

## Tickets available for Spring House Benefit Concert



There's nothing like the intimacy of a house concert. They offer a magical experience for the artists and audience to connect with one another for an unforgettable event.

This year, our Spring Benefit Concert will be held on Friday, March 17th at 7:30 pm and features the artistry of Jen Leckie (violin), Carolyn May (flute) and Chris Garofalo (piano), pictured above from left to right respectively. Following the concert, a wine and dessert reception will be held.

DGMC sponsors two house benefit concerts each year in the fall and spring. 100% of proceeds from our annual benefit concerts 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. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. More details will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. 🎵

## 2023 Piano Festival and Competition

The Downers Grove Music Club has a long-standing tradition of supporting student music education. In fact, our very first Piano

### KEY FESTIVAL DATES

**Registration:** Registration ends February 1, 2023

**Festival and Competition** (all students):  
Sunday, March 5, 2023, Community United  
Methodist Church, 20 Center Street,  
Naperville

**Honors Recital** (selected students): Sunday,  
March 12, 2023, First United Methodist  
Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers

Festival and Competition was held in 1943 as a means of challenging and encouraging local student musicians.

Participating students receive invaluable experience, including

constructive critiques from experienced judges. Top-ranked participants are invited to perform at the annual DGMC Honors Recital. First and second place students who enter at the competition level are awarded cash prizes.

The 2023 event will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Community Methodist Church in Naperville. DGMC will again 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 12<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in Downers Grove.

Visit our piano festival and competition webpage for the latest information: [downersgrovemusicclub.org/pianofest.html](https://downersgrovemusicclub.org/pianofest.html). 🎵

### Great news to share

Due to the generosity of the Downers Grove Rotary Club, we are pleased to announce that the Senior Competition First Place award has been increased in value to \$600. We are very grateful for the wonderful support we have received from the Rotary Club over many years for local student musicians!

## Fall Benefit Concert

The DGMC Fall House Benefit Concert was held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm to a full house of appreciative music lovers, whose generous patronage funds our Rising Star and College Music Awards each year.

Dan Hennel (piano) joined composer and saxophonist Dan Moroz to present a program of his original compositions rich in emotion and sonic imagery. Also performing were Chris Garofalo (piano) and Ethan Weingust (bassoon). Ethan is a junior at Downers Grove North High School, as well as a past DGMC Piano Festival Competition winner and Rising Star. It was a joy to hear this talented student.

Following the concert, a wine/dessert reception was held along with a music trivia game with prizes.

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 with the exceptional turnout for this annual event held on December 4th at 2 pm at the Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center in Downers Grove.



This delightful hour of holiday music featured DGMC musicians and other guest performers and included traditional favorites plus new original tunes. Moreover, our traditional sing-along returned after a hiatus due to Covid restrictions in the past. A big thanks to Joyce and all the wonderful performers for making this a terrific event!

Special thanks also to Barbara Dickerman for stepping in at the last minute to provide excellent keyboard accompaniments. 🎵

## Student Music Awards

***One of our joys is to encourage youth to discover and develop their musical talents.***

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.



These high school music awards are funded by the DGMC annual fall and spring benefit house concerts, which are well supported by friends and members of DGMC who give generously to our education mission. 100% of the proceeds from the benefit house concerts and donations go to these awards. In addition,

all musicians who perform at our benefit events freely donate their time.

DGMC presents up to six \$400 Rising Star awards to underclassmen attending a District 99 high school. At least one \$1,000 College Music Award is 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 2023 season and must be completed online by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The registration forms for all the available student awards may be found on the DGMC website under the *Education* top menu tab. 🎵

## Election of officers for the 2023-2025 term

Each year the club holds elections in the spring to fill open positions on the DGMC board of directors. 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 upcoming 2023-2025 term are president, VP business development, secretary and member-at-large. The nominating committee (Charlotte Ewing, chair, Janice Sleeter and Rich Penner) has proposed that the current officers in these positions be nominated for re-election.

