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Welcome Back!

President's Message

Welcome to the new program year! The DGMC board and committee chairs have been very busy this summer. Todd Diehl, VP of Artistic Development, has set up alternating Tuesday and Sunday concerts throughout the year for our dedicated and talented members.

We have a new fund-raising event this year. Please save the date: **Saturday, November 2nd** for **A Notable Celebration of the Arts**. This concert, auction and reception will be held at the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove. Proceeds from this event will benefit student music awards of DGMC. Please read further in the newsletter for more details.

The club is fortunate to have a collaborative and very productive board of directors and committee chairs

- Rose Verona, VP of Business Development, has already received a \$1,000 donation from Grove Dental to support the new College Music Awards.
- Piano Festival and Competition co-chairs, Elissa Metropoulos and Eve Ciner, along with Darlene Crilly, have the entire festival set up.
- Gloria Salazar chairs the Rising Stars and College awards process. Right now she is preparing the auction and working with the reception committee for our Benefit event in November.
- Charlotte Ewing continues to create this terrific newsletter. Charlotte & Tom Ewing also maintain our engaging website.
- Lorie Crnkovich updates the directory.
- Treasurer, Cynthia Jensen, keeps meticulous financial records and
- Marilyn Wilgocki and Barbara Dickerman provide continuing support as Corresponding Secretary and Historian and guidance as board members.

The core DGMC programs continue only through the support of our membership. There are many ways to participate in the programs and events which are noted throughout this newsletter. Please do!

I look forward to sharing our musical talents throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Chris Garofalo

It's a New Club Year

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and now are ready to begin our new 2013-2014 Season. But first, we owe a big thank you to Marilyn Wilgocki and Sarah Flanagan, whose terms as president and secretary, respectively, expired in May. It has been such a pleasure to have both of these ladies on the board – they have served us so well. Marilyn will continue to serve on the board as a Member at Large. We welcome Jen Leckie as our new secretary and Chris Garofalo as our new president.

Season Opener

Our first program of the new 2013 – 2014 Club Year is on **Tuesday, October 1st at 7:30 pm** at Hendricks Pianos, 421 Maple in Downers Grove. New directories will be available, dues can be paid and, most importantly, a wonderful program can be enjoyed. Program details are on page 2. As you can see, it will be a varied program - opening with a brass ensemble, followed by flute, voice and piano. See you there!

A Notable Celebration of the Arts

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 2nd** at **7:00 pm**. That is when *A Notable Celebration of the Arts* begins. We hope it will be a night you will long remember. The celebration begins with a concert featuring exciting performances by THESIX - piano and winds, Todd Diehl - baritone, Jason Deroche - guitar, Jim Molina - piano, Andrew Molina - cello, Chris Garofalo - piano and Jen Leckie - violin. Following the concert will be a silent auction and a delightful reception. All proceeds will support the DGMC Rising Stars and College student music awards. Tickets for \$25 will be available at our October program as well as on-line through our website, www.downersgrovemusicclub.org. Youth 18 or younger are free if accompanied by one parent.

There are many ways to contribute to this event.

1. Attend the program and invite family and friends to join you. Bonus: you'll have a wonderful time!
2. Contact Rose Verona (630-963-3108) to help distribute posters and sell advanced tickets.
3. Contact Gloria Salazar (630-968-8997) to donate and help with the auction items.
4. Contact Charlotte Ewing (630-985-8472) to help with the reception.

More about the Auction and Reception

French music is the theme for the concert portion of *A Notable Celebration of the Arts*. The reception menu will include delicious French inspired desserts, cheeses and fruits, punch and Caribou Coffee. Wine will be available for purchase.

Everyone who attends *A Notable Celebration of the Arts* will have a chance to win one of several door prizes featuring gift certificates from local businesses – valued at \$25 or higher. In addition, there will be at least 30 packages in the Silent Auction.

Our premier Auction Package includes a private house concert by our own Jim Molina, a generous gift certificate towards catering and a selection of wine so you can create a wonderful musical experience in your own home to be enjoyed with family or friends.

Other Auction Packages range in value and content – there should be enough variety to tempt everyone. There will be seasonal packages (for Thanksgiving and Christmas), music-themed packages, original artwork, hand-made fashion accessories, framed photography, professional portrait packages and, of course, a huge basket filled with goodies for our favorite four legged friends – our dogs.

We have received donations from many local and even not-so-local businesses to help fill our Auction and Door Prize baskets. Please turn to page 4 for our complete list of donors as of the publication of this newsletter.

Credit cards will be accepted at the auction, as well as cash and checks.

DGMC Annual Membership Dues

With the start of a new season, it is time to collect annual membership dues. Our dues are discounted if they are paid by 12/31/2013. The discounted dues are: \$30 (Individual), \$35 (Family), \$10 (Student), \$60 (Ensemble or Organization).

We'd love to have everyone pay their 2013-2014 dues at the October program. Our dues are the main source of income for our operating costs. We want to use the proceeds from our fundraisers and donors exclusively for our music awards.

If you are unable to make the October program, please mail your dues/contributions to: DGMC, P.O. Box 551, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Checks should be made payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*. There is a Dues / Donor / Sponsor Form attached to your newsletter.

Please be sure to include this form with your check if you are mailing it. If you have already paid your dues for this year, THANK YOU!

2013 Music Awards

This year, DGMC was able to award six \$400 Rising Star awards. We also presented an honorary award to a young lady who composed a special song and put together a

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

7:30 PM

Hendricks Pianos

421 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

We open our 2013-2014 Season with a set played by The Cove Creek Brass Ensemble, followed by ...

