

President's Letter



As we have all been challenged by the events of the last several months, I would like to assure you that the DGMC has been working behind the scenes as much as possible to continue the good work of supporting music in the community. The DGMC may have been somewhat silenced but it is as strong as ever and looking toward the future.

While we had to cancel some of our beloved spring events - the Piano Festival & Competition Honors Recital, the Rising Stars Program, the March House Concert and the May Concert Series Program - the board has continued to meet remotely via Zoom to keep the club moving forward. We are pleased that we were able to continue with awarding the Student Music Awards to our very talented student musicians. We also have been working on a new kind of concert experience for the House Concert. (More information on both the awards and the House Concert is available elsewhere in this newsletter.)

An event that is currently in limbo due to the Coronavirus is our annual election, usually held in May. The board members' whose terms are ending with this club year are VP Artistic Development Charlotte Ewing, Treasurer Janis Sleeter, and Member-at-large Rich Penner. All of these board members have graciously agreed to continue on until we can hold an election. I would like to invite the membership to consider serving on the board. If you are interested, please contact me at president@downersgrovemusicclub.org. Stay tuned for information on how and when the election will be held.

Plans are continuing to be made for the 2020-2021 Club Year. We look forward when we can all meet again in-person and enjoy sharing music together.

Musically yours,

Gloria Salazar

President



Membership renewals reminder

Your support is vital to our continuing mission

While our 2019-2020 season ended on a silent note, there is nothing quiet about our plans for the 2020-2021 season. Our support for the musical arts in our schools and community has not wavered.

Membership renewals are now due for the new club season. Our support for the free public concerts and music education programs all comes from generous

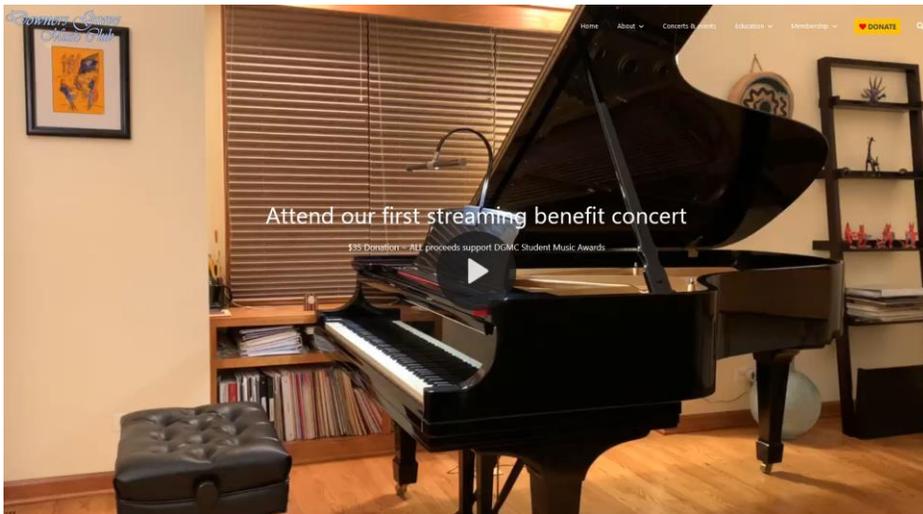
donations and membership dues, so please renew promptly and consider making an extra donation. Memberships are: individual \$30, family \$35, ensemble/org \$60, and student \$10.

We are very appreciative of our many members who have already renewed, as well as the generous donations we have received. Your steadfast support during these challenging times has enabled us to meet 100% of our student program support goals during the 2019-2020 club year.

Second Benefit House Concert

As noted by Gloria Salazar in her President's Letter, our board continues to work remotely to strengthen music in the community. We are following national, state and local guidelines to postpone gatherings and are looking for ways to create digital learning experiences for our programs.

Two of our major musical events for raising funds in support of our music education programs are the DGMC House Benefit Concerts. We successfully held the first House Concert on November 15, 2019; however, the second event scheduled for March 22, 2020 had to be delayed due to the Covid-19 outbreak.



