

Tickets available for Spring House Benefit Concert

DGMC's Spring Benefit Concert will be held on Friday, March 18th at 7:30 pm. As with our last Benefit Concert (see article on next page), this event is a hybrid concert: both in-person participation and remote participation via ZOOM live-streaming are available options.

100% of proceeds from this benefit concert are used to fund the Rising Star and College Music Awards given to talented local high school music students. Tickets (\$35 per person) are required to participate either in-person or remotely via ZOOM. Remote participants will also



receive a link to a high-quality video concert recording following the event. In-person participation is limited to 20 seats, so early registration is strongly recommended.

This live event features the artistry of Michèle Lekas (violin), Julie Spring (harp), Carolyn May (flute, pictured at left), Philip Okunev (violin) and Chris Garofalo (piano). See the musical program on page 5 of this newsletter for details.

A trivia game with prizes will also be held for in-person and remote attendees following the concert. To purchase tickets, visit our website: downersgrovemusicclub.org/#benefit. 🎵

2022 Piano Festival and Competition

The Downers Grove Music Club has a long-standing history of supporting student music education. DGMC sponsored its first

student Piano Festival and Competition in 1943 to challenge and encourage local student musicians.

There are many benefits: students receive invaluable experience and constructive critiques from experienced judges.

KEY FESTIVAL DATES

Registration: Registration is now closed
(February 1st deadline)

Festival and Competition (all students):
Sunday, March 6, 2022, Community United
Methodist Church, 20 Center Street,
Naperville

Honors Recital (selected students): Sunday,
March 13, 2022, 1:30 and 3 pm, Downers
Grove Public Library

Top-ranked participants are invited to perform at the annual Honors Recital. In addition, first and second place students who enter at the competition level are awarded cash prizes.



The 2022 event returns to an in-person format and will be held on March 6th at Community Methodist Church in Naperville. Given the success of last year's virtual

Festival and Competition, DGMC will accommodate teachers who give online lessons to out-of-area students via video entries. The remote students will also be eligible to perform (virtually) at the Honors Recital, which will be held as a live event this year on March 13th at the Downers Grove Public Library.

This year's Piano Festival and Competition is off to a good start, with a total of 90 students (86 in-person and 4 remote) registered. 🎵



Fall Benefit Concert

The DGMC Fall Benefit House Concert was held on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Both the appreciative audience and talented musicians were truly glad to be back to a live event again.

It was a hybrid concert – a first for DGMC – with both limited in-person participation at the venue as well as remote participation via ZOOM live-streaming. To maintain safe separation, in-person participation was limited to 20 seats. Last year, due to Covid, both benefit concerts were virtual events streamed online.

The Piano Trio, Op. 97 (Archduke Trio) by Ludwig van Beethoven was brilliantly performed by Jen Leckie (violin), Tim Archbold (cello) and Jeff Panko (piano).

100% of proceeds from this benefit concert go to fund this year's Rising Star and College Music Awards given to talented local high school music students. We are very grateful to the artists who donated their time and talent, as well as the donors who generously supported this event and make our student education awards program possible. 🎵

Holiday Treasures Concert

Our popular *Holiday Treasures Concert* led by Joyce Tumea always brings joy and high spirits to the holiday season. We were pleased to see a large turnout for this annual event, which was held on December 5th at the DG Public Library.

This delightful hour of holiday music featured DGMC musicians and other guest performers, and included traditional favorites plus new original tunes. This year the concert also included instrumental pieces; however, the traditional sing-along was eliminated due to Covid restrictions.

More photos from the event can be seen online at by visiting downersgrovemusicclub.org/photos.html and selecting the December 5th photo set. 🎵



Student Music Awards

One of our joys is to encourage youth to discover and develop in the musical arts. Each spring, DGMC presents cash awards to deserving music students attending a District 99 high school. Winners are chosen from applicants based on their musical ability and willingness to share their talent with our community.

The high school music awards are funded by our benefit concerts, which are well supported by friends and members of DGMC who give generously to our education mission. 100% of the proceeds from benefit concerts and donations go to the awards. In addition, all musicians who perform at our benefit events donate their time.

DGMC gives out up to six \$400 Rising Star awards to underclassmen attending a District 99 high school. At least one \$1,000 College Music Award is also given to a senior who is planning to attend college in the fall following graduation. Thanks to the Shelby Bulut Memorial Fund, DGMC also presents multiple Private Lesson Awards to 5th –7th grade students enrolled in the Orchestra program in District 58. These awards, which cover the cost of 12 lessons, are given to students who have never had private string lessons but are judged to be motivated to benefit from the lessons.

Applications for the Rising Star, College Music and Elementary and Middle School (Private Lesson) awards are now open for the 2022 season and must be completed on-line by April 1st. The registration forms may be found on the DGMC website (under the Education top menu tab). 🎵

Charles Dickerman Memorial Music Scholarship applications being accepted

The Rotary Club of Downers Grove is now accepting applications for their annual *Charles Dickerman Memorial Music Scholarships*. Each year since 2009 the Rotary Club presents scholarships to deserving high school seniors who reside in Downers Grove or the District 99 attendance area. This year both the number and value of the awards has been increased to up to four scholarships, including a Grand Award of \$4,000.

Charles Dickerman was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Downers Grove. He was a nuclear physicist at Argonne National Laboratory who had undergraduate degrees in both physics and music. Charles stayed involved in music throughout his life and was an avid bagpiper! He was a longtime member of DGMC, even serving as president. His wife Barbara is still active in DGMC.

