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March is a very busy month for DGMC with four different events occurring within two weeks! And together these events meet each one of the goals set in our new mission statement: *to encourage and engage musicians and friends through educational programs, scholarships, and performances for the community.*

Hello from your Prez ...

This has been a busy, busy late winter/early spring for our organization. Todd Diehl, our VP of Artistic Development has been bombarded with members who are willing and anxious to perform. So February saw two programs and now March and April present the same. **Do** plan to attend as often as you are able. Look for more information about the March programs elsewhere in the newsletter.

We heard wonderful piano sounds at the February 7th program with excellent pianists sharing their talents at Hendricks Pianos. We also had a really fine educational experience (one of our goals, of course) at the February 18th recital/lecture, given by Michael Surratt. Mike explored the ins and outs of the pipe organ, took lots of questions, and beautifully played several examples of various periods of music.

String Festival and Piano Festival events are soon upon us. We thank Mary Ellen Newsom and Darlene Crilly, chairs of these events, for all their hard work. We look forward to recitals by the youth of this community following the festival events.

March presents "**Rising Stars**", organized by Gloria Salazar and Chris Garofalo, as last year's scholarship winners play and sing for our club. Be there to encourage and support these talented young musicians!

A personal note - on **Sunday, March 11, at 3:00 p.m.**, the **Sinfonietta Bel Canto** (directed by DGMC member Dan d'Andrea) will join forces with **Village Voices** (directed by yours truly) in a delightful variety of music - a symphony by a female composer, an excerpt from Haydn's *Creation*, some spirituals, ballads, a touch of jazz and some patriotic pieces. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grove and Carpenter Streets, provides a lovely ambiance for both groups. Tickets are \$17 at the door, \$15 for seniors. Check our websites for further information: www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org and www.villagevoicesdg.org.

Greetings to each of you!
Marilyn E. Wilgocki

March Programs

On Sunday, March 4th at 1:00 pm, the String Festival & Competition will begin at Faith United Methodist Church. The **String Winners Recital** takes place on **Sunday, March 18th** at 1:00 pm at Oak Trace Great Hall (formerly Fairview Village). Please come on the 18th to hear these talented young musicians.

On **Tuesday, March 6th** at 7:30 pm at Faith United Methodist Church the **Rising Stars** concert will be held. This is our annual youth concert. All six of the 2011 Rising Star Scholarship winners plus both Madeleine Pedersen Vocal Scholarship winners will be performing. In addition, we will hear an original piano solo composed and performed by fourth grader, Allison Cordts, a violin/cello duet performed by Rachel and Tim Edwards and the newly-formed chamber strings ensemble from O'Neill Middle School.

Allison's composition has made it to the state level of competition in the PTA Reflections program for elementary/middle school students. She is a student of Barbara Dickerman. Rachel Edwards is a 2006 DGMC Rising Star Scholarship recipient who now has completed both her education and performance degrees in violin. Tim is her younger brother who will be a student at DGN next fall.

The **Rising Stars Scholarship Benefit Recital & Reception** is on **Saturday, March 10th at 7:30 pm** at Chris Garofalo's home (110 S. Washington St., Westmont). Chris will perform on clavichord, piano and harpsichord. This year he will be joined by flutist Carolyn May. Together they will give the premier performance of *Sonata for Flute and Piano* which was composed by Chris. Visit www.downersgrovemusicclub.org to see the complete program for this recital.

There are still a few tickets left. Tickets are \$35 per person. Additional donations are also welcome. All proceeds benefit our youth music programs. RSVP to Nancy Mundinger (nmundi2@hotmail.com or 630-971-0785). Seating is limited so reservations are required.

Our final program is on **Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 pm** at Hendricks Pianos. This program features music played *with* a piano - but not solo piano. There will be two piano music, a violin sonata and the DGMC debut of *thesix*, a newly-formed piano/instrumental ensemble.

Fun Facts 😊

What instrument had the distinction of being the most complex man-made device, until it was displaced by the telephone switchboard system in the late 19th century?
(answer on page 4)

Rising Stars

**Tuesday, March 6, 2012
7:30 PM**

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

Concerto in B-flat Major, Opus 91 Movement II - <i>Andante</i> <i>Carly Charles, French horn</i>	Reinhold Gliere
Creston Sonata <i>Mike Ruth, saxophone</i>	Paul Creston
Concerto for Clarinet and Piano <i>Zach Plata, clarinet</i>	Frank Ticheli
Absidiales <i>Hannah Young, harp</i>	Bernard Andres
Cello Concerto in C Major <i>Meghan Lyda, cello</i>	Joseph Haydn
Rhapsody Concerto <i>Lisa Salazar, viola</i>	Bohuslav Martinu
TBA <i>Erin Christine Walsh, soprano</i>	
TBA <i>Devin Collette, soprano</i>	
Diversity <i>Allison Cordts, piano</i>	Allison Cordts
TBA <i>Rachel Edwards, violin and Tim Edwards, cello</i>	
TBA <i>O'Neill Middle School Chamber Strings Ensemble directed by Colleen Eakley</i>	

Program Chairperson: Gloria Salazar

New Member

We would like to welcome Donna Wadycki to the Downers Grove Music Club. Donna has joined as a non-performing member. We hope to see her at many of our programs because we love having an audience!

