

# DGMC Newsletter

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## *Welcome Back!*

Our first program of the new 2012 – 2013 Club Year is on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm** at Hendricks Pianos, 421 Maple in Downers Grove. New directories will be available, dues can be paid and a delightful program can be enjoyed.

Bring a friend, neighbor, family member. Introduce them to a highly reputable and friendly group of musicians who enjoy music together and appreciate visiting afterwards around the punch bowl! There will be a short business meeting to start off the new season. A tentative program is on page 2 – it is not complete.

## *Greetings from your Prez ...*

Here we are, back in the early fall "routine" once again. Or are we? Despite the heat and humidity and drought, I do hope you each found many times to enjoy or participate in music this summer. We are so fortunate to be blessed with this art, aren't we?

Our organization is putting into place some new and exciting events and opportunities. One might say we are "moving in a new direction." Your hard-working board and dedicated committee chairs met to kick off the year ahead. What a wonderful group of folks to help "guide the ship". These musical men and women continue to look for ways to challenge DGMC musically, socially, and in the area of business development. You will now see that in addition to our Tuesday evening programs, Sunday afternoon programs have been added from time to time. You will also note that some of our programs will be full recitals for one or two persons or groups. We again are indebted to Hendricks Pianos and the Brigantine Gallery and other sites in town where our programs can be shared. Don't miss checking out the website on a regular basis. Everything is there, in case you have lost your directory or your newsletter.

I am happy to announce a new co-chair of the Piano Festival. Assisting Darlene Crilly this year will be Elissa Metropolitous, one of our newer and very enthusiastic members. This should be quite a good team - tackling this very important aspect of our club.

Also important to note is the departure of our String Festival. MaryEllen Newsom has overseen this for many years and will continue to do so, as a private entity—no longer under the auspices of our club. String players have many opportunities to perform for adjudication (as do woodwinds, brass players and percussionists). Young pianists do not enjoy the same opportunities and our club has filled in the gap with our piano festivals - now serving about 120 students each year. Thus your board has voted to continue to put its emphasis on the Piano Festival. At the same time, we thank MaryEllen for her dedication and time and energy over the years and wish her well as she continues to serve young string players. Both MaryEllen and husband Don have been quite helpful to Darlene Crilly and Piano Festival folks over the years, in the areas of computer work and technology. They will continue to share their skills along these lines. We also look forward to hearing Don at the October program. New brochures - beautiful and eye-catching - should be available on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to all who wish one. We thank members Jim Molina and Jim Stahulak, assisted by Todd Diehl, in the creation and printing of these fine reflections on our organization.

I hope you have answered "the call" when Todd Diehl has phoned you about performing (if you are a performing member) or about taking over the refreshment duties for one of our programs. I hope you have also answered "the call" when Rose Verona calls you to speak about some fund-raising possibilities for DGMC. As always, try to attend our programs - a great place to network with others as well as enjoy a wide variety of music, performed well.

Hope to see you October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember, all programs on Tuesdays start at 7:30 p.m. All Sunday programs (except the one in December) are scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

*Blessings to you all... Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

**DGMC Annual Membership Dues and More ...**

With the start of a new season, it is time to collect annual membership dues. Our dues are: \$30 (Individual), \$35 (Family), \$10 (Student), \$60 (Ensemble or Organization). New this year ... we have defined 6 donor/sponsorship levels in a manner the board felt fitting for a musical organization. Please look at the DUES - DONOR - SPONSOR FORM which is attached to your newsletter to see what we have chosen.

We'd love to have everyone pay their 2012-2013 dues at the October program. If you are unable to make the 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*. Be sure to include the Dues / Donor / Sponsor Form with your check when mailing it.

If you have already paid your dues for this year, THANK YOU!

**Special Music**

Two of Chris Garofalo's original compositions - *Suite for Flute, Violin, Cello and Piano* and *Sonata for Flute and Piano* will be the featured music in *Israel*, a new documentary film by David Gaynes. Chris, along with flutist Carolyn May, violinist Michèle Lekas and cellist, Mark Lekas, recorded the compositions in July at the WFMT Studio in Chicago.

These two compositions as well as Chris' song cycle *Within the Circle of the Seasons* for tenor and piano will be presented at a concert titled *Insight and Odyssey* at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The concert is being held as a tribute to the church's retiring minister, Rev. Edward Searl. It is a free concert but, due to limited seating, reservations are necessary. Please refer to the entry under **Special Concert** on page 4 for details.

**DGMC Apparel**

We are excited to announce that you can now purchase your own DGMC clothing with our new logo embroidered on it.



We've partnered with Lands' End to bring you a great selection of apparel and gear which you can order with the DGMC logo. You must order through the E-Store link on our website. You can find this E-Store link in the left margin of most of our web pages or under *Quick Links* in the right margin of our web pages.

There are no minimum purchase requirements, just a straight \$5.95 embroidery fee for each item which displays our logo. Simply go to our E-Store and select the clothing items in the sizes and colors you desire. After making each selection, you will be asked if you want to add a logo. You will be given only two choices from a drop down menu. Our standard logo is blue and gold, and works best for lighter fabrics. If you wish to order a dark garment, such as black or navy, select "logo for dark garment" instead; this will produce a logo which has white text but keeps the music staff gold.

**Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

**7:30 PM**

**Hendricks Pianos**

421 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

*Variations for the Healing of Arinushka* Arvo Part  
*Prelude in Memory of M.K.Ciurlionis* Giedrius Kuprevicius  
 Don Newsom, piano

*Tempo di Gavotta* Archangelo Corelli  
 from *Trio Sonata, Op.4, No.9* arr. Joan Last

*Sonatina in C, Op. 36, No. 1* Muzio Clementi / Henry Timm

*Solfeggio in c minor* C.P.E. Bach / Lancaster and Renfrow

*Kum Ba Yah Suite* Traditional / arr. Joel Raney  
 Sue Bergren, piano and Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

*Moonlight Sonata* Ludwig van Beethoven  
 Jim Molina, piano

**PLUS**

French music for flute and piano, performed by Edith Larson and Todd Diehl

Piano music performed by Chris Garofalo

**Piano Festival**

As Marilyn mentioned in her opening letter, we are very pleased that Elissa Metropoulos has volunteered to co-chair the piano festival with Darlene Crilly. Elissa is a fine pianist as well as teacher and will be a great addition to this event. The Piano Festival & Competition will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2013, with the Honors Recitals two weeks later, on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The applications on our website have not yet been updated for the current year – but they should be soon. If you have further questions, please call Darlene at 630-968-0591 or Elissa at 708-288-7336.

**In Memoriam**

We were saddened to learn that Margaret Mochel passed away on August 21, 2012, at the age of 101. Marge was an ardent supporter of the musical arts community of Downers Grove and a longtime, dedicated member of DGMC. Many of us will remember Marge as an enthusiastic appreciator of music. She was also particularly involved in service to others, with special emphasis at the Women's Auxiliary of Good Samaritan Hospital, having served a term as their president.

### **New Members**

Please welcome the following **three** new members ...

- **Cove Creek Brass Quintet** has joined DGMC so recently that we do not know too about this group. But this will soon change because they are scheduled to play for the entire second half of our November program. We do know they perform locally, both in and out of church venues, and that they are part of the teaching community.

- **Rasa Valancius** has joined as a performing pianist. She teaches piano at her Naperville studio and states that she enjoys working with children, to teach them to not only play piano but to also understand the importance of music in their lives. Rasa came to the United States from Lithuania, where she graduated from the university with a BA in elementary education and teaching music.

- **Amanda Fenton** is a performing violinist and violin teacher. She earned a BA in music and Spanish at Augustana College and, in May, received an MM in violin performance from the University of Missouri – Columbia. Amanda has had a great deal of orchestral as well as soloist experience. She is currently on the faculty at the YOURS Project of the People's Music School in Chicago and is also busy preparing for auditions to area orchestras.

### **DGMC Notes**

♪ **The 2012-2013 Membership Directory & Schedule** will be available at our program on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope you will be able to pick up your directory at that time. Otherwise, it will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

♪ **The website is currently being updated** for the new club year. At the time you receive this newsletter, you may find that some of the information on our website has not been updated for the new season. It will be completed by the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the latest.

♪ **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 Monday, October 15.

♪ **Our website is:** [www.downersgrovemusicclub.org](http://www.downersgrovemusicclub.org)

### **Thank You**

And last, but certainly not least, we would like to share with you two thank you notes which we received from two 2012 Scholarship recipients. These notes remind us of one of the primary reasons we all have joined DGMC.

*Dear Members of the Downers Grove Music Club,*

*Thank you so much for your very generous scholarship as part of the "Rising Stars" program. I am honored to have been selected as one of the lucky recipients of this award. I am looking forward to playing for you and sharing what I have learned at the camp with you at the recital. Thanks again!*

*Sincerely,*

*Brett Latman*

*Mrs. Gloria Salazar and the Downers Grove Music Club,*

*Thank you all very much for selecting me as a recipient of the Rising Stars Music Scholarship. I am honored to be recognized and grateful for your generosity. I await anxiously the coming April and the opportunity to perform again for your gracious organization. Many thanks once again, may you have a wonderful and a musical summer!*

*With thanks,*

*Josiah Williams*

**OUR VISION: A DYNAMIC MUSICAL ARTS COMMUNITY**

**OUR MISSION: TO ENCOURAGE AND ENGAGE MUSICIANS AND FRIENDS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PERFORMANCES FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Brett is a trumpet player at DGN and Josiah is a trombone player at DGS. We will get to hear them at our Rising Stars program, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

## ***Organizations and Events***

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

**Affinity String Trio:** with **Anny Moravec**. Visit [www.affinitymusicchicago.com](http://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](http://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.

Next concert is ... **Monday, Oct. 15 at 5:00 PM**

**Debe Welch Band:** with **Anny Moravec**. Visit [www.debewelch.com](http://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](mailto:jimstahulak@yahoo.com) or visit the council's website at [www.dgarts.org](http://www.dgarts.org) for more info.

**Downers Grove Choral Society:** Director Dr. Amy G. Weller. Visit [www.dgcs.org](http://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](http://www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com).

**Pianoforte of Chicago:** President **Thomas Zoells**, Fazioli Pianos. Visit [www.pianofortefoundation.org](http://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 \$17 Adults, \$14 Seniors and \$5 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit [www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org](http://www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org) or call (630) 384-5007.

**Special Concert:** As a tribute to the retiring minister, Rev. Edward Searl, a special concert will be held at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 11 W. Maple, Hinsdale. Reservations are required for this free event because seating is limited. To reserve a seat, RSVP your name and the number of seats needed to [oct20uchconcert@gmail.com](mailto:oct20uchconcert@gmail.com). You are more than welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert for the pre-concert and post-concert receptions.

**Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7:00 PM:** *Insight and Odyssey* features three major compositions by **Chris Garofalo** (see page 2 for details) along with other works, including Gwyneth Walker's song cycle *If Love Be a Day* and John Rutter's *Suite Antique*. Performances by Henry Pleas, tenor, Carolyn May, flute, Michèle Lekas, violin, Andrew Molina, cello and Chris Garofalo, piano.

**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](http://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](http://www.westtowns.org)