

## *Happy New Year!*

### **Love will be “in the air” on February 12th**

Our first club meeting / program of 2017 will be held on **Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 p.m.** at the Downers Grove Public Library. Our performers will present a lovely collection of romantic music—instrumental and vocal—in honor of Valentine’s Day. The program details are on page 2.

Our cellist and saxophonist are both new members, who will be performing for DGMC for the first time.

Reservations for this program are highly recommended to ensure seats for all who wish to attend. You may register on our website through the DGMC Event Calendar by clicking the RSVP button next to the concert or by calling the library at 630-960-1200.

### **A Notable Celebration of the Arts Continues with a House Concert**

One auction item at this year’s fundraiser was a ticket to a House Concert featuring violinist Jen Leckie, cellist Steve Sigurdson and pianist Chris Garofalo. A limited number of tickets are still available for this concert. It will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 24 at the home of DGMC President Chris Garofalo, 110 S. Washington St., Westmont.

The requested admission donation is \$35, to support the club’s student music awards. Please note that reservations are required for this concert. They may be made online ([www.downersgrovemusicclub.org](http://www.downersgrovemusicclub.org)) or by contacting Charlotte Ewing at [charewing@aol.com](mailto:charewing@aol.com) or 630-985-8472.

### **Piano Festival and Competition**

The deadline for applying to this year’s Piano Festival & Competition has passed. Co-chairs Christine and Ron Paryl are in the process of assigning locations and times to all the students who entered. They still need hosts for some of the locations on the days of the competition. There are other jobs for which the Paryls could use help. If interested, please contact them at [pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org](mailto:pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org).

The Piano Festival & Competition is Sunday, March 12th; the Honors Recitals are on Sunday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### **Nominating Committee**

It’s already time to begin searching for candidates for **five** open board positions. Charlotte Ewing, Cindy Jensen and Mike Surratt have accepted the appointments to the Nominating Committee. The following positions need to be filled for a (2017-2019) term: President, VP Business Development, Secretary, Member-At-Large. A second Member-At-Large position is also open; it has a term of 2017-2018.

If you would be interested in one of these positions or wish to suggest a nomination, please call Charlotte at 630-985-8472 or e-mail her at [charewing@aol.com](mailto:charewing@aol.com).

Thank you to Cathy Lou Pearson, who has been serving us so well as secretary this year. Unfortunately, Cathy Lou has had to resign from her position due to prior commitments which demand more of her time than she anticipated.

## *Love Is in the Air*

**Sunday, February 12, 2017  
2:00 p.m.**

**Downers Grove Public Library**  
1050 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove

***Variations on One String on a Theme from Rossini's 'Moses'***  
***Till There Was You***  
***Maria***

**Niccolo Paganini**  
**Meredith Wilson**  
**Leonard Bernstein**

Steve Sigurdson, cello  
Chris Garofalo, piano

***Romance for Flute and Piano (op. 94)***

**Robert Schumann**

Emily Fallert, flute  
Barbara Dickerman, piano

***Victor Herbert Favorites***

**Harold Sanford / arr. by F. Campbell-Watson**

Charlotte Ewing and Chris Garofalo, four-hand piano

***All the Things You Are***  
***It Might as Well be Spring / Cock Eyed Optimist***

**Kern & Hammerstein**  
**Rodgers & Hammerstein**

Pat Smith, soprano  
Charlotte Ewing, piano

***Sonata for Clarinet and Piano***  
***Blues, Dance***

**David Baker**

Dennis Smith, clarinet  
Heike Burghart Rice, piano

***Mourning Sunrise***

**Dan Moroz**

Dan Moroz, saxophone  
Dan Hennel, piano

### **HELP! Volunteers Needed!**

There are so many areas in which the Downers Grove Music Club is involved—areas which, hopefully, you agree are worthwhile. But all these activities require volunteers. We realize most schedules are full and few people can commit a large amount of time to additional jobs. If you were able to help out occasionally or serve on a committee, that would be great. Volunteers are always needed to help with the receptions at our programs, sending out communications to our members and helping with the Piano Festival and Competition. We need people to chair or serve on committees for Music Education, Membership, Hospitality and Newsletter Editor. Please contact any board member if you are interested:

president@downersgrovemusicclub.org , vp-bus@downersgrovemusicclub.org, vp-art@downersgrovemusicclub.org

**No matter what level of commitment you can make, ALL help is appreciated.**

## Welcome New Members!

The DGMC is pleased to welcome three new members. Contact information for all new members is available to current DGMC members by clicking *Members Only* when on the DGMC website.

**Pavlina Reichlova** teaches piano full-time in Hinsdale, Burr Ridge and Westmont. In Europe, she studied music from ages 5 to 18 and is currently a member of IMTA. Pavlina has a strong educational and special education background, having a BA in science, with an emphasis in speech language pathology. She is also director of the Czech School for Moravian Societies and a head teacher for Sokol Spirit Adult Czech Classes.