After it became clear that postponing it until later in the season was not a viable solution, we have been busy developing a virtual house concert experience that allows our musicians and generous supporters to remain safe while enjoying the amazing artistry of our performers.

Our plans are to stream the event during the summer via our website. Exact details will be provided to all donors who purchased seats for the originally-planned event.

We are very pleased that all ticket holders chose to honor their donation (no refunds have been requested). Our musicians are diligently making preparations to make it a memorable event. ALL proceeds support DGMC Student Music Awards.

Income from the benefit house concerts amounts to \$2050 and \$1315, respectively, for the first and second events, for a total of \$3,365 to date. Thank you for your generosity!

Musicians for Hire resource

As we look toward social gatherings and concerts becoming a possibility again, the DGMC website will

offer a new feature for performing member musicians to advertise themselves to be hired for gigs. Just as we offer the music teacher and accompanist lists as resources to the public, we will now be offering performing musician(s) lists.

If you are interested in being included in the performing musician list, please visit the website to update your membership profile or email the membership director, Rich

Penner at memberdir@downersgrovemusicclub.org with the following information:

- Business name
- Business phone
- Business website address
- Describe your performance(s)
- Describe the types of events for which you are available for hire (i.e., weddings, private parties, corporate events, etc.)

Stay well and safe. Take care of yourself and each other, and enjoy the summer responsibly! We look forward to a time we can see each other in person and share our passion for music together in our community.

DGMC Music Awards for 2020



Each spring, the Music Club 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 awards are funded by our house concert benefit concerts, which are generously supported by members and patrons of DGMC. Although we had to cancel our Rising Stars concert of 2019 winners due to the Coronavirus, we

are pleased that we were able to maintain full support for our 2020 student awards program.

Each year, DGMC gives up to six \$400 Rising Star awards to freshmen, sophomores and juniors attending District 99 high schools. DGMC also awards at least one \$1,000 College Music Award 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 (covering the cost of 12 lessons) are given to students who have never had private string lessons and who, based on their applications, seem very motivated to take advantage of more instruction. This past year DGMC paid \$2,448 to area teachers who provided lessons to our 2019 string award winners.

The 2021 Rising Stars concert to showcase this year's awardees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

DGMC Music Awards for 2020

College Music Awards (\$1,000 each)

- Catherine Ramsey, DGN Senior, harp
- Miles Teague, DGN Senior, French horn

String Student Scholarship Awards

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| • Carla Bolton | Cello | 5th grade |
| • Emily From | Violin | 5th grade |
| • Breia Graefen | Viola | 5th grade |
| • Vivian James | Cello | 5th grade |
| • Adrian Leion | Viola | 5th grade |
| • Neda Masiulionis | Cello | 5th grade |

Rising Star Awards (\$400 each)

- Diana Kwak, DGS Junior, vocalist
- Jonah Sprandel, DGS Junior, alto sax
- Isaac Hsu, DGN Sophomore, cello and piano
- Lincoln Peckenpaugh, DGN Sophomore, piano

2020 Piano Festival & Competition

This year's Piano Festival was successfully held on March 8th. All judging took place at the Community United Methodist Church in Naperville. The Honors Recital on March 15th was cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The 2021 Piano Festival & Competition has been scheduled for March 7, 2021.

Junior Competition		
Annabelle Cheng	Schubert's <i>Moment Musical Opus 94 No 3 in f minor</i>	Third Place, \$75.00 Award DGMC Music Award Fund
Ethan Weingust	Grieg's <i>Notturmo Opus 54 No 4</i>	Second Place, \$150.00 Award Beatrice L. Chiswick Scholarship Fund
Mary Kish	Chopin's <i>Prelude in D flat Major (Raindrop) Opus 28 No 15</i>	First Place, \$300 Award DGMC Music Award Fund
Senior Competition		
Prarthana Prashanth	Debussy's <i>La Cathedrale Engloutie</i>	Second Place, \$250.00 Award DGMC Scholarship Fund
Lincoln Peckenpugh	Rachmaninoff's <i>Polichinelle Opus 3 No 4</i>	First Place, \$500.00 Award Rotary Club of Downers Grove

We are extremely proud of our long-standing history to host this event, which serves to challenge and encourage local student musicians. A big thank you goes to the incredible people who worked very hard to make this year's Piano Festival and Competition possible.