To apply for the scholarship, download an application at: tinyurl.com/DGRotaryDickermanScholarship22, or request one by emailing musicscholarship@rotarygrovefest.com or phoning Dave Humphreys at (630) 968-5526.

Applications are due by Monday, March 28, 2022. Finalists will be required to submit a video audition by Tuesday, April 19, 2022 and must be available for a virtual interview on the

evening of Sunday, April 24, 2022. The scholarship winners will be announced in May. 🎵

Election of officers for 2022-2024 term

Board members serve staggered, two year terms, so that approximately half of the board members are elected each year. The positions open for election for the 2022-2024 term are treasurer, VP artistic development and member-at-large. The nominating committee (Chris Garofalo, chair, Gloria Salazar and Rich Penner) has proposed that the current officers in these positions be nominated for re-election.

The election normally takes place during the last program of the season. However, as was done last year due to the pandemic, voting will be conducted via an electronic ballot that will be emailed to all members in May. The online ballot will provide an opportunity to either accept the Nominating Committee's recommended slate or write in a candidate of choice.

The proposed DGMC board with slated nominees in green is:

DGMC BOARD OF OFFICERS

President – Tom Ewing

VP Artistic Development* – Charlotte Ewing

VP Business Development – Chris Garofalo

Secretary – Gloria Salazar

Treasurer* – Janice Sleeter

Member-At-Large* – Rich Penner

Member-At-Large – Angela Presutti Korbitz

*Slated candidates

DGMC Membership directories

DGMC directories have been sent out to current members. If you are a member and did not receive one, let us know! Contact Rich Penner: member1@downersgrovemusicclub.org.

Haven't joined or renewed yet? You can join, renew, or make a donation online, or contact Rich for more options. 🎵

2021-2022 CONCERT SERIES

All programs are held at the Downers Grove Public Library unless noted otherwise. Reservations are recommended via our website or by calling the library at 630-960-1200; the library limits the seating capacity through reservations to maintain adequate spacing. Masks are currently required in the library. Our concerts are open to the public, and with the exception of our fundraising House Concerts on November 12th and March 18th, all of our music programs are free of charge.

Lecture & Concert: Blues 101 with Fruteland Jackson Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Learn Blues music history through song, lecture, and discussion while hearing instrumental guitar examples. A short concert may follow based on current mask guidance.

Miscellany and Mirth Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Musician/storyteller Dave Martin takes us on a good-natured romp through the Midwest, performing both traditional and original songs while infusing romanticized anecdotes about America's heartland.

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2022 Piano Festival & Competition Sunday, March 6, 2022 Community United Methodist Church, 20 Center St, Naperville

Well-established, adjudicated event open to area piano students. See website for details.

Piano Festival Honors Recital Sunday, March 13, 2022

Online recital featuring piano students who excelled at the 2022 Piano Festival and Competition.

Spring Benefit House Concert March 18, 2022 Private home

Our second fundraising event for the 2021-2022 season. 100% of proceeds used to fund our student music awards.

Trillim Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Folk band known for performing an energetic mix of Celtic, folk, ragtime, bluegrass and Dixieland music. The band is named for a Midwest wildflower that's been known to spring up just about anywhere!

Rising Stars Concert Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm

An exciting concert featuring 2021 Rising Star recipients, 2022 Piano Competition winners and other talented young musicians in our Downers Grove community.

Celebrate Spring! Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:00 pm

April is "Earth Month." What better way to celebrate it than with a collection of beautiful music – some classical, some brand new – performed by DGMC musicians and friends.

A Mother's Day Serenade Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Soprano Angela Presutti Korbitz and guitarist Ron Korbitz will be featured in this concert presented by DGMC musicians. 🎵

Friday, March 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm

STUDENT MUSIC AWARDS

Benefit House Concert Program

Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto

Gang Chen & Zhanhao He

Michèle Lekas, violin**Chris Garofalo, piano**

Impromptu, Op. 86

Gabriel Fauré

(1845 - 1924)

Julie Spring, harp

Serenade No. 10

Vincent Persichetti

(1915 - 1987)

Larghetto

Allegro comodo

Andante grazioso

Andante cantabile

Allegretto

Scherzando

Adagietto

Vivo

Julie Spring, harp**Carolyn May, flute**

Nocturne in D-flat

Claude Debussy

(1862 - 1918)

Chris Garofalo, piano

Syrinx

Claude Debussy

Carolyn May, flute

Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso Op. 28

Camille Saint-Saëns

(1835 – 1921)

Philip Okunev, violin*2021 DGMC Rising Stars Award Recipient*

ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

- ♪ **Downers Grove Choral Society** is in its 63rd season. For more information, visit www.dgcs.org.
- ♪ **Grant Street String Quartet** was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians in the western suburban area of Chicago. For more information, visit www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com.
- ♪ **PianoForte Studios** with Thomas Zoells, Director, and Owner of the PianoForte Chicago piano store. Visit www.pianofortechicago.com/concerts-events for information on upcoming piano concerts at the PianoForte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. You can also call for information at (312) 291-0000.
- ♪ **Sinfonietta Bel Canto** with Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, Artistic Director/Conductor. For more information or to learn about upcoming events, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call 630-384-5007.
- ♪ **West Towns Chorus:** Chartered in 1948, the group is one of the premier men's a cappella choruses in the Chicago area. More information is available at www.westtowns.org.

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