

The Downers Grove Music Club

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Welcome, music lovers, to the continuation of our program “season” as we begin a new calendar year, 2019.

Piano Festival & Competition The deadline to register is **February 3rd**. All registration must be done online at <http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/pianofest.html> .

The Piano Festival & Competition takes place on Sunday, March 3rd. Co-chairs Christine and Ron Paryl report that all Festival Levels will be held at the Community United Methodist Church in Naperville and all Competition Levels will be held at the Downers Grove Public Library.

The Honors Recitals will be at the DG Library on Sunday, March 10th at 1:30pm and 3:00 pm. The Rotary Club of Downers Grove is continuing to award the First Place Senior Competition award of \$500.00.

Oscar Season Please come out to the next program DGMC will present at the Downers Grove Public Library on **Sunday, February 10th at 2 p.m.** This program features music (mostly classical) from previous Oscar-winning (or nominated) movies. We will have a guest piano-violin-cello trio and pianists Jim Molina and Chris Garofalo. Dennis and Pat Smith will be adding clarinet and song to the afternoon. New member Louise Kelly will be accompanying her violinist daughter. Program details are not ready yet – they should be on the website by the end of January. But all the pieces our musicians are considering will make a wonderful program. It will be well worth braving the winter weather to attend.

Coming Soon ...

- Our 2nd fundraising event to benefit the Rising Star and College Music Awards will be held on Friday, March 22nd at a private home. Ticket sales will be online in early February. Reservations can also be made by contacting Charlotte Ewing via email at charewing@aol.com or calling 630-985-8472.
- Applications for all our Student Music Awards will be online in early February.
- A new section will be added to the *Members Only* portion of the website to store copies of the DGMC Board Meeting Minutes, starting with the minutes from our September 6th Board Meeting.

Library-Music Club Concert Series

Here is an overview of the remaining programs in the Concert Series co-sponsored by the DG Public Library and the DGMC. All programs 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.

January Program: Suenos Latin-Jazz Quintet, Sunday, January 20, 2019, 2 p.m.

Stylistic music encompassing Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Flamenco, Fusion, and more, led by Steve Hashimoto.

February Program: Oscar Season, Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2 p.m.

DGMC musicians and friends perform music featured in previous Oscar-winning movies. How many of the classical pieces will you recognize?

March Program: Yvonne Faddis Stroud, Sunday, March 17, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy piano favorites, with genres including jazz standards, Broadway musicals, and patriotic favorites, including an audience favorite of "Name that Tune." Requests are welcome.

April Program: Pharlis James Quartet, Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Jazz from the American Songbook

May Program: Spring Celebration, Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

DGMC musicians perform a variety of classical music – solo piano, instrumentals and voice – that celebrates spring.

DGMC Special Events for 2019

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. Both recitals are free, open to the public and held at the DG Library.

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. 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 and is held at a private home.

Rising Stars Concert, Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 7 p.m. An exciting concert featuring the 2018 Rising Star award recipients and other talented young musicians in the Downers Grove Community. Concert is free, open to the public and held at the DG Library.

Our Fall in Review

Autumn Tales

Our season opened on October 21st
with folklore



and plenty of
music.



Fall House Concert

On November 16th, we held our
Fall Benefit Concert. It was a
complete success! The music was
outstanding. There was plenty of
time after the concert to chat
over wine and delicious desserts.



PLUS

We raised \$2,430 - all of which
goes towards the awards we will
present to high school juniors and
seniors in May. This is more than
half of our goal of \$4,400.

Many thanks to Chris Garofalo for opening up his home
and to Chris, Dan Moroz, Jie Chen and Robert Gordon for
giving us such an awesome concert.

It's not too early to reserve seats for our Spring House Concert
on Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Call Charlotte Ewing (630-985-8472)
or email her at charewing@aol.com. Tickets will be available online in early February.

Holiday Treasures On December 2nd, Joyce Tumea once again created a magical holiday program for the whole family. Some characters told and others sang stories - mostly written by Joyce and Sharon West.



Members of the Downers Grove Choral Society helped lead the singalongs.

ORGANIZATIONS and EVENTS Calendar

Acappellago will present: “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: <https://acappellago.org/> or call 708-484-3797.

The D.G. Choral Society, in its 60th season, will present: “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.

Grant Street String Quartet: This quartet was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians in the western suburban area of Chicago. For more info, visit <http://www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com>.

PianoForte Foundation: **Thomas Zoells**, executive director, and owner of the PianoForte Chicago piano store. Visit <http://www.pianofortefoundation.org> for information on upcoming piano concerts at the home of PianoForte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto presents “The Immanuel Lutheran Chancel Choir and Guest Reader” at 3 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 27, and “The SBC Voice Competition Finalists” at 3 p.m. on Sun., March 24th. Both concerts will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove, with Dan Pasquale D’Andrea, Artistic Director/Conductor. For more info & advance tickets, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call 630-384-5007.