<i>Event Organizers:</i>	<i>Repertoire Committee:</i>
Christine Paryl, Ron Paryl, Gloria Salazar	Donna Kovarik, Glen Osness, Christine Paryl, Gloria Salazar
<i>Festival & Competition and Recital Volunteers:</i>	<i>Event Supporters:</i>
Darlene Crilly, Richard Crilly, Chris Hudson, Glen Osness, Christine Paryl, Ron Paryl	The Family of Beatrice L. Chiswick Rotary Club of Downers Grove

Finally, we wish to thank our members and supporters who make funding of all our student awards possible, including the Shelby Memorial Fund, the Beatrice L. Chiswick Scholarship Fund, and our many members and friends. We are also indebted to the Rotary Club of Downers Grove for supporting the 1st place award to the Piano Festival Senior Competition.

Winter Interlude Concert

Our Winter Interlude Concert, held on February 9, 2020 BC (Before Coronavirus), was meant to be a break from our wintery weather. Now we can't wait to have a normal winter again! Two woodwind ensembles, a brass quintet and saxophonist Dan Moroz presented special music for the Winter Interlude. Our thanks to, in order of appearance: *Monarch Winds*, featuring Laurel Tempas (flute), Mary Payne (clarinet), Robert Gordon (oboe), Amanda Karvoske (horn) and Jay Chen (bassoon); *Les Trois Mesdemoiselles Musicales*, featuring Nancy Kandl (flute), Jacqueline Landis (oboe), and Janet Zuffa (clarinet); Dan Moroz (saxophone), accom-

panied by Chris Garofalo; and the *Cove Creek Brass*, featuring David Patek and George Dzuricsko (trumpet), Liz Moog (horn), Corey Kirkpatrick (trombone) and Chris Miller (tuba). All musicians were superb!

Enjoy this sampling of pictures from what turned out to be our last concert of the 2019-2020 season. See all the pictures and the program on the website.

We hope to again resume our concerts in the upcoming season; however, the library has cancelled the September and October concerts, and indicated it is very unlikely concerts will resume before the end of the year. Watch the website for updates on our new season.



Student thank you notes

Thank you notes were recently received from (clockwise from top left) College Music Award recipient Miles Teague, Rising Star Award recipients Lincoln Peckenpough and Diana Kwak, and College Music Award recipient Catherine Ramsey.

May 19, 2020

Downers Grove Music Club
PO Box 551
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mrs. Salazar and The Downers Grove Music Club Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for taking the time to review my scholarship application. I am very honored to be a recipient of the DGMC College Music Award. I want you all to know that I will definitely put this money to good use.

Next year, I will be attending the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. I hope that in my musical studies there, I can be a good ambassador for this scholarship program, and spread joy into other people's lives through my music making.

Thank you very much for your support of me and the art of music. I am very grateful for the opportunity to represent the Downers Grove Music Club.

Sincerely,

Miles Teague
Miles Teague

May 19, 2020

Dear Downers Grove Music Club,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the College Music Award. I am honored to have been selected for such a prestigious award. I hope to continue honoring the mission of this award and your organization as I continue my study of music as a Harp Performance major at Southern Methodist University beginning fall 2020.

With sincere gratitude,
Catherine Ramsey

Dear Ms. Gloria Salazar,

Thank you for the sponsoring of the Rising Stars Award, and for the generous Cash prize that came along with it. It was an honor to submit my videos, and will be an even greater honor to perform in next year's recital. I hope you are staying well during this pandemic. Thank you for all you do for the community!
Best Regards,
Lincoln Peckenpough

Mrs. Salazar and members of
the Downers Grove Music
Club,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Rising Star honor! My Summer Program "Seminar" at Western Michigan University is happening virtually this year, and I am beyond excited to attend. I look forward to the honor of performing for you next April!

Many thanks,
Diana Kwak