

Downers Grove Music Club

Fostering a vibrant musical arts community
through free public concerts, student education programs, and making investments
that strengthen musical arts development in our schools and community.

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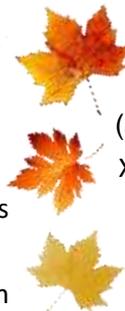
Downers Grove Music Club Newsletter

November 2022



Colors of Autumn concert opens new DGMC season

The dazzling autumn colors were on full display both in the surrounding neighborhoods and in the wonderful music performed at the DGMC season-opener concert, *Colors of Autumn*, which was held at the Downers Grove Public Library on October 23rd. It was great to have a good-size audience on hand to welcome DGMC musicians back to the 2022-2023 season and experience delightful performances by Dan Moroz



(saxophone) with Dan Hennel (piano), Jim Molina (piano), Emily Fallert (flute), Angela Korbitz (soprano) with Ron Korbitz (lute guitar), and Jue He with Xiaomin Liang (piano duet). The program and more photos can be viewed on the [DGMC website](#). The video will be available on our website soon. A heartfelt thanks to all our talented musicians for making the event special. 🎵

Fall Benefit House Concert

Our in-person house concert with wine reception is back!



There is nothing like the magic of a house concert for an intimate evening of music with friends. This year's Fall Benefit Concert will be held Friday, November 18th at 7:30 pm at a private house. It is strictly an in-person event (no remote Zoom option), and seating is very limited at publication of this newsletter.

The Fall Benefit Concert is the first of two DGMC fundraising events held each concert season. 100% of the proceeds raised by these events are used to fund the Rising Star and College Music Awards, which are given each year to talented local high school music students.

At this fall's benefit, Dan Hennel (piano) and Eric Morong (percussion) join composer and saxophonist Dan Moroz to present a program of his original compositions rich in emotion and sonic imagery. Also performing are Gabby Henderson (vocals and piano) and Ethan Weingust (bassoon), both past DGMC Piano Festival Competition winners and Rising Stars. Ethan is a junior at Downers Grove North High School while Gabby is a recent college grad pursuing a career in music.

Following the concert, a wine/dessert reception will be held along with a music trivia game with prizes. Tickets are \$35 per person and are required to attend. For

information or to donate or purchase tickets, visit our website. 🎵

Holiday Treasures Concert

Our next free public concert will be our annual Holiday Treasures Concert on December 4th at 2 pm at the Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Rd, Downers Grove.

Note the change of venue! The usual concert location at the DG Public Library will be unavailable for the next several months due to renovations.

This annual event is always a treat and family favorite, and features DGMC musicians and other guest performers. The delightful hour of holiday music includes



traditional favorites, as well as new original tunes. Moreover, our traditional sing-along returns, after a hiatus due to Covid restrictions in the past. Reservations are recommended through the DG Public Library for this popular event. Visit our [website](#) for more info. 🎵

Don't forget to Renew!

The Downers Grove Music Club offers free public concerts; sponsors an annual piano festival for local students; recognizes talented high school students with music awards to help them further their studies; and encourages younger students with private lesson awards. All our support comes from annual membership dues and generous donations.

Donate, renew or join today for the 2022-2023 club season!

Interested in performing? Charlotte Ewing is always looking for members interested in performing at our upcoming public concerts. Contact Charlotte at 630-985-8472 or by email at vp-art@downersgrovemusicclub.org.



A big thanks to our many members who have already renewed, as well as for the generous donations we have received. We simply could not accomplish our goals of providing free public concerts and music education programs without the help and involvement of our many committed supporters.

Thank you so much for all you do to support us! 🎵

Piano Festival & Competition

Registration is open for the Downers Grove Music Club's Piano Festival and Competition for 2023

Students participating in the 2023 Piano Festival and Competition will perform live for a judge (two judges at the competition levels) with two memorized selections chosen from the newly revised, 2023 — 2025 required repertoire list. The judges will provide feedback for each student with suggestions for an even better performance to help further develop their musical skills.

