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Hello from your Prez ...

Spring (or perhaps *summer*) is here, we're now on Daylight Savings Time, and music in Downers Grove is still very alive and flourishing! I hope you all keep a song in your heart every day.

Meanwhile, take a look at this newsletter to see all the upcoming events in April for our organization. Have you noticed that we now have TWO events each month? Why? Because you - as performers - have stepped forward to offer a solo or a duet or an ensemble for others to enjoy. We musicians love to perform, don't we? It gives us a goal to work toward. We love having an appreciative audience, even if it is small in number. I am very pleased with our club's programs and activities this year. We have had excellent performances and we have enjoyed several venues in which to perform. There surely is a lot of talent in this community!

The benefit recital at Chris Garofalo's home was outstanding! We heard beautiful music from clavichord, harpsichord and piano. To top it off, Carolyn May, flutist, was the guest artist with Chris. They closed the recital with a piece composed by Chris, commissioned by Carolyn. What a lovely evening, not to mention a sumptuous reception of sangria and wonderful baked delicacies!

The String Festival, coordinated by Mary Ellen Newsom, was another stellar event. Congratulations to all who participated and to those chosen for the Honors' Recital! The Piano Festival, coordinated by Darlene Crilly, is around the corner. Read more about it in this newsletter. This is another high point for our organization. Both of festivals lift up our goals of supporting young musicians in their musical endeavors.

Our last program this year is Tuesday, May 1. This is an all-show tune program, again created by Todd Diehl, our Vice-President of Artistic Development. There is still room on this program. If you wish to participate, give Todd a call (630-964-5654) and let him know of your interest -- solo, duet, trio, whatever. Let's end the year together with "songs in our hearts."

Greetings to each of you!
Marilyn E. Wilgocki

April Programs

♪ Please note that the locations and thus the program notes for our two April concerts are different from those *printed* in the Membership Directory. This newsletter and the directory on the website have the correct information.

Our first program is on **Tuesday, April 3rd** at 7:30 pm at the Brigantine Gallery in downtown Downers Grove. This will be an all-string concert held in the beautiful setting of an art gallery. We will be hearing classical guitar from Jason Deroche, a nice variety of music from the Tapestry Harp Circle and a full length Beethoven string quartet. Not an evening to miss! We will also be holding our club elections at this meeting.

Our second program is on **Saturday, April 21st** at 4:00 pm at Hendricks Pianos. This should be a wonderful afternoon with a mix of instruments and voice. Please read the program details on page 2.

It's hard to believe that our 2011-2012 club year is drawing to a close. When April is finished, there will only be one more program, on May 1st.

Piano Festival & Competition

The Piano Festival will be held on Sunday, April 15th. Twenty teachers have entered a total of 120 students. Chairperson Darlene Crilly still needs two more room monitors for this date. If you can help, please call Darlene at 630-968-0591.

The Piano Honors Recitals will be held on **April 29th** in the Fellowship Hall at Faith United Methodist Church (59th & Fairview) in Downers Grove. The tentative times for these recitals are 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm, but these may change when the results are finalized. Please check our website, www.downersgrovemusicclub.org, or call Darlene after April 17th for the final times.

Rising Stars

The Rising Stars concert on March 6th was a great success! All eight 2011 Scholarship winners were able (and very excited) to perform. All were very worthy of their awards. Program Chair Gloria Salazar invited additional talented young people from our community to round out the program. It was a fun night.

Chris Garofalo and Gloria are now accepting applications for our 2012 Rising Stars Scholarships. To be considered, students must currently be a junior at one of the Downers Grove high schools and must have their completed applications postmarked by April 2nd. Full details are on the website.

Be sure to check www.downersgrovemusicclub.org periodically to get the latest DGMC news.

Strings at the Brigantine

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

7:30 PM

The Brigantine Gallery

5149 Main Street, Downers Grove

TBA

Jason Deroche, guitar

<i>Skye Boat Song</i>	Trad. Scottish Folk Song
<i>Summer Lullaby</i>	J. Lanier/arr. M. Wilgocki
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Alan Menken/arr. Sylvia Woods
<i>Gabriel's Message</i>	Trad. Basque Carol/arr. Kim Robertson
Duet: Cathy Eyberger and Marilyn Wilgocki	
<i>Rosin the Beau</i>	Old Irish Tune/arr. Nancy Hurrell
<i>Bwlch Llanberis</i>	Trad. Welsh Tune/arr. M. Zarick
<i>Shule Aroon</i>	Trad. Irish Folk Song/arr. Woods and Eyberger
Tapestry Harp Circle: Cathy Eyberger, Jan Gochenaur, Marcia Hosni, Marilyn Wilgocki	

TBA

Jason Deroche, guitar

<i>String quartet in A Major, Opus 18, No. 5</i>	Beethoven
Grant Street String Quartet: Jennifer Leckie, violin, Sharon Chang, violin, Ben Weber, viola and Tim Archbold, cello	

Program Chairperson: Todd Diehl

String Festival & Competition

The String Festival went very well, but it occurred too close to the time the newsletter was being written to have all the results ready to print. The next newsletter will have a more complete report.

