Minuet in D* by Mozart); Level VII - Jocelyn Liang* (*Sonata in G* by Marcello), Caleb Luk (*Country Dance*) and Megan Petzold* (*French Dance #3*). Cello: Level V - Jessica Hung* (*Nina* by Pergolesi).

Show Tune Night!

**Tuesday, May 1, 2012
7:30 PM**

**Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove**

This program will be less formal than our usual programs. If you would like to perform, please call Todd Diehl at 630-964-5654.

We are looking forward to a very fun night. What else would you expect from an evening of show tunes?

Program Chairperson: Todd Diehl



String Festival Medal Winners

L to R (front row) Francesca Korbitz, Regis Lee, Richard Lu; (middle row) Silas Luk, Amelia Korbitz, Grace McGarry, Ellie Krick; (back row) Shannon Low, Jocelyn Liang, Megan Petzold, Sharon Liu and Jessica Hung.

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.

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) 691-9099. Pre-concert conversations at 2:00 PM, concerts start at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in various locations.

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. For tickets call Mac Ticket Office (630) 942-4000.

DGMC Piano Winners' Recitals culminate the Piano Festival & Competition.

Sunday, Apr. 29 at 2:00 PM & 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of Faith United Methodist Church, 59th & Fairview Avenue, 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 Dr. Amy G. Weller. Visit www.dgcs.org. Tickets are \$22 adults, \$17 seniors and \$7 students. There is a \$2 discount for purchasing tickets in advance.

Sunday, Apr. 29 at 3:00 PM: presents *Festival of Psalms* featuring Mendelssohn's *Psalms 42* and the Chicagoland premiere of Hailstork's *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*. Concert at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove.

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. All concerts **except** the *Family Christmas Concert* are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 PM: presents *Viva Italia* featuring Clementi's *Sinfonia in D Major*, Rossini's "Cinderella" Overture and two comic operas: Salieri's *Little Harlequinade* and Wolf-Ferrari's *Il Segreto di Suzanna*.

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

Sunday, May 20: *Village Voices* presents their annual spring concert at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Downers Grove.

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

FUNFACT ANSWER (from first page):

All the above except (A), although I'd swear I heard of a type of pasta with that name ... "Fur Elise" is a bagatelle written by Ludwig Van Beethoven.