Please add Donna's contact information to your directory:
1229 Williamsport Dr., #4, Westmont, IL 60559
Home: 630-810-9349 Cell: 630-927-1043
dwadycki@att.net

DGMC Notes

♪ **March 10, 2012 is the application deadline for the Piano Festival.** All applications, along with their appropriate fees must be received by this deadline. For more information, please visit our website, www.dgmusicclub.org, or call Darlene Crilly at 630-968-0591.

♪ **Due to scheduling conflicts the venues for the April programs have been interchanged from the origin schedule printed in the DGMC Directory.** The program on April 3rd will be at the Brigantine Gallery and will feature small instrumental ensembles. The program on April 21st will be held at Hendricks Pianos and will feature mostly piano-accompanied instrumental music.

♪ **The deadline for the next newsletter** is Saturday, March 10. Please call Charlotte Ewing at 630-985-8472 or e-mail her at CharEwing@aol.com with news.

Music for Two Pianos and MORE!

**Sunday, March 18, 2012
4:00 PM**

Hendricks Pianos
421 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove

Sonata in G Major (First Movement)	Johann Christian Bach
Arabian Dance and March	Peter I. Tchaikowsky arr. Nicolas Economou
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	G. F. Handel arr. Richard Simm
Prelude #2 in C-sharp Minor <i>Marilyn Wilgocki, piano and Vivian Pearson, piano</i>	George Gershwin
Sextett, Op.6 Mvt. 1	Ludwig Thuille
Divertissement, Op. 6	Albert Roussel
Quintett in E, Mvt. 4 <i>thesix: Shari Albrecht, clarinet; Jenny Charles, oboe; Dorothy Such, flute; Pepe Jacobson, French horn; Martha Jacobson, bassoon; Abigail Demirgian, piano</i>	W.A. Mozart

Sonata for Violin and Piano **Maurice Ravel**
Jen Leckie, violin and Chris Garofalo, piano

Two Mozart pieces - TBA
Susan Del Rosario, piano and Dr. Koehler, piano
Dr. Koehler is a faculty member of Northern Illinois University.

Program Chairperson: Todd Diehl

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



**February
7th
2012**

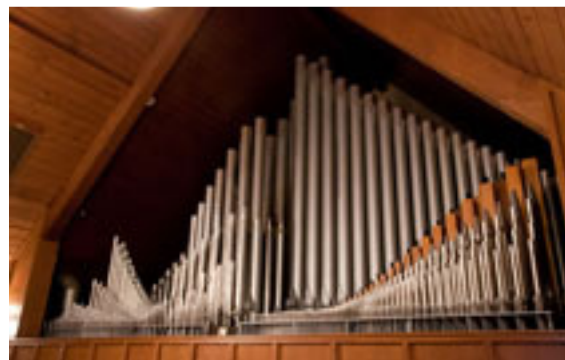


Socializing after a job well done!



Jim Molina playing Beethoven's "Waldstein" Sonata.

**February
18th
2012**



Don Newsom introduced us to composers Jon Polifrone and Leo Ornstein.



Michael Surratt presented many very interesting facts about *How the Organ Works*.



Abigail Demirgian and Dr. JeongSoo Kim perform Mozart's *Piano Concerto in A*



Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students.

Escape to ... Where Time Flies ... to honor their tenth season, Acappellago performs songs that celebrate time and reprises a few favorites from past seasons. Three performances:

- **Saturday, Mar. 17 at 7:30 PM** in the Event Hall at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
- **Sunday, Mar. 18 at 4:00 PM** at New Covenant Church, 1 Bunting Lane, Naperville (SW corner of 75th & Washington)
- **Saturday, Mar. 24 at 7:30 PM** at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia (across from the library)

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.

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.

Next concert is ... **Monday, March 12 at 5:00 PM**

DGMC String Winners' Recital culminates the String Festival & Competition.

Sunday, Mar. 18 at 1:00 PM in the Oak Trace Great Hall (formerly Fairview Village), 200 Village Drive, DG

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.

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.

Sunday, Mar. 11 at 3:00 PM : Sinfonietta Bel Canto joins with Village Voices to perform Farrenc's *Symphony #2 in D major*, Haydn's *The Heavens are Telling – The Creation* and selected spirituals and lighter selections.

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.villagevoicesdq.org or contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

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

ANSWER (from *Fun Facts*, page 1)

ANSWER: The pipe organ. The roots of the organ trace back to 3rd century BC Greece. During the 12th century, the organ had evolved into a complex instrument, and by the 17th century most of the sounds available on modern organs had been developed, at which point it had become the most complex man-made device. ©