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 blue is shown below.

### 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

We are very grateful for the members that serve on our board, and contribute significant amounts of time, talent, and energy to advance the mission of the organization.

## DGMC Membership directories

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



Also, if you haven't renewed your club membership yet, please do so today! All our support comes from annual membership dues and generous donations from members and friends of the club. You can conveniently join, renew, or donate online. Or contact Rich at the email address above for more options. 🎵



### Interested in performing?

Charlotte Ewing is always looking for club members interested in performing at our upcoming public concerts. Contact Charlotte at 630-985-8472 or by email at [vp-art@downersgrovemusicclub.org](mailto:vp-art@downersgrovemusicclub.org).

# 2022-2023 CONCERT SERIES

*The 2022 — 2023 Concert Series is sponsored by the Downers Grove Music Club and the Downers Grove Public Library. Concerts are free to the public and are usually held at the Downers Grove Public Library on Sundays at 2 pm. The Concert Series has been put on a temporary hold due to renovations at both the library and at the park district, our alternate venue. We are happy to announce that the 2022-2023 series will resume at the library on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for our final program of the season.*

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## **Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the DG Public Library** **We're Bach!**

DGMC musicians return to the library to present the final program of the 2022-2023 concert series.

## Special DGMC events

### *2023 Piano Festival & Competition*

**Sunday, March 5, 2023** – Community United Methodist Church, 20 Center Street, Naperville

Well-established, adjudicated event open to piano students in Downers Grove and its surrounding communities.

### *2023 Piano Festival Honors Recitals*



**Sunday, March 12, 2023** – First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

Recitals featuring the piano students who excelled at the 2023 Piano Festival & Competition.

## *Spring Benefit House Concert*



**Friday, March 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm – private home**

The final of two annual fundraising events featuring a Benefit Concert with all proceeds used to fund the Rising Star and College Music Awards given to talented local high school music students. Performers include Jen Leckie, violin, Carolyn May, flute & Chris Garofalo, piano.

## *Rising Stars Concert*

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm** – First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

Exciting concert featuring the 2022 Rising Star recipients and other talented young musicians in the Downers Grove community. 🎵

## ORGANIZATIONS and EVENTS

**Dan Moroz** is a Chicago saxophonist, composer, and music educator. Dan's original music can be found on all major streaming services, including Spotify, iTunes, and Amazon. For more information about his performances or private instruction opportunities, visit <https://www.danmoroz.com/>.

**Downers Grove Choral Society** has been performing concerts in the western suburbs of Chicago since 1959. For more information, 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. To learn more, visit <http://www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com>.

**PianoForte Studios**: **Thomas Zoells**, Director, and Owner of the PianoForte Chicago piano store. Visit <https://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.

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

**Sinfonietta Bel Canto**: with Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, Artistic Director/Conductor. New venue: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove. On Sunday, March 12 at 3:00 pm, catch the SBC Voice Competition Finalists and Gounod's Symphony No. 2. Come vote for your favorite singer! For more information and tickets, please visit [www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org](http://www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org) or call 630-384-5007.

**Joyce Tumea**: Here's a musical opportunity to support Ukraine by performing or sharing with others one or both of two songs written by Joyce and former DG Choral Society Director Bob Holst : "**Peace in Ukraine**" and "Noble Ukraine." Contact Joyce for the free music, [JoyTumea@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JoyTumea@sbcglobal.net) or call 630-621-5416.

**Solaris Concert Season**: Nicolette Cheauré is the founder and director of the new Solaris Concert Series that is housed at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Downers Grove. Solaris will feature solo and chamber music from students and performers who either live in the immediate Western-Chicago suburbs or music majors who study at schools in the Chicago area. The initial concerts have been excellent and have featured a few of our past DGMC High School Music Award winners - all who are pursuing music degrees or careers. Solaris is taking a short break until mid-March. Please be sure to check their Facebook page to get the latest information about this exciting new group their Facebook page, @SolarisConcertSeries. 🎵