

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

What? You haven't purchased your tickets yet for the house concert fundraising event? Oh, my - hurry, hurry. Contact Nancy Mundinger (630-971-0785) and she will accommodate you right away. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy piano, harpsichord and clavichord music so beautifully played by Chris Garofalo in his home - **Sunday, April 11th at 4:00 pm**. Remember, Music Club members, this is our **ONLY** fundraiser this year. Since the Jewel Shop and Share program is no longer available, we surely need to see a full house of 25 in order to support the youth scholarships our club provides each year.

Our monthly programs continue to be **EXCELLENT** - with another one coming up on **April 6th**. There are so many fine pianists in this organization. What a marvelous treat to enjoy the talents hosted by Todd Diehl, program chair. This time we're at the **Steinway Store at 7:00 pm**. Please turn to page 2 for details.

Your board and committee chairs continue to work hard at our monthly meetings. The May meeting is an open board meeting, so any and all are invited. We also will be electing (or re-electing) a treasurer, a vice president and a member at-large at our April 6th program. Keep reading for further details. Your vote counts!

Enjoy the beauty of spring as it peeks out of the ground, winking at us through this rather lengthy winter. Keep music in your soul. Attend the programs. Support the special House Concert.

*Blessings to all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

March Program

Thank you to Sarah Jett, for chairing the "Rising Stars" program in March. The students were awesome!

April Elections

After the program on April 6th, we will have elections for the three board positions which have terms ending in May. The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of candidates for these positions: Todd Diehl (vice-president), Cindy Jensen (treasurer) and Josh Evanovich (member at-large). Additional nominations can be presented by the membership at the April meeting, before the election begins.

Charles Dickerman Music Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Downers Grove is now accepting applications for their annual *Charles Dickerman Music Scholarship*. It is awarded to a deserving high school senior who resides in the District 99 attendance area. Most of us were fortunate to know Charles Dickerman - he was a very active member of DGMC. He also was a founding member of the Rotary Club and a nuclear physicist at Argonne National Lab. He had undergraduate degrees in both physics and music

The scholarship is a \$2,000 award for a senior who is involved in music, but not necessarily planning to major in music in college. To be considered, completed application forms must be postmarked by **April 15, 2010**. For complete details and to download an application form, please visit www.dgrotary.org.

First Chicago Amateur Piano Competition

The Pianoforte Foundation, whose director is DGMC member Thomas Zoells, has launched an ambitious project - the Chicago Amateur Piano Competition. They are in search of amateur pianists who wish to take the opportunity to have the spotlight on stage and be heard by professional judges and an audience. The current deadline for applications is **April 1, 2010**, but it may be extended for late-comers. The preliminary round of the competition takes place June 24th - 25th.



Complete information is available at www.chicagopianocompetition.org.

Do you qualify as an amateur? First and foremost: do you love the piano? After that, the guidelines become more specific. You must be over age 30, not derive your primary source of income from public performance, not be actively pursuing a degree in piano performance and not be a music faculty member at the college/conservatory level. Everyone else is invited to practice and polish (and practice some more) for the first ever Chicago Amateur Piano Competition.

Piano Festival & Competition

The Piano Festival & Competition will take place on April 18th at several locations. The Honors Recitals will be held on May 2nd at Faith United Methodist Church. One hundred twenty-six students have entered the competition; nine teachers are represented.

Have you ever wondered how long DGMC has offered a piano festival? Here's what our historian, Nancy Munding, found from notes Nadean Stahl prepared for our club's 50th Anniversary dinner ...

1943 – a very important year for the Downers Grove Music Club. And I quote from the REPORTER. "The inauguration of what is expected to become an annual event in musical activities of Downers Grove comes next Sunday, June 6. The piano contest has created such interest and enthusiasm that its repetition seems assured."... 65 students registered; 24 students received certificates and were presented in a public recital. One from each group, according to school level, was ranked superior and 3 were classified as excellent.

Future Newsletters

Whenever you have any items you would like included in the newsletter, please e-mail them to Charlotte Ewing at CharEwing@aol.com or call her at 630-985-8472. The deadline for the next newsletter is Thursday, April 15, 2010.

So Many Fingers... So Little Time!

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010
7:00 PM**

Steinway of Chicago
1205A Butterfield Road
Downers Grove



Sonata III, C Major

Movement 1 - Allegro
Movement 2 - Andante

Mozart

2nd piano part by Grieg

Fugue a la Gigue

J. S. Bach

(arr. C. F. Simkins)

Vivian Pearson Borrink & Marilyn E. Wilgocki, two pianos

Bilder aus Osten: (6) Impromptus, Op. 66

Schumann

- 1) *Lebhaft*
- 2) *Nicht Schnell und Sehr Gesangvoll zu Spielen*
- 3) *Im Volkston*

Kathryn Belda & Sandra Keller

The Joyous Isle

Alice Cummings

Debussy

Two Poems in Homage to Faure

Stephan Reynolds

Chanson d Automne
Impromptu "Le Printemps"

Chris Garofalo

Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Op. 18

Franck

Barbara Dickerman & Charlotte Ewing, two pianos

Cinq mélodies populaires grecques

Ravel

Todd Diehl, vocal
Chris Garofalo, piano

Program Chairperson ~ Todd Diehl



DGMC Notes

♪ Please update your directory with the following new address for Mary McNichols: 5225 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

♪ Anny Moravec is in a new group these days (in addition to her other groups) which sounds like a lot of fun. The group is called *The CoverGirls Violin Show*. It features five women, all playing on their signature purple electric violins. Their shows are complete with choreography and outfits; they play everything from the Beatles to Beyonce. To see more about this group, including pictures and a promo video, visit www.covergirlsviolinshow.com.