Concerto in G for Two Flutes
Movements 1 & 3

D. Cimarosa

Julie Marcotte and Katherine Marcotte, flutes
Tanya Wilkins, piano

Ballade in g minor

F. Chopin

Jim Molina, piano

7 Teaching Songs

Todd Diehl, baritone, and Mike Surratt, piano

Cliff Palace Ghost Dance

Sonny Burnett

commissioned by Dr. Christine Potter

Emily Fallert, flute, and Barbara Dickerman, piano

Program Chair: Todd Diehl

website for the students involved in the Sandy Hooks shooting.

New in 2013, thanks to two very generous donors (Rose Verona and Good Samaritan Hospital), DGMC was able to present \$1,000 college music awards to two seniors graduating from District 99.

Rising Stars Award recipients were: from DGN - Katherine Portman, violin, and Spencer Schillerstrom, saxophone; from DGS - Caitlin Carr, soprano, Andrew Molina, cello, Kelsey Richardson, bass clarinet and Rachel Wydra, bassoon. The honorary award was given to DGN vocalist, Emilie Cook.

College Music Award recipients were Brett Latman, trumpet (DGN) and Josiah Williams, trombone (DGS).

Congratulations to all winners! We look forward to hearing our Rising Stars award recipients at the DGMC *Rising Stars* program on April 8, 2014.

Piano Festival & Competition

The application packet for the 2014 Piano Festival and Competition was completed in August. Mailings have already gone out to piano teachers – mostly via e-mail.

The Piano Festival committee could, however, use help with publicity. To volunteer or for more information, please e-mail them at pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org or call Elissa Metropoulos (708-288-7336) or Eve Ciner (630-971-0797).

The Piano Festival & Competition will be held on Sunday, March 16th, with the Honors Recitals one week later, on March 23rd.

All applications and detailed instructions can be obtained from our website: www.downersgrovemusicclub.org

Thank Yous

And finally, we would like to share four thank you notes which we received over the summer. The first two are from 2013 Rising Star Award recipients. The second two notes are from high school students to whom we provided scholarships for a particular string camp recommended by their teachers. All these notes tie in so beautifully with what we are trying to accomplish with our fund-raising event in November.

Dear Members of the Downers Grove Music Club,

My name is Kelsey Richardson and I was the recipient of your 2013 Rising Star award. Thank you for the opportunity to perform for you and for the support in continuing my music education. I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Kelsey Richardson

Dear Downers Grove Music Club,

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for your very generous scholarship award. This award will allow me to attend a summer camp that will allow me to continue my in-depth study of music. I then hope to give back to the community and my school using my knowledge! Your organization does so much for so many people, so again thank you.

Spencer Schillerstrom

To all of the Downers Grove Music Club,

Thank you for providing me with this fantastic scholarship! I honestly had the best time at string camp. I learned tons about my violin that I had never learned before & got to work with Daniel Morganstern.

Six Flags was beyond fun & amazing & I now have tons of photos & memories with all my best friends. The final showcase performance left me feeling proud & more engaged in music than ever. There were so many highlights.

Julija Lemenaite,
proud musician

P.S. I only hope you can provide just as many amazing opportunities like this in the future! Thanks again!

Dear Downers Grove Music Club,

Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship to go to string camp. I really enjoyed going to the camp and it really helped me as a player. It helped me learn what I need to improve on. It also helped me learn how to work with others in a quartet, which is something I have never experienced before. Also it helped me connect with others that are in orchestra with me and I got to know them and their dynamics, what their stronger skills are and their weaker skills, and I knew how to help them develop as a player and critique them on how they were playing.

Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to get this experience and grow as a player, someone that critiques, and a person. That is why I am really thankful for this. And it was very important how you support students and how you supported me. It really helped.

Sincerely, Kamaria Palmer

DGMC Notes

○ **The 2013-2014 Membership Directory & Schedule** will be available at our program on October 1st. We hope you will be able to pick up your directory at that time. Otherwise, it will be given to you as soon as we receive your dues payment.

○ **Thank you to Tony Tumea** for reviewing the DGMC Financial Statement for 2012 – 2013. We are so grateful to have Tony donate his time to perform this important task.

○ **We love to receive news!** 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 Thursday, October 10.

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.

DGMC Benefit Concert, Auction and Reception: Our big fundraising event of the year will be held at the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove, 1047 Curtiss St., DG. Donation: \$25 per adult. Reservations can be made on line at www.downersgrovemusicclub.org

Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7:00 PM: *A Notable Celebration of the Arts* featuring guitarist **Jason Deroche**, baritone **Todd Diehl**, pianist **Chris Garofalo**, piano & wind ensemble THESIX, violinist **Jennifer Leckie**, cellist **Andrew Molina** and pianist **Jim Molina**.

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

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director Dr. Amy G. Weller. Visit www.dgcs.org.

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. 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 (\$2 discount for purchasing in advance). For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Sunday, Sept. 29, at 3:00 PM: *SBC Tribute: Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Music Club* features Mendelssohn's *Symphony #4 in A Major*, Marcello's *Oboe Concerto*, Quantz's *Flute Concerto in G Major* and Spohr's *Fantasia and Variations on a theme of Danzi, op. 84*.

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

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR GENEROUSLY DONATING ITEMS TO *A Notable Celebration of the Arts*

Caribou Coffee, J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious catering, the Brigantine Art Gallery, Piano Forte, Chicagoland Chocolate Tours, Untouchable Tours, Hendricks Pianos, Anderson's Book Store, QT Apparel Gifts and Accessories, Lemon Tree Grocer, Cocomero's Frozen Yogurt, Skuddlebutt's, L&M Chocolates, Berto's Pasta, Every Days' a Sundae