

We're back with a live concert season!

After a season of exclusively streamed concerts, which may still be enjoyed on the [DGMC website](#), we are pleased to open our 2021-2022 season with a live concert in October. Our season opener – ***Celebrate Live Music!*** – will be held on Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 pm at the Downers Grove Public Library. DGMC musicians are truly glad to be back to present a variety of classical music.

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In addition, we will continue to offer *free virtual concerts* to reach members and friends of DGMC who choose not to attend live events due to lingering Covid-19 concerns or who no longer live in the local area. The free performances will be streamed on the [DGMC website](#) (schedule TBD). We hope our hybrid approach of pursuing live and virtual events will allow us to reach the widest possible audiences.

The DGMC has not yet finalized our concert schedule. Covid developments may require adjustments to our event plans; always check our website for the latest information. If you are interested in performing at one of our concerts, please contact Charlotte Ewing at charewing@aol.com or 630-985-8472. 🎵

Membership renewals due



Thank you for supporting DGMC with your membership and donations! Your support is vital to our continuing mission...

Except for our fundraiser music events, our programs are open to the public and free of charge. As part of our commitment to music education, DGMC holds an annual Piano Festival & Competition to encourage and challenge students. DGMC also awards music scholarships to deserving students each year, plus makes investments in our schools and community that foster musical arts development.

We can't accomplish our mission without you!

All our support comes from annual membership dues and generous donations. **Make a donation, renew your membership or join today for the 2021-2022 club season!**

Membership is open to both performing and non-performing individuals who share a passion for music. The following levels of membership are offered: Individual (\$30), Family (\$35), Student (\$10), Music Ensemble (\$60) or Organization (\$60). Directories will be mailed to active members in late October.

We are very grateful for 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

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of our many committed supporters.

Thank you so much for your generous help!

Thanks to you, DGMC's support of the musical arts in our schools and community has not wavered during these challenging times. We met 100% of our student program goals

during the past club year, fully funding the student scholarships, special concerts, and the piano festival & competition. With your help, we look forward to our new season and events, including a return to free in-person concerts. 🎵

2022 Piano Festival & Competition



A big thanks to all the students, teachers, judges and organizers who made last year's virtual Piano Festival & Competition a success. We were inspired by your music and hard work and look forward to another great piano festival in 2022! For this next event, we plan to return to an in-person format (fingers crossed)!

Following the format of the past live DGMC Piano Festivals and Competitions, the participating students will perform live for a judge (two judges at the competition levels) two memorized selections chosen from the 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 Festival Level will receive a trophy. The top scoring students at the Competition levels will receive a cash award. 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.

Given the success of last year's virtual Festival and Competition, we will continue to serve those teachers who give online lessons to out-of-area students. Virtual submissions in the Festival Levels 1 through 5 will be accepted to accommodate these teachers and students. Evaluation of the virtual entries will be kept separate from the evaluation of the live performances. These students will also be eligible to be recommended for the Honors Recital. More news to follow on this.

The list of Required Compositions is currently accessible from the [website](#). The complete entry requirements and other particulars for the 2022 Festival and Competition will be posted before registration opens on the club's website. Online registrations will be accepted from November 15, 2021 through February 1, 2022. An email announcing the 2022 Piano Festival and Competition will be sent to piano teachers who have participated in this event the last two years. 🎵

KEY FESTIVAL DATES

Entry forms due: February 1, 2022 (no extensions!)

Festival and Competition (all students): Sunday, March 6, 2022, Community United Methodist Church, 20 Center Street, Naperville

Honors Recital (selected students): Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 1:30 pm, Downers Grove Public Library

Musicians for Hire

As another membership benefit, we are pleased to promote our *Musicians for Hire* resource of our member

musicians and groups who are available to provide music for a private party, a corporate function, a wedding, a church service, or any other event. The resource is available on the DGMC website (select Musicians for Hire from the top menu). A

new feature that will soon be added are links to performer websites and albums/recordings.



The membership forms have been updated to reflect the required inputs for *Musicians for Hire*. If you are interested in being listed, visit our website to update your membership profile, or email Rich at [memberdir@](mailto:memberdir@downersgrovemusicclub.org)

[downersgrovemusicclub.org](mailto:memberdir@downersgrovemusicclub.org) with the following information: business name, business phone, business website address, description of your performance(s), and types of events for which you are available (i.e., weddings, private parties, corporate events, etc.). We hope

Musicians for Hire will help our community locate great music for their events while supporting local artists. 🎵

Meet the 2021-2022 DGMC Board

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A note from Charlotte Ewing

VP Artistic Development

We never imagined the events we experienced a year ago. Looking ahead, we're excited about the prospects of resuming in-person concerts again. But before I get into details about upcoming programs, I'd like to note some positives that came out of our experiences during the pandemic.