DGMC Notes

♪ **Ticket sales and donations** from the Benefit Concert on March 10th totaled over \$900. **Thank you, thank you, thank you** to Chris Garofalo and Carolyn Mays for making this event such a success!

♪ **The deadline for the next newsletter** (the last one of the 2011-2012 season) is Tuesday, April 10. Please call Charlotte Ewing at 630-985-8472 or e-mail her at CharEwing@aol.com with news.

April Elections

Elections will be held at the beginning of the program on April 3rd. Four positions have terms ending in May, 2012. The nominating committee has presented us with the following slate of officers: VP of Artistic Development – Todd Diehl, Treasurer – Cynthia Jensen and two Members-at-Large – Chris Garofalo and Barbara Dickerman. Nominations from the floor can be offered before the vote is taken on April 3rd.

In addition, we will be voting to accept the following appointments that were made in August by our President: VP of Business Development – Rose Verona and Secretary – Sarah Flanagan.

An Afternoon of Music

Saturday, April 21, 2012

4:00 PM

Hendricks Pianos

421 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

Concerto in C major for Two Flutes and Piano	Antonio Vivaldi
Allegro Molto, Largo, Allegro	
<i>Julie Marcotte and Kim Steere, flutes</i> <i>Josh Evanovich, piano</i>	

"Alma mia" from <i>Floridante</i>	Georg Frideric Handel
"Stille amare" from <i>Tolomeo</i>	Georg Frideric Handel
"Revenge! Timotheus cries" from <i>Alexander's Feast</i>	Georg Frideric Handel
<i>Todd Diehl, baritone</i> <i>Belford Hernandez, piano</i>	

Piano Sonata (No. 8) in C, Op. 13 "Pathetique"	Ludwig van Beethoven
Grave – Allegro con moto e con brio, Adagio cantabile, Rondo: Allegro	
<i>Jim Molina, piano</i>	

Der Lindenbaum	Franz Schubert
<i>Maher Syed, baritone</i> <i>Belford Hernandez, piano</i>	

Four English folk Songs	Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. Paul Droste
<i>Allan Hins, euphonium</i> <i>Marilyn Wilgocki, piano</i>	

Program Chairperson: Todd Diehl

Highlights from our March Programs

We enjoyed TWO Debuts in March:



Those attending the Benefit Recital on March 10th enjoyed hearing Chris Garofalo, pianist, and Carolyn Mays, flutist, give the premiere performance of Garofalo's *Sonata for Flute and Piano*.



Our March 18th audience enjoyed the debut of *thesix*. Members of this newly-formed ensemble are (from left to right): Dorothy Such, Jenny Charles, Abigail Demirgian, Pepe Jacobson, Martha Jacobson, Shari Albrecht

A full set of photos from the Benefit Recital is already on the website. Currently, they are the photos you will see by clicking ***Latest Photos*** in the ***Quick Links*** box on the upper right corner of most web pages. A full set of photos from the March 18th program will be uploaded within a week or two.

Organizations and Events

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

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.affinitymusicchicago.com for details.

Artists' Showcase West: Downers Grove Concert Association series. See www.dgconcerts.org or call box office at (630) 963-9093 or subscription manager at (630) 691-9099. Pre-concert conversations at 2:00 PM, concerts start at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in various locations.

Sunday, Apr. 15 at 3:00 PM: pianist Alon Goldstein will perform works of Janáček, Schubert, Debussy and Chopin. Concert will be held in the Littlejohn Hall Auditorium at Northwestern University, 555 31st Street, DG

Cantores Community Choir: This non-audition group is open to anyone high school age and older who enjoys singing, wants to learn more about music and wants to perform a wide range of musical styles and genres. Under the direction of Belford Hernandez, this choir performs a wide variety of four-part musical literature and styles. **Cantores Community Choir** is a member of DGMC. For more information, call (630)-999-1190 or visit www.cantorescc.org.

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. For tickets call Mac Ticket Office (630) 942-4000.

DGMC Piano Winners' Recitals culminate the Piano Festival & Competition.

Sunday, Apr. 29 in the Fellowship Hall of Faith United Methodist Church, 59th & Fairview Avenue, DG. Time: TBA

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

Downers Grove Arts Council: The DG Arts Council was formed in 2008 to promote not-for-profit Fine & Performing Arts in Downers Grove. Contact President **Jim Stahulak** at jimstahulak@yahoo.com or visit the council's website at www.dgarts.org for more info.

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director Dr. Amy G. Weller. Visit www.dgcs.org. Tickets are \$22 adults, \$17 seniors and \$7 students. There is a \$2 discount for purchasing tickets in advance.

Sunday, Apr. 29 at 3:00 PM: presents *Festival of Psalms* featuring Mendelssohn's *Psalms 42* and the Chicagoland premiere of Hailstork's *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*. Concert at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove.

Grant Street String Quartet: This quartet was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians in the western suburban area of Chicago. It is based in Downers Grove and is a member of DGMC. For more information, please visit: www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com.

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. On the first Friday of every month, 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 the Sherwood Conservatory.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. All concerts **except** the *Family Christmas Concert* are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

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 Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit www.villagevoicesdg.org or contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

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