

The Downers Grove Music Club

Celebrating Music Arts Since 1927

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Welcome back, music lovers, to a new season of wonderful DGMC programs! Here is an overview of the **Library-Music Club Concert Series**, the co-sponsored programs for the year, along with other DGMC programs, information courtesy of Program Chair Char Ewing:

October Program: Autumn Tales, Sunday, October 21, 2018, 2:00 p.m. Downers Grove Music Club musicians present a program featuring music and folk tales for Autumn. Beware – some may be a little scary!

***November House Concert**, Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. This is the Music Club's 1st fundraising event for the season, and features a Benefit Concert and a Dessert Reception ***at Chris Garofalo's home**. All proceeds are used to fund the Rising Star and College Music Awards given to talented local high school music students. This is a ticketed event (\$35, available online soon) with limited seating. Reservations may also be made by calling Char Ewing at 630-985-8472 or by e-mailing her at Charewing@aol.com.

December Program: Holiday Treasures, Sunday, December 2, 2018, 2 p.m. All ages will enjoy a delightful hour as Downers Grove Music Club musicians and guests, along with Santa, elves, and other costumed characters, performing lively seasonal music, concluding with a sing-along of holiday favorites.

January Program: Suenos Latin-Jazz Quintet, Sunday, January 20, 2018, 2 p.m.

February Program: Oscar Season, Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2 p.m. Downers Grove Music Club musicians perform music featured in previous Oscar-winning movies. How many of the classical pieces will you recognize? Music from movies that are fairly well-known but didn't actually win an Oscar may also be included.

March Program: 2019 Piano Festival Honors Recitals, Sunday, March 10, 2019, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. These recitals feature the piano students who excelled in the 2019 Piano Festival & Competition.

***March 22: Spring House Concert**, Friday, March 22, 2019, 7:30 p.m. This is the Music Club's 2nd fundraising event for the season, and features a Benefit Concert and a Dessert Reception ***at a private home**. All proceeds are used to fund the Rising Star and College

Music Awards given to talented local high school music students. This is a ticketed event (\$35) with limited seating.

April 2: Rising Stars Concert, Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 7 p.m. This will feature the 2018 Rising Star award recipients and other talented young musicians in the Downers Grove Community.

May Program: Spring Celebration – Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2:00 p.m. Downers Grove Music Club musicians perform a variety of classical music – solo piano, instrumentals and voice – that celebrates spring.”

Details: All programs *except the two house concerts will be held at the Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St., D.G., in the Main Meeting Room. Reservations are highly recommended, to ensure seating for all who wish to attend. One may register on the library website by clicking “RSVP” next to the concert date, or by calling the library at 630-960-1200. All co-sponsored programs at the library are free and open to the public.

DGMC Board Meeting Minutes will henceforth be included in club newsletters, either in their entirety or with highlights excerpted, in the interests of keeping all members abreast of the club’s activities. Especially long sets of minutes may be sent as attachments.

DOWNERS GROVE MUSIC CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2018 ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ 843 59th St., D.G.

In attendance: Gloria Salazar, Chris Garofalo, Charlotte Ewing, Dan Moroz, Joyce Tumea

President – Gloria

Agenda – additions and acceptance

Bylaws – this year we will tackle reviewing and updating if needed

Secretary - Thank you to Remus for his service last year – resigned.

Volunteer for new Secretary?

Treasurer – Jan – all topics other than the budget will be postponed to the next meeting
2018 – 19 Budget – Dan Motion to approve, Charlotte 2nd, approved unanimously. Budget \$11,574.95 with a surplus of \$55.05

Confirm account statements:

Checking -- Fiscal Year Closing statement amount is \$5,166.84

Money market – Fiscal Year Closing statement amount \$47,765.91

Review and approve Financial Reports – next meeting

Assign Auditor for 2017-18 Financial Review TBD

Education – Gloria

String Lesson Scholarships (Shelby Bulut Memorial Fund)

5 of the 7 students/teachers have submitted requests for lesson payments

This will be added to the website along with the other Music Awards.

High School Music Awards: Online application process will be implemented for the next application season (January 2019)

VP Artistic Development - Char

2018-19 concert series - schedule provided – each program has a theme.

