

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

Autumn greetings to each of you! I hope that despite the heat and humidity, summertime was good to you in many ways. Suddenly it's time once again to focus on fall activities and that means enjoying and supporting our active Downers Grove Music Club in a number of ways.

- **Attend the monthly programs!** Check out the October program - you will enjoy it. Then lend your presence to all our programs on the first Tuesday of each month. They're free - so bring a guest!
- **Music Club directories** will be ready for pickup at the October program. Thanks to Lori Crnkovich for all her efforts toward organizing this helpful document. I use mine all the time and keep it close to the home phone. Your board is considering putting this information on our website as well.
- **Dues this year have increased** by a very small amount. When you compare membership in other organizations such as AGO, ACDA, AGEHR, ISMTA, etc., our fee is minimal. Please pay your dues at the October meeting or mail us your check. Details are in column 2 of this page.
- **We are now officially a tax exempt organization!** Although we still have some final details to complete for the federal government, our 501(c)(3) status allows us to receive gifts or donations from individuals and/or organizations, tax free to the donor. Pass the word along.

On a personal level, I still subscribe to my two original goals set out last year at this time - **VISIBILITY AND HOSPITALITY**. Join me, please. Tell others about our active and talented organization. Don't keep DGMC a secret! Extend a hearty welcome to guests and to each other. Musicians have fantastic networking skills and we enjoy visiting with each other around the refreshment table following our programs.

See you there - in October!

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

October Program

Our first program of the new 2010 – 2011 Club Year will be a wonderful opening for our new season. Todd Diehl, program chairperson, has provided a really fine roster of performers who will share a wide variety of music and instruments. The program is on **October 5th at 7:00 pm at Steinway of Chicago**. Details are on page 2. Please mark your calendars so you do not miss this concert.

Membership Directory & Schedule

The 2010-2011 Membership Directory will be available at our program on October 5th. We hope you will be able to pick up your directory at that time. Otherwise, it will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

DGMC Annual Membership Dues

With the start of a new season, it is time to collect annual membership dues. Please plan to pay your 2010-2011 dues at the October 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). If paying by mail, please mark "dues" in the memo portion of your check. If you have already paid your dues for this year, THANK YOU!

String Festival & Competition

The String Festival will be held on March 13, 2011, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Faith Methodist Church. The Winners' Recital will be held one week later, on March 20th, at 1 pm. For further details, please call Mary Ellen Newsom at 630-910-7170 or visit our website www.dgmusicclub.org.

Piano Festival & Competition

The Piano Festival & Competition will be held on April 10, 2011, with the Honors Recitals two weeks later, on May 1st. Mailings have already gone out to piano teachers – mostly via e-mail. If you have not yet received your copy of the instructions and registration forms, please call Darlene Crilly (630-968-0591) or visit our website www.dgmusicclub.org. You can now download applications, as well as obtain detailed instructions from our website.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome two new members to DGMC. Both have performed at our programs in the past – we are so happy to have them join us as members!

- **Vivian Pearson-Borrink** is an active organist and piano accompanist at Christ Church of Oakbrook. She is also a choral conductor and singer. Vivian and Marilyn Wilgocki have been delighting DGMC audiences with their two-piano performances for a number of years.
- **Jim Molina** is a pianist, composer, songwriter and recording engineer. He is the Minister of Music at First Congregational Church of Downers Grove. Jim also teaches piano.

Thank You

It is always nice to hear from our scholarship recipients. Isaac Stevenson, the percussionist from DGN who was honored last spring, wrote us this kind note ...

Dear Ms. Wilgocki and Downers Grove Music Club,

Thank you for your generous gift of scholarship. It enabled me to attend a series of clinics and master classes run by top performers and pedagogs at the Eastman and Jacobs Schools of Music, as well as collaborate with other students sharing my passion and commitment to the arts.