The highest achieving students at each level will be invited to perform on the Honors Recital. The top scoring

student at each Level will receive a trophy. Top scoring students at the Competition levels will receive cash awards.

The teachers work with each student to determine the appropriate level of participation in one of the five Festival Levels or either of the two Competition Levels, based on the demands of the required repertoire at each level. Participating students may be any age up through their senior year in high school. Important dates are listed in the table at left for local, in-person participants.



DGMC sponsored its first Piano Festival and Competition in 1943 to challenge and encourage local piano student. Today, the piano festival has become a flagship event in our music arts community, attracting nearly 100 students annually.

Remote Participants

Given successes in the past supporting remote participation, we will continue to serve those teachers who give online lessons to out-of-area students. These students may be entered in any of the FIVE Festival Levels or the TWO Competition Levels (new for 2023). A professional judge (two judges at the competition level) will evaluate the video entries. They will not, however, be eligible for cash prizes.

Based on recommendation of the judge(s), those students who submit an excellent performance will be recommended to perform (virtually) at the Honors Recital on March 12, 2023. Please refer to the complete entry requirements for remote participants on our website for more information. Selections for the video submissions must again be chosen from the required repertoire list.

The deadline for applications for remote participants is also February 1st; however, video submissions are due by 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 26, 2023. As noted, this option applies only to out-of-area students who receive

KEY FESTIVAL DATES

Entry forms due: 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** at 1:30 & 3:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove*

*Note change in venue due to DG Library renovation

online lessons. For all students, registrations must be submitted online, and no registrations will be accepted after the deadline (February 1, 2023) nor will any fees be refunded after this date.

Complete Entry Requirements, the *List of Required Compositions* and the registration form may all be found on the DGMC [website](#). 🎵

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. However, library renovation work during mid-November into next April will require alternate venues. Please check the website for the latest location info. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made from our website or by calling the library.

West Towns Chorus

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm – Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Rd, Downers Grove*

One of the Chicago area's premier men's choruses performs a cappella barbershop favorites.

Holiday Treasures

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm – Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Rd, Downers Grove*
Enjoy a musical welcome to the holiday season with a delightful hour of holiday music, led by Joyce Tumea. This



event features DGMC musicians and other guest performers. There will be a mix of brand-new songs and traditional favorites – all brought to you with much humor and cheer. Note: the singalong is back!

*Note the re-location of the November and December concerts to the DG Park District Facility on Belmont due to the renovations at the DG Library.

Special DGMC events

Fall Benefit House Concert

Friday, November 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm – private home



The first of two 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.

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.

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 & EVENTS

Dan Moroz & Tim Seisser: What happens when two of Chicago's most innovative instrumentalists come together to put on a program that redefines the boundaries of their respective instruments? We're not sure either, but this will be a one-of-a-kind concert you don't want to miss! Dan and Tim will be presenting a concert of original material at the Epiphany Center for the Arts (201 S Ashland Ave in Chicago) on Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. Details and ticket options are [here](#), or scan the barcode at right.



Downers Grove Choral Society begins its 62nd season. For more information, visit 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 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.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: with Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, Artistic Director/Conductor. For more information, please visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call 630-384-5007.

Solaris Concert Season: Come to the inaugural opening concert of Solaris' 2022-2023 season Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7 pm at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 6700 Main St, Downers Grove, IL. Presenting works by Bach, Dvorak, Ysaÿe, Caroline Shaw, and Toshiro Mayuzumi! Doors open to the public around 6:40pm. Admission is free, with free-will offering available at the door. Nicolette Cheauré (at right) is the Solaris founder and one of the artists featured at the event. More information about Solaris can be found on their Facebook page, [@SolarisConcertSeries](#).