We put together free virtual concerts featuring talented musicians (including musician friends of DGMC who recently moved out of the local area), as well as performances by former high school student award winners who are now accomplished young adult musicians. Moreover, we brought to wider audiences amazing music created by youth participants in the 2021 Piano Festival & Competition and the 2020 high school student award winners. We are most grateful to all the wonderful talented musicians who contributed to our free video performances. The nearly 30 video performances from last season are still available to enjoy at your leisure from the DGMC website.

These amazing video performances, which had the benefit of reaching well beyond our local audiences to a truly world stage, made us appreciate the value of virtual events. As a result, we plan a hybrid approach of offering a combination of live concerts and video concerts that provide the best of both worlds.

Finally, we're very excited to announce that DGMC's first program of the new season – **Celebrate Live Music!** – is coming to the DG Public Library at 2 pm on Sunday, October 17th. This live event features the artistry of Jaina Carpenter (harp), Francesca Korbitz (flute), Chris Garofalo (piano), Jim Molina (piano), and Dan Moroz (saxophone).

Earlier this month, the library opened the Concert Series on September 12th with a performance by a String Quartet from the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. The performance was excellent and well received. While well attended, the library demonstrated it had good controls in place to limit the audience capacity through its reservation system to maintain adequate spacing. Walk-ins without reservations were allowed at 2 pm since plenty of space remained.

I think our *Celebrate Live Music!* concert will be a wonderful start to another great year of public concerts by DGMC musicians. We look forward to seeing our DGMC friends again in person at our premiere event! 🎵

2021-2022 CONCERT SERIES

Concerts are free to the public and held at the Downers Grove Public Library on a Sundays at 2 pm.
Reservations are strongly recommended through the DG Public Library. Note that masks are required while in the library.

Celebrate Live Music!

***Sunday, October 17, 2021, 2:00 pm,
DG Public Library***

DGMC musicians are glad to be back to present a variety of classical music. It sounds so much better live than on Zoom!

Holiday Treasures

***Sunday, December 5, 2021, 2:00 pm,
DG Public Library***

The Holiday Treasures Concert is a delightful hour of holiday music and provides a musical welcome to the holiday season. This event features Downers Grove Music Club musicians and other guest performers. Colorful, costumed characters will also be on hand (some from the North Pole).

Other scheduled live concerts

Details TBD

November 14, 2021 – West Towns Chorus

December 5, 2021 – DGMC Holiday Treasures

January 16, 2022 – Suenos Latin Jazz

February 20, 2022 – John Primer and Steve Bell

March 2022 – TBD

April 24, 2022 – DGMC musicians perform

May 15, 2022 – DGMC musicians perform

SPECIAL DGMC EVENTS

Fall House Benefit Concert

**Friday, November 12, 2021 — hybrid concert:
in-person and streamed live**

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.

**BACK
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2022 Piano Festival & Competition

**Sunday, March 6, 2022,
Community United Methodist Church, 20
Center Street, Naperville**

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

Piano Festival Honors Recital

**Sunday, March 13, 2022 — 1:30 pm
Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss Street, DG**

Recital featuring the piano students who excelled at the 2022 Piano Festival and Competition.

Spring House Benefit Concert

Friday, March 18, 2022

Our second fundraising event for the season with all proceeds are used to fund student music awards.

Rising Stars Concert

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 — 7:00 p.m.
Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss Street, DG**

An exciting concert featuring 2021 Rising Star recipients, 2022 Piano Competition winners and other talented young musicians in our Downers Grove community.

Virtual Concerts

In addition to the planned live concerts, the Downers Grove Music Club will also be developing new virtual concerts that will be streamed online. Stay tuned to our website for developments.

In the meantime, we have nearly 30 virtual web concerts from last season available for viewing at downersgrovemusicclub.org/calendar.html#virtualconcerts which we believe truly show the high quality of music from local artists. Included in last year's virtual

concerts are a number of youth performances from former and current students supported by DGMC student music education programs. Frankly, we were

blown away by the quality of the youth performances; we think you will be, too. 🎵

ORGANIZATIONS and EVENTS

Downers Grove Choral Society begins its 63rd 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.

West Towns Chorus: Chartered in 1948, the group is one of the premier men's a cappella choruses in the Chicago area. For more information is available at www.westtowns.org.