

DGMC Newsletter

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March Program—Think Spring!

Our next program is on **Saturday, March 7 at 7:30PM** at 110 S. Washington in Westmont. This program is a *House Concert*—taking place in the home of Chris Garofalo.

It is an all-piano program and, because it is on a Saturday evening, we hope those of you who cannot make our usual Tuesday night programs may be able to attend. It is one you will be certain to enjoy! And there will be plenty of time afterwards to chat over delicious treats. Program details are on page 2.



Celebrating our Musical Youth

It's that time of year when we turn our focus to the talented music students in our area. Our annual Piano Festival will be held in April. This event has been an important activity for the Downers Grove Music Club since 1943. Chairperson Elissa Metropoulos is working very hard to make sure 2015 is a banner year. She could use a few helpers on the days of the festival and recital. Please read the next section for specifics.

It is also the time of year to begin the process of selecting recipients for DGMC's monetary awards to music students at the District 99 high schools. They will be presented in May. But, on April 21st, the 2014 winners will perform for us, along with a few other up-and-coming young musicians in our community. This program is always awesome. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Piano Festival & Competition

The deadline for entering the DGMC Piano Festival & Competition is almost here— **March 19th**. All application details can be found on www.downersgrovemusicclub.org.

Please help! Elissa needs volunteers to assist on the day of the festival. If interested, please e-mail Elissa at pianofest@downersgrovemusicclub.org or call her at 708-288-7336.

The festival and competition will be on Sunday, April 19th. The honors recital will be on Sunday, April 26th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the honors recital. The students work very hard and are proud to perform for an appreciative audience.

Rising Star and College Music Awards

The applications for our high school scholarship awards (Rising Star for juniors, College Music for seniors) are now being taken. Up to six juniors and up to two seniors will be recognized by DGMC, based on the merit of their musical accomplishments and the quality of their musical performance. To be considered for either of these awards, a student must submit a written application (available on the DGMC website) along with a recording that best showcases his or her talent. Juniors selected for the Rising Star Awards will each receive \$400 to further their music education; seniors selected for the College Music Awards will each receive \$1,000.

If you know of any juniors or seniors from either Downers Grove North or South who would be good candidates for one of these awards, please encourage him or her to apply. The direct link to the Rising Star Award webpage is <http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/scholarships.html>. The direct link to the College Award webpage is http://downersgrovemusicclub.org/scholarships_college.html. All applications must be postmarked or electronically date stamped by April 1, 2015 to be eligible.

This year's awards are funded in full by the proceeds of *A Notable Celebration of the Arts*, the fund raiser we held on November 1, 2014. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped make granting these awards possible.

Music Education



Music Education Chair Gloria Salazar would welcome members who would like to participate in the selection of the award winners. A small group meeting will take place shortly after the deadline date of April 1st to review all the submitted applications. If interested, please contact

Gloria at musiced@downersgrovemusicclub.org.

DGMC's program on April 21st highlights performances of last year's Rising Star award winners. In addition, invitations to perform will be extended to other students and ensembles who exemplify young people who go above and beyond with their musical pursuits. If you know of a student or small ensemble that fits this description, please contact Gloria with this information as well.



Directory Update

Joanne Bollinger has moved. Her new address and phone number are:

8 Colonial Way, Auburn, ME 04210
(207)751-3364

February Program

All those who braved the snowy, cold weather on February 3rd were rewarded with a great program at the Brigantine Art Gallery. The Cove Creek Brass Ensemble entertained us with a variety of music (with a "secret" theme of love) and interesting tales. THANK YOU to all six members of this talented group.



Think Spring!

House Concert

7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7, 2015

110 S. Washington, Westmont

Partita No. 2 in c minor: Sarabande J. S. Bach
Susan Lee

Five Preludes Op. 16 Alexander Scriabin
Andante
Allegro
Andante cantabile
Lento
Allegretto

La cathédrale engloutie Claude Debussy
Charlotte Ewing

Cenas Infantis Octavio Pinto
Memories of Childhood
Run Run
Ring Around the Rosy
March, Little Soldier
Sleeping Time
Hobby Horse
Alice Schrader Cummings

Sonata Op. 27, No. 2 Ludwig van Beethoven
Adagio sostenuto
Allegretto – Trio
Presto agitato
Jim Molina

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$15 seniors and students..

Where the River Meets the Sea... spring concert featuring the rich choral literature surrounding mankind's relationship with water. Program includes classical pieces, spirituals, popular songs, the Chicago premiere of Dale Trumbore's "Where Go the Boats?" and a forgotten setting by Norman Luboff of the Illinois state song, "By Thy Rivers Gently Flowing." Two performances:

- **Saturday, Mar. 14 at 7:30 PM** in the Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

- **Sunday, Mar. 15 at 4:00 PM** at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave, Batavia

A Cappella Choir of Concordia University, Nebraska: presents a *Concert of Sacred Music*.

Thursday, Apr. 9 at 7:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Concert is FREE.

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.affinitymusicchicago.com for details.

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.

Debe Welch Band: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.debewelch.com for details.

Downers Grove Choral Society: Single tickets are \$22 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students (\$2 discount for advanced purchases). Visit www.dgcs.org for details.

Sunday, Mar. 8 at 4:00 PM: Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* with special guests Kantorei: the Singing Boys of Rockford. McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

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.

Pianoforte Foundation: Executive Director **Thomas Zoells**, also with PianoForte Chicago, his piano store. Visit www.pianofortefoundation.org for the many upcoming piano concerts. On the first Friday of every month, at 12:00 PM, 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. Recordings of all concerts are on the [PianoForte Studios YouTube Channel](#).

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. All concerts but *Family Christmas Concert* are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$20 Adults, \$17 Seniors and \$7 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under (\$2 discount for advanced purchases). For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Strudel & Torte... concert featuring Mendelssohn's *Die Heimkehr aus de Fremde* and Fauré's one-act comic opera *Pelléas et Mélisande Suite*. Two performances:

- **Saturday, Mar. 21 at 8:00 PM** at Immanuel Lutheran Church

- **Sunday, Mar. 22 at 3:00 PM** at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Village Voices: This group was founded in 2006 by Director Marilyn Wilgocki. **Sarah Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit www.villagevoicesdq.org or contact Marilyn at 630-971-1594.

The West Towns Chorus: an international quality barbershop style men's chorus. Visit www.WestTowns.org