West Towns Chorus: Chartered in 1948, the group is one of the premier men's a cappella choruses in the Chicago area. Join them for their annual Christmas show: *Together Again at Christmas* on December 11th at 4-6 pm at Yellow Box Church - Naperville. West Towns Chorus, in collaboration with The Village Vocal Chords, Chicago Bronze & Affinity Strings, will bring you plenty of familiar & sacred music to get you in the Christmas spirit. Tickets are now on sale [HERE](#). See the promotional poster below. More information is also available at www.westtowns.org. 🎵

MURIEL ANDERSON

with Grammy-winning Hawaiian guitarist **JIM KIMO WEST**
at her 31st annual Saturday-After-Thanksgiving Concert

Downers Grove IL: Optimism is the theme this year.

Join guitarist/harp-guitarist Muriel Anderson and Grammy-winning Hawaiian musician Jim Kimo West (guitarist with "**Weird Al**" Yankovic) live or online for a concert and book/CD release of *The Optimism Collection*. Muriel's annual hometown show features world-class acoustic music with beautiful visual backdrops and a chance to win a new guitar!

When: Saturday November 26th, 8:00 p.m. CST

Where: Both online & live (limited size audience) at the First Congregational UCC, 1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Tickets In-Person: \$28 Includes a chance to win a new Walden guitar courtesy of Tobias Music and other prizes. Available at Anderson's Bookshop, Tobias Music or online at murielanderson.com/dg

Tickets Live-Stream: \$18 includes a chance to win a new Walden guitar courtesy of Tobias Music & other prizes. Tickets at murielanderson.com/dg

Charity: A portion of the proceeds go to Anderson's Music for Life Alliance charity, helping to bring music education to young people who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

More about [Muriel Anderson](#)

Award-winning guitarist Muriel Anderson transforms her 20-string harp-guitar & guitar into a sonic landscape, stunningly different from one song to the next. Combined with visual backdrops and stories behind the songs, her show reflects an obvious joy of music. Her facility across genres of acoustic music is admired by guitarists around the world, most notably Chet Atkins and Les Paul. Muriel is founder of the [Music for Life Alliance](#) charity, which this concert helps support.

"Just one hell of a great player."—Les Paul

"Muriel Anderson is a good friend and a great guitarist." – Chet Atkins

More about [Jim Kimo West](#)

While touring with musical satirist "**Weird Al**" Yankovic, Jim Kimo West discovered the richness of the Hawaiian music tradition. He has since honed his own happy, gentle style, winning Grammy and Hawaiian music awards along the way, and is recognized as one of the world's top "slack key" guitarists.

Both artists are available for interviews. Contact: 615-691-0287

Sat Nov 26, 8pm cst

MURIEL ANDERSON
with Grammy-winning Hawaiian guitarist
JIM KIMO WEST



Saturday-After-Thanksgiving Concert

Live or online ticket includes a chance to win a new Walden guitar from Tobias Music!

Pre-release of book/CD set "The Optimism Collection"

Tickets & Info:
murielanderson.com/DG

- ★ Join us in-person limited seating or from your home!
- ★ First Congregational UCC
1047 Curtiss St
Downers Grove, IL
- ★ \$18 /\$28 In-person, Tickets at Anderson's Bookshop, Tobias Music & online







West Towns Chorus

together with
Affinity Strings
Village Vocal Chords
Chicago Bronze Handbells
& You!

Together Again At Christmas



Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022 4:00 PM

Join West Towns Chorus

as we bring in the Christmas season with our annual Christmas Show 2022!

You are sure to enjoy this afternoon of familiar holiday classics and Christmas tunes
in Barbershop and Choral styles.

Tickets on sale **NOW!**

All tickets are general admission
within purchased sections

Preferred Seating: \$30
General Seating: \$25

NEW LOCATION!

YELLOW BOX CHURCH
1635 EMERSON LANE
NAPERVILLE, IL 60540
(On Ogden Ave just east of Rt 59)



How to Buy -

- 1) Online: Scan QR code with smart phone camera
- 2) Call West Towns Chorus at **(630) 201-5544**
- 3) Groups of 10+ : call number above for \$2 off each ticket
- 4) Go to <https://tinyurl.com/WestTowns>

Processing fee applies to all credit card purchases