

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

If you were not at our opening program on October 5th, **you missed a great evening!** Program Chair, Todd Diehl, put together a concert of much variety, with brass and woodwind selections, interspersed with the piano artistry of Chris Garofalo. It was a perfect kick-off to the new program year!

You should have received your new directory by now. It looks so good! **Lorie Crnkovich**, our Membership Chair, deserves a BIG round of applause. The directory is such an important document and Lorie has done an excellent job. Between the directory and the website, you can keep up on all the activities and offerings of our club.

Congratulations to our Communications Chair, Christopher Cox, who was married to Linnea Leo on September 25th. We rejoice with this couple and wish them a meaningful life together as husband and wife.

This has been a gorgeous fall, hasn't it? On a personal note, I took my community chorus, **Village Voices**, to Michigan for a mini-tour October 9th and 10th. As guests of the Douglas Community Church in the Douglas/Saugatuck area, we sang a Saturday evening concert and two worship services on Sunday morning. What fun to be sharing music outside our area. One choral number was sung with the church's choir - which also was great fun. The beauty of western Michigan surrounded us and truly inspired us, I believe.

Continue to make music of some sort every day. Sing in the shower. Go to a concert. Listen to your favorite CD. Hum a tune as you walk the dog. We musicians have been given an amazing gift. SO ... let's use it and appreciate it.

See you on November 2nd!

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

November Program

Our next concert is on **November 2nd at 7:00 pm** at **Faith United Methodist Church** (59th and Fairview Ave., DG). The program will feature two ensembles: the Harp Circle, including Marilyn Wilgocki with five guest harpists and a recorder ensemble, featuring Andrea Anderson with six additional guest players. Two soloists – classical guitarist Jason Deroche and pianist Josh Evanovich - will round out what looks to be an excellent program. Complete program details were not available at the time this newsletter was printed. They will be e-mailed to you shortly.

This summer, Andrea Anderson spent a week at The Clearing in Ellison Bay, Wisconsin, attending a special workshop for recorders. Their session concluded with a premiere performance of *Three Welsh Portraits*, a composition that was commissioned for The Clearing. Three musicians who performed with Andrea in Wisconsin will be a part of the recorder ensemble at our November program. They will be performing *Three Welsh Portraits* – making it an *Illinois* premiere.

DGMC Annual Membership Dues

THANK YOU to everyone who has already paid their dues for the 2010-2011 Club year. To anyone who has not yet paid their dues (newsletter editor included), please plan to pay them at the November program or mail them to: DGMC, P.O. Box 551, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Checks should be made payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*.

Dues are: \$30 (Individual), \$35 (Family), \$10 (Student). If paying by mail, please indicate "dues" in the memo portion of your check. You can become a Patron by making a contribution of \$25 or more over the regular dues fee.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn that Joseph Cech passed away on October 16th. Joe was an extremely active musician in the community. He excelled as a pianist, a teacher and choir director. During his lifetime, he taught piano to over 3,000 students. There was a time when he had six church choirs under his direction. Joe was active in DGMC – he served as President, as Piano Festival Chair and often as a performer.

Steinway Young Artists Competition

Steinway of Chicago is sponsoring its 20th Annual Young Artists Solo and Concerto Competition. There are scholarship awards for both the Solo Piano and Piano Concerto competitions. In addition, the concerto competition is the only one in the entire state of Illinois in which the winner has a chance to play a full concerto with a fully professional orchestra (Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra) and conductor (Maestro Alan Heatherington). The registration deadline is January 25, 2011. Complete details can be found by visiting www.steinwaychicago.competition.com.

November Board Meeting

Reminder to all board members and officers: our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 14th** at **6:30pm** at Faith United Methodist Church. The change from the usual time was needed because of other musical activities in town earlier that day.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Julie Marcotte and her family to DGMC. Julie teaches both flute and piano and is a flutist in the Moody Church Orchestra. She also enjoys performing with her three daughters (Elizabeth, Rebecca and Katherine) as *The Marcotte Girls*. Recently, Julie formed a flute ensemble called *The Festival Flutes*. This is the ensemble that played *The Flight of the Bumblebee* at our last program. Please add the Marcotte's contact information to your directory:

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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, November 15.

Fun Facts ☺

*The origin of the musical scale is linked to what famous mathematician?
(answer on page 3)*

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.

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 box office at (630) 963-9093 or subscription manager at (630) 692-9099. Pre-concert conversations at 2:00 PM, concerts start at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG

Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3:00 PM: the Prazak Quartet ... "one of today's leading chamber music ensembles."

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.

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.

Organizations and Events (Cont'd)

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director **Robert Holst**. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and \$5 students. For tickets, order online at www.dgcs.org, call 630-515-0030 or purchase at the door. Concert will be held at Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville, IL

Sunday, Nov. 7, at 3:00 PM: DGCS will perform Bloch's *Sacred Service*, Handel's *Coronation Anthems* and Bach's *Orchestral Suite in B Minor*.

Muriel Anderson's 19th Annual Hometown Concert: will be held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 (Adults), \$15 (Seniors/Students) or in advance (with a \$3 discount) at Anderson's Bookstores.

Saturday, Nov. 27 at 8:00 PM: *19th Annual Hometown Concert*, featuring new-age flamingo music performed by the Tierra Negra Trio. This trio, comprised of Muriel Anderson (daughter of **Andrea** and **Ted Anderson**) and two German guitarists, will have available at the concert a CD which was recorded at a castle in Germany.

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. Concerts held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. 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.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Sunday, Nov. 14 at 3 PM: Mozart's *Symphony #25 in G minor, K183* and Rossini's *La Cambiale di Matrimonio*, a one act opera. DGMC members performing in the opera are: **Todd Diehl, Angela Presutti** and **Jim Stahulak**.

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, 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 2)

The Greek philosopher and mathematician of the 6th century BC, Pythagoras, is credited with discovering that harmonious music intervals are related by integer ratios. To Pythagoras, music was one of the dependencies of the divine science of mathematics. Where others saw chaos, he recognized harmony in nature through mathematics.