

Welcome to a new concert season!

We are happy to be back for a new season of in-person concerts and events. Our DG Library partner has already kicked off the 2022-23 season September 18th with a fantastic blues concert, featuring legendary blues artist John Primer and the incredible Steve Bell on harmonica.



Next month, DGMC musicians will regale you with beautiful music for fall with our *Colors of Autumn* concert on Sunday, October 23, 2022, 2:00 pm, at the DG Public Library. Scheduled performers are Jue He, Dan Moroz (pictured above), Emily Fallert, Jim Molina, Angela Presutti Korbitz and Chris Garofalo. More concerts and events are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The concert schedule has not been finalized, so always check our website for the latest information. If you are interested in performing at one of our concerts, please contact Charlotte Ewing, charewing@aol.com or 630-985-8472. 🎵

2023 Piano Festival & Competition

*Area piano teachers are invited to enter their students in the annual Piano Festival & Competition sponsored by the Downers Grove Music Club. **Registrations are now being accepted online through February 1, 2023.***

A big thanks to all the students, teachers, judges, and organizers who made the 2022 Piano Festival & Competition a great success. It was a wonderful event, and we are very proud of all the students who participated.

We also wish to congratulate the cash award winners of the 2022 Competition, as well as the students selected to participate in the Honors Recital held on March 13, 2022.

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, required 2023 — 2025 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 on the next page for local, in-person participants.

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

Remote Participants

Given past successes, 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 online for remote participants 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 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 club's [website](#). 🎵



One of our great joys is to encourage youth to discover and develop their musical talents. Each year, the Downers Grove Music Club presents Rising Stars Awards (\$400 each) to undergraduates and College Music Awards (\$1,000 each) to seniors planning to attend college in the fall following graduation. These awards are given to students at each District 99 high school in the areas of Band, Choir and Orchestra.

Recipients are selected based on the merit of their musical accomplishments. Our objective is to recognize and reward those students who have worked very hard and have achieved a high level of accomplishment as a musician. All DGMC Music Awards recipients were announced at awards nights at the two District 99 high schools earlier this year.

Our DGMC Rising Stars were chosen from 9 applicants, all from DGS. Each awarded student received \$400. The DGMC Rising Stars are:

- Erika Andreshak – DGS freshman viola
- Annie Koshy – DGS sophomore violin
- Gavin Schnall – DGS freshman percussion

Our College Music Award recipients were chosen from 7 applicants, 5 from DGN and 2 from DGS. The quality of the applicants was very impressive. Each awarded student received \$1,000. The DGMC College Music Award recipients are:

- Zach Gresik – DGS, saxophone
- Francesca Korbitz – DGN, flute
- Caitlin Stocki – DGN, harp

Finally, we presented a special \$500 award to a senior vocal student with support through the DGMC Gail Rohmann Memorial. Gail Rohmann was a beloved singer, voice teacher and music director for many years in Downers Grove.

This special award went to:

- Olivia Balicki – DGN, soprano

Congratulations to all the talented students who won DGMC student music awards this year. 🎵

Benefit House Concert

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



For an intimate evening of music and friends, there is nothing quite like the magic of a house concert. The DGMC Fall Benefit Concert is the first of two fundraising events we hold each concert season. 100% of the proceeds raised by this event are used to fund the Rising Star and College Music Awards, which are given each year to talented local high school music students.

This year's Fall Benefit Concert will be held Friday, November 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm. It is strictly an in-person event (no remote Zoom option) and seating is

limited. Watch our website for details about reserving seats for what is sure to be a truly special event.

Dan Moroz (saxophone) will be returning with long-time collaborators Dan Hennel (piano) and Eric Morong (vibraphone). This is a perfect fall-time concert of new music that will get you feeling warm and fuzzy inside as we head into the holidays.

Following the concert, a wine reception will be held along with a trivia game with prizes. More information will be available on our website in the near future. 🎵

Meet the 2022-2023 DGMC Board

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*Officers re-elected to the DGMC Board during the May 2022 elections.

A Mother's Day Serenade Concert



Our 21-22 season ended on a strong note, with the beautiful Mother's Day Serenade concert, performed May 8, 2022 at the DG Public Library. Featured artists included soprano Angela Presutti Korbitz, guitarist Ron Korbitz and flutist Francesca Korbitz, with piano accompanist Chris Garofalo. Pianists Noelle Kelly and Louise Kelly rounded out the program with a delightful piano duet. In case you missed it, catch the concert video [here](#). However, it does not do justice to the beautiful music performed by DGMC artists. We urge everyone to come out and support our musicians at these free public concerts. 🎵

Membership Renewal

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 and makes investments in

our schools and community that support musical arts development.

But we can't accomplish our work without you!

All our support comes from annual membership dues and generous donations. **Donate, renew, or join today for the 2022-2023 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 distributed 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 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 the entire Covid period. We met 100% of our student program goals and fully funding the student scholarships, special concerts, and the piano festival & competition. With your help, we look forward to our new season of in-person concerts and events. 🎵

A note from
Charlotte Ewing
VP Artistic Development

Our October program, *Colors of Autumn*, is one you don't want to miss. A colorful variety of music from our DGMC musicians should really help us enjoy this beautiful time of year. I don't have all the details yet, but here's some of what you can expect. Jue He, who joined DGMC last year, teaches piano and theory at Benedictine University. She also performs in the Liang-He Piano Duo. Jue and her piano partner, Xiaomin Liang, will be playing two four-hand piano duets: The Autumn movement of Piazzolla's *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* and *Three Dance Portraits* by Allen Shawn. Dan Moroz will perform *Cheshire Smile*, a new electroacoustic composition. Emily Fallert and her flute will add a different color to our afternoon and pianist Jim Molina will play *Autumn Leaves* by Joseph Kosma. And last, but not least, Chris Garofalo will play Debussy's *Nocturne in D-flat* and soprano Angela Korbitz will perform a set of songs for the season.

Chris Garofalo and Dan Moroz both have events coming soon. Please be sure to check the calendar on page 7 for all the details.

This spring, Joyce Tumea collaborated with Bob Holst to write "Peace in Ukraine." Chuck Smith of Bolingbrook entered the handwritten music onto the computer to provide the music sent along with this newsletter. Joyce wants to share this music with all of you and welcomes you to use it as you see fit. View the music [here](#).

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. Therefore, 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.



Colors of Autumn

Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:00 pm – DG Public Library

DGMC musicians will regale you with beautiful music for fall.

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. 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 and EVENTS

Reflections in the Water, Piano Music of Claude Debussy. Performed by Chris Garofalo, pianist. Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 3:00 pm at Community UMC, 20 Center St., Naperville, IL 60540. The complete program is available online. This recital will be live streamed for those who cannot see it in-person. View OneCUMC.net for more details. View the program [here](#).

Dan Moroz and friends will be putting on two, completely different, concerts of original material at the Epiphany Center for the Arts (201 S Ashland Ave in Chicago). The concerts will be held on Sunday, November 13th at 7:30 pm (details [here](#)) and Sunday, December 4th (details [here](#)) at 6:00 pm. Please note: the original concert scheduled for September 18th needed to be rescheduled to December 4th. Click links for more details and ticket options.

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.

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. 🎵