*Best wishes,
Isaac Stevenson*

DGMC Notes

- **Sinfonietta Bel Canto** is a brand new chamber orchestra and opera group based in Downers Grove. Sinfonietta Bel Canto (SBC) is directed by Dan Pasquale D'Andrea. Other DGMC members who are involved with SBC are Todd Diehl, Angela Presutti and Jim Stahulak. Their first concert is September 26th and features Chris Garofalo as the soloist in a Mozart piano concerto. For more information about this exciting new organization, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org. See page 3 for more details of the first concert.
- **Congratulations to Christopher Cox** on his marriage to Linnea Leo on September 25. We wish them much happiness in their new life together. Christopher is our Communications Chairperson and has created and continues to maintain our website.

Future Newsletters

Whenever 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 newsletter is Friday, October 15.

October Program

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

7:00 PM

Steinway of Chicago

1205A Butterfield Road, Downers Grove

Sonata For Oboe and Piano, Opus 166 Camille Saint-Saens
Movement II -- Allegretto
Movement I – Andantino

Nancy Hagen, oboe
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Walpurgis Friedgund Gottsche-Niessner
Emily Fallert, alto flute

Vocalise Rachmaninoff
Edith Larson, flute
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano Leonard Bernstein
Movement I -- Grazioso
Movement II – Andantino
Dennis Smith, clarinet
Chris Garofalo, piano

Six Studies in English Folksong R. V. Williams/arr. Paul Droste
Movement V

Sonatina W. A. Mozart/ arr. Jay Ernst
Movement III

Suite No. 1 Arcangelo Corelli/arr. Ronald Disinger
Movement III
Allan Hins, euphonium
Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Flight of the Bumblebee N Rimsky-Korsakov/arr. Faustin Jeanjean
The Cascades (A Rag) Scott Joplin/arr. Kenley Inglefield
Festival Flutes: Emma Jerzyk, Edith Larson,
Elizabeth Marcotte, Julie Marcotte, Rebecca Marcotte
and Kimberly Steere

Program Chairperson ~ Todd Diehl

Organizations and Events

ADK Studios: a music conservatory directed by **Abigail Demirgian**, presents a benefit concert at Downers Grove Community Church, 6600 Fairview Ave., DG. Tickets are FREE. Donations will be accepted to benefit *Operation Welcome You Home*.

Saturday, Sept. 25, at 3:00 PM: ***Saluting the American Flag Benefit Concert*** presented by the ADK Studios faculty. Program features both patriotic and classical music to honor our military.

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

Advent Chamber Orchestra: For more information, visit www.adventchamberorchestra.org, call 630-226-0686, or call **Elizabeth Quaintance**, 630-963-3813.

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.myspace.com/affinitystringtrio 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) 692-9099. Pre-concert conversations at 2:00 PM, concerts start at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG

Sunday, Oct. 3, at 3:00 PM: the Prima Trio (clarinetist Boris Allakhverdyan, violinist/violist Gulia Gurevich and pianist Anastasia Dedik) distinguishes itself with its remarkable playing and wide ranging repertoire.

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 is ... **Monday, Oct. 25 at 5:00 PM**

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 **Robert Holst**. Visit www.dgcs.org.

Sunday, Oct. 3, at 3:00 PM: Artist Recital Series presents Patrick Tierney, Tenor, and Maggie Reberg, Mezzo-Soprano at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 23W080 Butterfield Rd, Glen Ellyn

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, Sept. 26 at 3 PM: Brahms's *Serenade #1 in D Major, op. 11* and Mozart's *Piano Concerto #23 in A Major, K488*, featuring **Chris Garofalo**, pianist

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, 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)

The **curse of the ninth** is the superstition that a composer will die after writing his ninth symphony, but before he has an opportunity to complete his tenth. The most prominent examples are Ludwig van Beethoven, Louis Spohr, Franz Schubert, Antonin Dvorak, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Anton Bruckner and Gustav Mahler. Of course, there are many composers who did not succumb to this curse. Dmitri Shostakovich, who completed fifteen symphonies, is considered to have ended the curse.

Source and more details can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curse_of_the_ninth