Reach out to Alliance Brass Quintet for 3rd or 4th Sunday of September, 2019; will use \$1,200 from the Shelby Bulut Fund.

House Concerts – Chris

Fall concert – Friday, November 16, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Location is Chris Garofalo's home

Tickets are \$35

VP Business Development – Jan

Piano Festival –Christine and Ron (<http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/pianofest.html>)

Announcement of the 2019 Festival is going out to the teachers this week

Need to update website (new rules document is being worked on: remove zip code requirement & registration fee applies to dues)

Rotary Club \$500 commitment is confirmed.

Dates – Website to be updated with dates, forms and new rules; also in the newsletter.

Registration Deadline – February 3, 2019

Festival & Competition – Sunday March 3, 2019

Honors Recitals – Sunday March 10, 2019

New this year: Zip Code requirement has been removed

Former Teacher Registration fee collected for participating teachers that are not DGMC members will be applied as membership dues, making all participating teachers members of the DGMC

Automated forms to transfer the student registration information collected in the online registration process to the judging sheets – to eliminate the need to hand write these

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Membership - Char

Website Changes – getting forms on website for membership applications and renewals; recommend switching to STRIPE to collect payments (rather than PayPal). Cognito forms has an additional 1% fee for processing STRIPE payments through their forms website.

Char will set up payment process with EIN #, account # and email contact (Jan's and Char's).

2018 – 19 Dues

***(If you have not yet done so, renew!** <http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/member.html>)

Invoicing procedure

Emails will be sent to members to provide the direct link to online membership renewal/payment. A separate email will be sent to those who never paid last year asking if they still want to be in the directory.

Update of current paid memberships - \$370 in dues has been collected so far

Membership Book – will be distributed at the October 21, 2018 program

Online Teacher and Accompanist Directories – to be updated

Newsletter – Char/Joyce – an October newsletter will be sent out

Social Media – Dan Moroz – will advertise the concert series with multiple postings

Website – Tom and Char Ewing – will continue to incorporate the online forms into the website as needed. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm

Membership - New Members, Members' News:The club welcomes new member Louise Kelly. Louise, who has an M.A. in Music Education, has taught Chorus and General Music in a K-8 public school for the last 8 years. She is taking this year off classroom teaching to build a private piano studio. Louise performs with many musicians for Backthird Entertainment - mostly in string trios and quartets, but also occasionally in piano jazz trios. She is also involved in songwriting and producing her own music.

Remus Badea has resigned as secretary; the DGMC and board thank him for his service this past year. His expertise was much appreciated!

ORGANIZATIONS and EVENTS Calendar

Acappellago will present the following concerts: “Christmas Old & New,” Dec. 1, 2018, 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.; “An American Songbook,” Feb. 16, 2019 at 7 p.m.; “All the Right Places,” March 16 at 7:30 p.m. and 17th at 4 p.m.; and “Another Sentimental Journey,” May 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m. Check the website for locations and ticket prices: www.acappellago.org or call 708-484-3797.

The D.G. Choral Society will be presenting 3 major concerts in its 60th season: “Bravo Brahms” on Sun., Nov. 4, 2018; “Sing Our Way Home” on Sun., Feb. 10, 2019, and “Recollections” on Sun., April 28, 2019.

All concerts are held at the First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove, with a pre-concert talk by Artistic Director Dr. John P. Rakes at 3:15 p.m., followed by the concert at 4 p.m. For more information, contact www.dgcs.org.

Muriel Anderson's 27th Annual Hometown Concert will be the Sat. after Thanksgiving, Sat., Nov. 24, at North High. Her special guest this year will be the legendary John McEuen from the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and groundbreaking “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” album. This benefit concert will also be a release for her new holiday card/CD combo. More details are available on her website: murielanderson.com/dg.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto presents Puccini Part 2, *Suor Angelica*, part 2 of *Il Trittico*, at 7 p.m. on Sat., Nov 10, and at 3 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 11, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove, with Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, Artistic Director/Conductor. For more info & advance tickets, see: www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call 630-384-5007.

West Towns Chorus, Downers Grove's mens' a cappella group, presents its annual Christmas concert, Sat. and Sun., Dec. 8 and 9th, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Arcada Theater in St. Charles *(note new location). For more information and ticket prices, check www.westtowns.org.