



## The Downers Grove Music Club Presents



# “Rising Stars”

## Featuring the 2023 Music Award Recipients

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, April 2, 2024  
Downers Grove Public Library  
1050 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove

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Founded in 1927

### ***Our Vision***

A dynamic musical arts community

### ***Our Mission***

To encourage and engage musicians and friends through educational programs, scholarships, and performances for the community

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*Thank you to Evangeline Tuohy and Tom Ewing for helping with tonight's program. Thank you to all students and accompanists for sharing their time and talent to make this concert so special.*

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## **PROGRAM**

Serenade For Strings, Mvt 1- Pezzo . . . . . Arr. Del Borgo  
Alice in Wonderland . . . . . Arr. James Kazik

### **The OMS Chamber Strings**

**Director: Ms. Evangeline Tuohy**

*Violin: Kaleo Davis, Adria Davies, Riley Gatesman,  
Emma McIntosh*

*Viola: Justin Cox, Maxymilian Giza*

*Cello: Mac Birch, Loren Hirthe, Lydia Larsen,  
Michael McDermott, Lucas Zhao, Norah Zimolzak*

*Bass: Mason Fuller*

Allegro Moderato . . . . . J. S. Bach

**Lydia Larsen, cello**

*2023 DGMC Private Lesson Award Recipient*

**Maggie Chen, piano**

Sonata in d minor K 1 . . . . . Domenico Scarlatti

**Nicole Sun, piano**

*2024 DGMC Piano Festival First Place Senior Competition*

Clarinet Concerto in A major. . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
K.622 Mvmt 1

**Rebecca Snouffer, B $\flat$  clarinet**

*2023 DGMC Rising Star Music Award Recipient*

**Carol Gentes, piano**

La Plus Que Lente . . . . . Claude Debussy

**Noelle Kelly, piano**

*2023 DGMC Rising Star Music Award Recipient ♦ Golden Girl*

*2024 DGMC Piano Festival Second Place Senior Competition*

### **A Jazzy Interlude ...**

brought to you by the **DGS Jazz Combo**

**Gavin Schnall, leader**

Pretty Funny . . . . . Benj Pasek & Justin Paul  
from the musical “Dogfight”

**Maija Flannery, voice**

*2023 DGMC Rising Star Music Award Recipient ♦ Golden Girl*

Élégie, Op. 24 . . . . . Gabriel Fauré

**Matthew Lin, cello**

*2023 DGMC Rising Star Music Award Recipient*

**Ingrid Mueller, piano**

Concertino . . . . . Cécile Chaminade, Op. 107

**Evangeline Selking, flute**

*2023 DGMC Rising Star Music Award Recipient*

**Connie Lyda, piano**

Perdido . . . . . Juan Tizol

**Lucas Ciocan, tenor saxophone**

*2023 DGMC Rising Star Music Award Recipient*

## ***Student Profiles***

### ***Lucas Ciocan ...***

Lucas' musical journey began at seven years old with classical piano lessons at the Woodridge Park District. He started with the clarinet in the band shortly before transitioning to the tenor saxophone. From there, Lucas focused on jazz, making the Illinois District Junior Jazz Festival in 8th grade, winning the Outstanding Soloist Award at Music in the Parks Atlanta, and being granted the Director's Award as one of two student leaders at Lakeview Junior High School.

Entering high school, Lucas was placed in the Honors Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony, playing at the Evanston Jazz Festival, Jazz in the Chi, and the Jazz Showcase, among other events. Continuing to audition after junior high, he consistently made the Illinois District I Jazz Band and Jazz Combo through his Sophomore to Senior years. In Senior year, he advanced to the Honors All-State Jazz Ensemble under the direction of world-renowned educator Ron Carter, also playing an invitational performance with the DGS Jazz Combo in Peoria. As Essentially Ellington Finalists, the Youth Jazz Ensemble of DuPage commits to emulating the original Duke Ellington recordings, for which Lucas had a big part in mastering his tenor I solo for one of their most successful songs, Brasilliance. Their final performance will occur at Lincoln Center in New York City in May. Lucas is a Jazz Links Student Council member, broadening his horizons with Chicago jazz concerts and jam sessions. Planning to double major in Physics and Jazz Studies in the fall, Lucas hopes to grow his presence in the jazz scene during college. He currently studies with Vandoren performing artist Alex Beltran.

### ***Maija Flannery ...***

Maija is currently a senior at Downers Grove South High School, and she is honored to be performing today at the Rising Stars Concert on behalf of the Downers Grove Music Club! A prospective Musical Theatre major, Maija is considering enrollment at colleges such as Western Michigan University, Pace University, Webster University, and more. Throughout her high school career, she has been most grateful for her participation in speech, theatre, and choir, which have provided her countless opportunities for leadership and performance experience both on the local and state level. She would like to thank the Downers Grove Music Club for recognizing her hard work towards her career, but most importantly, she would like to thank her parents for their continuous support of her passion and love for music and theatre.

