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Hello from your Prez ...

Our organization is off and running with a new year of wonderful programs!

The October 4 program was very well received, with Village Voices singing a wide variety of material from stage and screen, the folk genre, jazz, light rock, gospel and spirituals. Thanks to Nancy Munding and her four committee members for delightful refreshments enjoyed by all following the program.

Mark **November 1** as the next opportunity to attend a fine presentation of piano and piano-accompanied instrumental music, held at Hendricks Pianos at 7:30 p.m. You'll enjoy everything from *Beethoven through Dello Joio*.

By now all of you should have received your new directories. Thanks to fine work from Lorie Crnkovich, these bright blue booklets contain lots of valuable information about our organization. Use it regularly.

Please note that some changes have been made to the bylaws and to our committee chair titles to accommodate more recent needs. The vice-president's title has been split into **Vice-President of Business Development** (Rose Verona) and **Vice-President of Artistic Development** (Todd Diehl). Also, the board created a new title for the job previously known as Newsletter Publisher. Instead, it is now listed as **Corresponding Secretary** (Nancy Munding). These new titles better reflect the work of these three offices. All changes to the bylaws were voted on at the October 4 program and unanimously approved.

Have you checked www.downersgrovemusicclub.org recently? Keep up with it. Char Ewing continues to most capably oversee and maintain this vital means of communication.

See you November 1. Remember – all Tuesday programs are at 7:30 p.m. and usually run about 1 ¼ hours in length, with refreshments served immediately following. We have some really fine talent in this club. And the programs are FREE and open to the public. So do invite a friend or neighbor.

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

November Program

Our next concert is on **November 1st at 7:30 pm** at **Hendricks Pianos** (421 Maple Avenue, DG). The program will include: music for solo piano, four-hand piano, violin and piano and flute and piano. See page 2 for details of what is sure to be an excellent evening of music.

As you can see for November and as you will be seeing throughout our season, DGMC has many accomplished musicians who are willing to share their talents – please take advantage of this and plan to be at as many of our programs as you can this year. And keep these programs in mind when you are trying to find worthwhile events for your friends, family members and students to attend.

DGMC Annual Membership Dues

THANK YOU to over half of our members who have already paid their dues for the 2011-2012 club year. To anyone who has not yet paid your dues, please plan to pay them at the November program or mail them to: DGMC, P.O. Box 551, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Checks should be made payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*.

Dues are: \$30 (Individual), \$35 (Family), \$10 (Student) \$60 (Ensemble or Organization). If paying by mail, please indicate "dues" in the memo portion of your check. You can become a Patron by making a contribution of \$30 or more over the regular dues fee.

Help Needed

We are excited to have a number of extra programs for our 2011-2012 season. But, this means that our Social Chairperson, Nancy Munding, needs more people to help bring and serve refreshments at our concerts. Please call her at (630) 971-0785 to volunteer.

Also, Todd Diehl is looking for six pianists to participate in our program on December 18th. This unique program will be a Holiday Carol-Sing where the audience will be roving around the Hendricks Piano showroom – listening first to a pianist play a short (2 minutes max) piece to demonstrate a particular piano and then singing a couple of carols with that person's accompaniment. Please call Todd at (630) 964-5654 to volunteer.

Finally, we are looking for one or more members to help us publicize our concerts and our projects to the community. If interested, please call Charlotte Ewing at (630) 985-8472.

**Be sure to visit our new website:
www.downersgrovemusicclub.org**

Rising Star Scholarship Winners

Over the summer, we received three lovely notes from our Rising Star Scholarship winners. These notes remind us of why these scholarships are important. Read on ...

Thank you so much for the music scholarship! Thanks to the Music Club, I was able to attend the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Camp. There I played in jazz combos, jam sessions and worked with professional musicians. I met many new people from all over the country. Thank you for giving me this opportunity!