♪ Thank you to the three ladies who served on the Nominating Committee: Rose Verona (chairperson), Mary Jane Faulkner and Barbara Dickerman.

String Festival & Competition

The String Festival was a success! We wish to thank Mary Ellen Newsom for organizing this event. Mary Ellen reports that we gained a few competitors this year over last year's numbers, and---most importantly---finally had all FOUR string instruments represented: violin, viola, cello, and double bass!!

Twelve students entered the festival, representing four string teachers. This year, all participants were granted performance on the Winner's Recital because no one scored less than 95 total points. Seven medals were awarded for scores 99 points and higher: Perry Kitipongpatana, Rachael Zhang, Megan Petzold, Jocelyn Liang, Angel Ngai, Caleb Luk, and Stephen Rau. Stephen was additionally awarded a High Point certificate for earning 106 out of a possible 110 points.

At the competition, students played a scale, one required piece and one piece of their own choosing. A week later, each performed the piece with the higher score at the Winners Recital. Parents, teachers, students, and residents of Fairview Village enjoyed hearing some very high-quality performances. Those who missed this Winner's Recital missed a superb program!

Dr. Donald E. Newsom accompanied each of the students in competition and during the recital. He deserves our appreciation and a "Hip, Hip, Hooray!" Also a big "THANK YOU" to new member Clete Davis for serving as "host" at the competition and for making sure everyone was "in tune."



DGMC String Festival & Competition Participants – March 21, 2010

Front Row: Perry Kitipongpatana, Silas Luk, Rachael Zhang, Amanda Cheng, Jessica Hung, Shannon Low;
Back Row: Jocelyn Liang, Caleb Luk, Megan Petzold, Stephen Rau, Nikil Chari, Renee Jerome.



Organizations and Events

AcappellaGo: Director, **Dennis Smith**, www.AcappellaGo.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2.

Advent Chamber Orchestra: For more information, visit www.adventchamberorchestra.org, call 630-226-0686, or call **Elizabeth Quaintance**, 630-963-3813. Tickets are \$10 students, \$22 adults, \$18 seniors.

A Paschal Celebration includes Bach's *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*, Couperin's *Pieces en Concert*, featuring principal cellist Jocelyn Butler and Bach's *Concerto in d minor*, featuring principal keyboardist Matthew Ganong. Performances:

- **Saturday, Apr. 10 at 7:30 PM** at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville

- **Sunday, Apr. 11 at 3:00 PM** at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 201 N. Oak Street, Hinsdale

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.myspace.com/affinitystringtrio for details.

Artists' Showcase West: Downers Grove Concert Association series. See www.dgconcerts.org or call (630) 963-9093. Pre-concert conversation at 2:00 PM, concert starts at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG

Sunday, Apr. 18 at 3:00 PM: Trio Con Brio Copenhagen – Korean sisters Soo-Kyung Hong (playing an Amati cello) and Soo-Jin Hong (playing a Guarneri violin) with Danish pianist Jens Elvekjaer – recipient of the 2005 Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award.

College of DuPage Chamber Orchestra (CODCO): Director, **Dan D'Andrea**. For more information about orchestra openings or upcoming concerts at McAninch Arts Center, contact Dan at (630) 322-9187.

Next concert is ... **Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 PM**

DGMC Benefit Concert: **Chris Garofalo** will play a variety of musical selections on piano, harpsichord and clavichord at his home. Tickets are \$25; all proceeds benefit DGMC, especially our scholarship funds. Seating is limited, so tickets should be purchased in advance. Please call Nancy Munding at 630-971-0785 for tickets.

Sunday, Apr. 11 at 4:00 PM at 110 S. Washington St., Westmont.

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

Downers Grove Arts Council: contact President **Jim Stahulak** at jimstahulak@yahoo.com

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director **Robert Holst**. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and students. For tickets, order online at www.dgcs.org, call 630-515-0030 or purchase at the door. Concert will be held at the Tivoli Theatre, 5021 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove.

Sunday, Apr. 25 at 3:00 PM: DGCS performs fabulous hits from Broadway and the American Songbook with their spring concert - *It's Delovely*, featuring Marc Stingley.

Pianoforte of Chicago: President **Thomas Zoells**, Fazioli Pianos. Visit www.pianofortefoundation.org or phone Mr. Zoells at (312) 291-0000 for the many upcoming concerts. Every Friday at 12:15 PM, listen to the *Pianoforte Salon Series at Columbia College Chicago* on WFMT 98.7 FM or enjoy the live performance at Sherwood Conservatory.

Salt Creek Sinfonietta: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. Concerts held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 E. 1st. St., Hinsdale. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors and \$5 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit www.saltcreeksinfonietta.com or call (630) 415-2899.

Village Voices: This group was founded in 2006 by Director **Marilyn Wilgocki**. It includes 32 singers. Their music includes spirituals, gospel tunes, jazz, Broadway show songs, folk music and other light-hearted choral music. **Sarah Jett** is their accompanist. For further information, contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

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

ANSWER (from **Fun Facts**, page 3)

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, with its "di-did-daa" opening motif, held special significance in the UK during World War II. Because of its resemblance to the Morse Code for the letter V, the BBC adopted the first four notes for its call sign as a shorthand for victory to open their war-time radio broadcasts...