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Hello from your Prez ...

Hello, everyone! Here's your homework for this month: check out the website for DGMC. It's easy to remember - dgmusicclub.org. It contains quite an array of information and up-to-date details of our organization. I am mighty proud of our technology and the beauty of the display pages. You will be, too.

While you are on our website ...

... Don't overlook the very special opportunity to attend a fundraising "**house concert**." One of our new members, Chris Garofalo, is our "artist of the hour." Get your ticket soon!

... Check out the picture of our first experience in offering Master classes at both Downers Grove high schools. Thank you, Gloria Salazar, for facilitating this new adventure. It was great fun!

... The string and piano festivals will soon be here. So check out those deadlines to enter your students in these worthwhile experiences.

... You can read board minutes, you can see listings of many musical groups in town, you can check membership names and addresses - and much more!

For those who have cable TV and can view Channel 6, an interview with Dan D'Andrea and myself and hosted by Joyce Tumea, will soon be broadcast. It was a delightful half hour of sharing interesting information about the various arts organizations in town which we represent. And, of course, Music Club was highlighted since Dan, Joyce and I are all proud to be members.

And so - keep on practicing those scales, do attend those concerts, continue to enjoy your teaching, have fun directing your band, orchestra or choir. Meanwhile, see you at the March meeting where we can support our talented high school students in their "Rising Stars" program.

*Greetings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

February Program

Thank you, Abi Demirgian-Kuehn, for chairing a wonderful February program. It was excellent! And there's good news for those who missed it. The concert was taped and will soon be available on our website.

Rising Stars

This month we have our annual *Rising Stars* program - the one devoted entirely to young musicians in the area. It will be held on **March 2nd** at **7:30 pm** at Faith Church on 59th and Fairview in Downers Grove. This year, our concert includes performances from all six high school students who were awarded a DGMC Scholarship in 2009. Two ensembles were invited to round out the program.

As you can see from the details on page 2, these students are performing challenging pieces. Please come out to see them!

Benefit Concert for DGMC

We are pleased to announce a special event which will take place in April. Chris Garofalo will give a **House Concert** on **Sunday, April 11th** at **4:00 pm** at his home (110 S. Washington St., Westmont).

This is a fundraiser for DGMC. All proceeds will go towards activities of our organization, primarily to the scholarship awards we present to high school students. Tickets are \$25 per person. For this price, you will enjoy a lovely concert, followed by a delightful reception of tasty treats. Chris will play a variety of musical selections on piano, harpsichord and clavichord.

To purchase tickets, please call and make your reservations to Nancy Munding (630-971-0785) and mail your check, payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*, to Nancy (908 Lancaster, Downers Grove, IL 60516). Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return mailing of your ticket.

Seating is limited to 25 attendees. First come, first served.

Fun Facts 😊 ~ Do you know who wrote the theme for the Olympics? (Answer on page 3.)

String Festival & Competition

March is the month for the String Festival. The competition will take place on **Saturday, March 14th**. The Honors Recital is **Sunday, March 21st** at **1:00 pm** at the Fairview Village Great Hall (200 Village Drive in Downers Grove). The winners would really appreciate a good audience at the Honors recital.

The application deadline is **March 1st**. If you need more information, please visit our website, www.dgmusicclub.org, or call Mary Ellen Newsom at 630-910-7170

DGMC Notes

♪ The deadline for the Piano Festival is **March 13th**. The best place to go for festival details and applications is our website. Otherwise, you may call Darlene Crilly at 630-968-0591.

♪ DGMC brochures are always available at club programs. Members are encouraged to share our brochures with others who might have an interest in our club. Please feel free to take a number of brochures with you when you visit the members' table at the next concert.

♪ Marilyn Wilgocki and Dan D'Andrea were interviewed for a Channel 6 DG cable TV program that is hosted by Joyce Tumea. This program will be aired twice a week for a month, starting in late March or early April. We will keep you posted as soon as we receive more details.

♪ Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Jewel Shop & Share days over the years. We were recently informed that Jewel discontinued the program in January.

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 Monday, March 15, 2010.

Rising Stars

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010
7:30 PM**

Faith United Methodist Church
59th Street and Fairview Avenue
Downers Grove

Passacaglia Handel-Halvorsen
for violin and cello duet
Nathan Klein, violin; Madeline Klein, cello

Se tu m'ami Parisotti
Catherine Krygeris*, soprano; Ingrid Mueller, piano

Suite of Three Pieces Goddard
Emily Daugherty*, flute; Sarah Jett, piano

Concerto in E-flat Glazounov
Lauren Wood*, alto saxophone
Belford Hernandez, piano

Empty Chair at Empty Tables Schonberg and Boubil
from *Les Miserables*
Tom Cannan*, tenor; Sarah Jett, piano

Bolero Ravel
Matthew Kowalski*, trombone; Sarah Jett, piano

Sonata II for Solo Violin, Movement II Bach
Michael Rau*, violin

String Quartet in d minor, Opus 76 Handel
II. Allegro
The Amati String Quartet
Claire Bourg, 1st violin; Alaina Rea, 2nd violin;
Lisa Salazar, viola; Mark Megremis, cello

Program Chairperson
Sarah Jett

* denotes a 2009 DGMC Scholarship winner

Organizations and Events

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

Escape to ... The Light of the Moon: enjoy "songs of the night" from the romantics of the 19th century through today's popular and contemporary music. Two performances:

- **Saturday, Mar. 20 at 7:30 PM** in the Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

- **Sunday, Mar. 21 at 3:00 PM** at Naperville Congregational Church, 1 Bunting Lane, Naperville (SW corner of 75th & Washington Streets)

Advent Chamber Orchestra: For more information, visit www.adventchamberorchestra.org, call 630-226-0686, or call **Elizabeth Quaintance**, 630-963-3813.

Sunday, Mar. 14 at 7:30 PM: Benefit Concert featuring ACO musicians in solo performances at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 201 N. Oak Street, Hinsdale. Free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

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, Mar. 21 at 3:00 PM: Jean-Claude Pennerier, pianist, in concert.

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 ... **Monday, Mar. 15 at 5:00 PM**

DGMC String Honors Recital culminates the String Festival & Competition.

Sunday, Mar. 21 at 1:00 PM in the Fairview Village Great Hall, 200 Village Drive, DG

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 First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove.

Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3:00 PM: DGCS will perform Dvorak's *Mass in D*, Schubert's *Mass in G*, O'Regan's *Triptych*. Featuring Mary Mason, soprano; Marilyn Hoglund, soprano; Vicki Linich, alto; **Jim Stahulak**, tenor; Herb Anderson, bass

Henry Pleas and Chris Garofalo in Recital: Henry Pleas, tenor, presents a vocal recital, accompanied by **Chris Garofalo**. This talented duo will perform a variety of musical genres, including 20th Century Song Cycles by Britten, Ravel, Barber and Garofalo. Tickets available at door; \$20 adults/\$10 students.

Saturday, Mar. 6 at 8:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 11 W. Maple St., Hinsdale

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.

Sunday, Mar. 14 at 3:00 PM: Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) Women Composers Festival includes works by Schumann, Grimani, Martines and Chaminade; features Johanna Beth Sennett, flute; Lisa Grisolia, alto; Doreen DeZur, piano; Monica Karpuk, flute.

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 1)

The "Bugler's Dream," also nicknamed the "Olympic Fanfare," was written by the French composer, Leo Arnaud (1904-1991). It has been used as the theme of the Olympics since 1968.