Many thanks,
Michael Ruth
(DGS- saxophone)

Dear Mrs. Wilgocki and DG Music Club Members,

I wanted to thank you all so much for selecting me to receive the Madeleine Pedersen Vocal Scholarship. It was such a pleasant surprise and honor to be invited to the Senior Awards Night and receive this honor! I'm currently searching for a piano teacher for the summer; I think re-learning how to play will be an invaluable asset to me as a singer and musician. I'll also have a great advantage with that skill for upcoming college auditions. Your generous scholarship will help so much on that path; thank you all again.

Sincerely,
Erin Christine Walsh
(DGS- Madeleine Pedersen Vocal Scholarship)

Dear Music Club Members,

I wanted to thank you for choosing me as one of the recipients of the Rising Star Scholarships. It is my goal to major in Music Education and the money was very helpful this summer when allocated to a string technique camp run by the Susan Starrett Studio. I learned a great deal at this camp. The practicing style, drills, and technique will benefit me greatly when I audition for music scholarships from universities. I look forward to performing in this school year's Rising Star concert with the other recipients. It will be a great concert!

Sincerely,
Lisa Salazar
(DGS - viola)

Future Newsletters

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. The deadline for the next one is Thursday, November 10.

Beethoven to Dello Joio

**Tuesday, November 1, 2011
7:30 PM**

Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

Sonata in d minor for piano **Beethoven**
Opus 31 No. 2 (No. 17, "The Tempest")

Jim Molina, piano

Three pieces for four hands **Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn**

Sarah Flanagan, Elissa Metropoulos, piano

Air (1990) **Chris Garofalo**

Chris Garofalo, piano

Five Images (1966) **Norman Dello Joio**

Chris Garofalo, Charlotte Ewing, piano

Zigeunerweisen, Opus 20 (1878) **Pablo de Sarasate**

Jen Leckie, violin
Elissa Metropoulos, piano

Suite española Op. 47 **Isaac Albeniz**

1. *Granada*
5. *Asturias (orig., prelude fr. suite Chants d'Espagne)*

Susan Del Rosario, piano

Sonate pour flûte et piano (1958) **Francis Poulenc**

Edith Larson, flute
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

Fun Facts 😊

Tony Bennett "left his heart in San Francisco." Where did Chopin leave his heart? (*answer on page 3*)

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.

Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3:00 PM: Clara-Jumi Kang, violinist. German violinist, Clara-Jumi Kang, performed with the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra at age 5 and was admitted to Juilliard on a full scholarship at age 7. She performs on a 1683 Stradivari. Concert is at Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville.

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 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.

Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3:00 PM: presents *Joyeux Noel* featuring Saint-Saëns *Christmas Oratorio*, Finzi *In Terra Pax* and other seasonal works. Concert is at Faith Church, 59th & Fairview, 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.

Muriel Anderson's 20th Annual Hometown Concert: will be held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 (Adults), \$17 (Seniors/Students) or in advance (\$22/\$15) at Anderson's Bookstores or online at www.murielanderson.com.

Saturday, Nov. 26 at 8:00 PM: *20th Annual Hometown Concert*, featuring new-age flamingo music performed by the Tierra Negra Trio. This trio is comprised of Muriel Anderson (daughter of **Andrea** and **Ted Anderson**) and two German guitarists. Also performing is international bass superstar, Victor Wooten.

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 \$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, Nov. 13, at 3:00 PM: Program includes: Mozart's *Symphony #2 in B^b major, K17*, J. Strauss' *Emperor Waltz, op. 437* (1889) and Lehar's *The Merry Widow* (1905) (an abridged version).

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.

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

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

Chopin had such a fear of being buried alive that he asked that his heart be removed from his body after death, just to make sure he was really dead before burial! So when Chopin died in 1849, his sister had his heart removed and took it back with her to Poland, where it has remained all these years, happily preserved in cognac at the Church of the Holy Cross in Warsaw.