The **American Music Institute (AMI)** recently opened its third campus in downtown Downers Grove and would like to be an active participant in the DGMC. AMI teaches all instruments, ages, level and styles of music; it holds many different types of programs—private lessons, group lessons, summer camps, outreach programs with other community groups. Each year, AMI holds a national AMI Violin Competition. Most AMI faculty members hold post-graduate degrees in their given instruments. We hope to hear some perform at future programs. AMI is a non-profit organization.

**Steven Sigurdson** teaches cello and double bass full-time in the western suburbs. He is also the Artistic Director of KAC Strings, a new youth music program at the Kensington Arts Center in LaGrange. In addition to teaching, Steve enjoys performing. In fact, he will be playing at both our February concert and the House Concert in March. Steve has a BM in Cello Performance from The Juilliard School. He was principal cellist of the Florida Philharmonic for thirteen years. In 2012 he earned an MBA from the University of Chicago and worked in the business world for a time. He has now returned to a career in music.

## In Memoriam

As many of you know, we lost a long-time member of DGMC last fall. Mary Ellen Newsom died of a massive heart attack on November 15<sup>th</sup>, shortly after returning home from a concert in the city. Mary Ellen was a very active string teacher in our area. She was the Orchestra Manager of the Downers Grove Choral Society and President of Sokol Chicagoland. But most important to her was her family—her husband Don (who performs for DGMC regularly), her two children Paul (Liz) and Andreanna Moravec and her three grandchildren Hunter, Carter and Tanner.

## Have you paid your dues?

Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues for the current year. We rely primarily on our dues to pay for our operating costs—printing the directory and programs, maintaining the website, providing refreshments—to name some of the things for which dues are used.

Dues are \$30 for individuals, \$35 for families, \$10 for students, and \$60 for ensembles and organizations. They may be paid at the February 12th program or mailed to the *Downers Grove Music Club*, P.O. Box 551, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

## Upcoming Events

It's not too early to mark your calendars now for future programs. All take place in the DG Public Library.

- ◆ Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. - Concert Series: *The Guys Who Gave Us Rock*
- ◆ Sunday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - Piano Festival Honors Recitals
- ◆ Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. - Rising Stars Concert—featuring the 2016 Rising Star Award winners
- ◆ Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m. - Concert Series: *Tropical Sound Steel Drums!*
- ◆ Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. - Concert Series: *A Pairing of the Arts*—presented by DGMC



One of our 2016 Rising Stars

### Music, Desserts, Silent Auction and ... *cell phones?*

Our fundraiser on November 5th was a great success. The music was terrific; the reception and silent auction which followed was a lot of fun.



One thing you might notice is that almost everyone, even our hosts, are holding their cell phones. That's because we used an electronic bidding system for the auction.

It seems to have worked. We made enough money to fully fund the 2017 Music Awards presented to high school juniors and seniors in May.



### A Winter Wonderland Concert & Singalong



A good-sized crowd braved the snow that started coming down just as the December 4th program began. Joyce Tumea organized a delightful concert that was enhanced by members of the Grove Players and the PriMerry Players. Singers from the DG Choral Society led the Sing-along. It was a perfect afternoon to begin the holiday season.



## Organizations and Events

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

A *Grand Night for Singing*, Acappellago's seventh biennial Benefit Recital & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, February 18th at 7 p.m.** in Cantigny Park's LeJardin Room (1S151 Winfield Road in Wheaton). Recital features music from the movies and Broadway as well as popular and classical repertoire. A growing list of auction items can be viewed at <http://acappellago.org/auction-2017.php>. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on-line or by phone. There is a \$5 per ticket discount for groups of 8-10. In addition to a great concert, your ticket entitles you to hors d'oeuvres, sweets and a custom cocktail.

**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).

**Downers Grove Choral Society:** Visit [www.dgcs.org](http://www.dgcs.org).

For *Love of Song*, the DGCS will be joined by the Ragazze of Spirito! Singers at **4 p.m., Sunday, February 12th** at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove. A pre-concert discussion will begin at 3:15 p.m. Program includes Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs* and James Mulholland's *Four Robert Burns Ballads*. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 senior and \$10 student) in advance at Anderson's Bookshop, Downers Grove, or by visiting [dgcs.org](http://dgcs.org). They will be available at the door for an additional two dollars each.

**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 Foundation:** Thomas Zoells, executive director, and owner of the PianoForte Chicago piano store. Visit [www.pianofortefoundation.org](http://www.pianofortefoundation.org) for information on upcoming piano concerts. At noon on the first Friday of every month, listen to the PianoForte Salon Series Live on WFMT 98.7 FM or enjoy the live performance at the new home of PianoForte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

**Sinfonietta Bel Canto:** Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, director. Concerts are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$22 adults, \$19 seniors and \$7 students under 21, children six and under free (\$2 discount for advanced purchases). For more details, visit [www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org](http://www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org) or call 630-384-5007.

**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 lighthearted choral music. For



Thanks to our photographer, Tom Ewing, there many more great pictures than we can post in a newsletter. Full sets of pictures from all recent DGMC events are in the Photo Archives on [www.downersgrovemusicclub.org](http://www.downersgrovemusicclub.org). You are welcome to download and print any of them for your own personal use.

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