### ***Noelle Kelly ...***

Noelle is a junior at Downers Grove South, where she has been in the Jazz Ensemble for the past two years. As part of the Honors Jazz Combo, she plays at high school events and in community events as well. She has also been in the pit orchestra for the past two musicals, and is now preparing for the upcoming Spring musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Outside of school, Noelle studies classical piano with Gloria Salazar and jazz piano with Clay Corso. In addition, Noelle works as an accompanist and as a piano teacher. Noelle enjoys spending her free time with friends, family, and her cat. She plans on majoring in nursing in college.

### ***Matthew Lin ...***

Matthew is currently a junior at Downers Grove South. Having played cello for eight years, he is a six-time District One ILMEA cellist and a 2024 ILMEA All-State cellist. Matthew also currently serves as the Principal Cellist of the Downers Grove South Symphonic Orchestra. Outside of music, Matthew is a prolific student as well as an athlete, playing golf and tennis on his varsity high school teams.

### ***Evangeline Selking ...***

Evangeline is involved in Downers Grove South's Wind Ensemble. She has participated in the 2023 and 2024 ILMEA All-State Honors Band. She is also a part of CYSO's Symphony Orchestra. Outside of music, she enjoys reading, writing, and drawing.

### ***Rebecca Snouffer ...***

Becca is a junior at Downers Grove South. She has played clarinet since 6th grade and currently studies under Nancy Botti. She is very involved in the music program at DGS; she serves as drum major for the Marching Mustangs, plays principal clarinet in the wind ensemble, plays tenor saxophone and clarinet for the jazz ensemble, and teaches lessons to elementary clarinetists in Downers Grove. This year, she was accepted into the ILMEA All-State honors band and had the opportunity to spend the weekend in Peoria to play with extraordinary directors and peers. Becca has also played piano since kindergarten and loves learning new instruments. She stays busy with band, school, and the varsity track team. She plans on majoring in environmental studies and minoring in music in college.

## **Elementary and Middle School Orchestra Monetary Awards for Private Lessons**

*In 2017, the Downers Grove Music Club began a new opportunity for District 58 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students. A monetary award has been set up, thanks to the generous donation in memory of Shelby Bulut, to provide financial support to multiple students to get started with private lessons with a professional string musician. The students apply for this award by submitting a written application indicating their interest. The selection of the winners is based on their serious commitment to their musical studies with a strong desire to further challenge themselves to take their playing to the next level.*

### **The 2023 Private Lesson Award winners**

Maclean Birch	Sean Casey	Madeline Frankie
Lydia Larsen	Sophia Lofgren	Ethan Smith
Mira Spector	Katherine Susmarski	

*The 2024 Private Lesson Award winners will be announced at the upcoming spring concerts.*

## **High School Music Awards**

*The Downers Grove Music Club annually awards multiple Rising Stars Awards (\$500 each) and College Music Awards (\$1,000 each). These monetary awards are given to students at each District 99 high school in the areas of Band, Choir and Orchestra. The recipients are selected based on the merit of their musical accomplishments. The goal of this music award is to recognize and reward those students who have worked very hard and have achieved a high level of accomplishment as a musician.*

*Any District 99 high school music student, currently in his/her freshman, sophomore or junior year, pursuing a musical educational experience during the summer in which tuition is charged, ranging from private lessons to music camp, is eligible to apply for the Rising Star Music Award. Any District 99 high school music student, graduating during the current school year and planning on attending college in the fall, is eligible to apply for the College Music Award.*

*Recipients are selected based upon the depth and breadth of their musical resumes: their solo and ensemble work, their experiences in festivals and competitions, the roles of leadership they have assumed through their musical endeavors, enrollment in the District 99 Fine Arts Honors program,*

*involvement in ILMEA District and All-State ensembles, and the ways they give back to the community through their music. Recipients must also demonstrate a high level of achievement in their musical performance.*

*The application deadline was April 1. The award winners will be announced at the annual spring awards ceremonies at their respective schools. The Rising Star recipients are required to perform the following year at the DGMC Rising Stars program, scheduled annually in April.*



*More information is available on  
the Music Club's website:  
[www.downersgrovemusicclub.org](http://www.downersgrovemusicclub.org)  
**Rising Star Award Recipients***

## **Golden Girls Award**

Last spring, the Music Club received a very generous donation of \$2000 to be used as a tribute to four ladies who shared their gift of music with those in their close-knit Downers Grove neighborhood. The ladies called themselves the "Golden Girls" and, at their beautiful vintage piano, neighbors gathered for many joyous times. Due to health issues, the Golden Girls were forced to move to an appropriate health care facility, leaving a void in their neighborhood and leaving their piano behind with their neighbors Tom and Letty Nolan. To honor these musical ladies and the joy they brought to their community, the Nolans asked their gift be used to fund three "Golden Girls" scholarship awards in 2023 - one \$1000 College Award and two \$500 Rising Stars Student Awards.

## **DGPL / DGMC Concert Series**

*The Downers Grove Music Club co-hosts a series of monthly Sunday afternoon concerts with the Downers Grove Public Library. Please join us!*

### **Celebrate May!**

Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m., Downers Grove Public Library