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Hello from your Prez ...

and greetings to all Downers Grove Music Club members!

Welcome back to another wonderful season of exciting and meaningful music programs on the first Tuesday of the month. By all means, don't miss the **October 6th** program, at **7:00 pm** at the Steinway of Chicago store - all piano and it promises to be outstanding!

My two goals for my term as your president are the following: **VISIBILITY** and **HOSPITALITY**. Briefly, my wish is to make our club more visible in the community in as many ways as possible. Already a brand-new member, Christopher Cox, is developing a website for us and a new trifold brochure. We have taken out membership in the newly-formed Downers Grove Arts Council. Why are we the "best kept secret in Downers Grove?" We have so much to offer and it's available for all to enjoy. So adjust your schedules if at all possible and be with your fellow musicians (and guests) for those monthly moments of beauty and enrichment. Invite a neighbor, a friend, a relative ...

I also want us to become an even more hospitable and welcoming organization - in many, many ways. Nancy Munding is the epitome of this as our "hostess with the mostest," overseeing the refreshment table following each of our programs. Like Nancy, let's extend the hand of welcome to all - old friends and new members alike. I am personally **THRILLED** to welcome six new members to our organization who have joined our ranks over the summer. A huge hello to: **Christopher Cox, Chris Garofalo, Andrew Remillard, Jim Stahulak, Michael Surratt and Rev. Brad Wilson**. Read elsewhere in this newsletter about each of these talented and enthusiastic gentlemen.

See you at the October meeting (where you can pay your dues and pick up your new directory)!

Many blessings,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki

October Program

For our season opener, program chair Todd Diehl has arranged an all piano concert that you should not miss. To give you a taste of what you will be hearing on October 6th, Ray Osborne has provided us the following note about the piece he will be performing.

Franz Liszt was a deeply religious man and there is probably no more ecstatic expression of his faith than "Benediction de Dieu dans la Solitude." Inspired by a poem by Lamartine ("From where comes, O my God, this peace that overwhelms me"), Liszt composed in 1847 music of extraordinary beauty that combines moments of serene reflection with passages of transcendent power. The piece is in three sections played without a break. After the climax of the final section has dissolved into arpeggios of "hypnotic sweetness" (to use Alfred Brendel's phrase), there is a moving coda, an Andante that would not have been out of place in Beethoven's "An die Ferne Geliebte." It is as if Liszt felt that the only appropriate response to the pentatonic rapture of the preceding sections was to end quietly with music of classical purity and simplicity.

The complete ... program is on page two.

DGMC October Elections

Because it is the first program of our new year, we will need to conduct a little club business. Somehow, we skipped holding an election for treasurer at last April's program, so the election will be held on October 6th. Cynthia Jensen has been nominated to continue serving us for the 2009-2010 year.

A vote will also be taken to change the wording in the last two sentences of Article VIII, Section 1 of our By-Laws.

The current language is: "An Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the President to audit the Treasurer's books at the close of the Club year. The audited statement shall be presented at the Annual Open Board Meeting."

The proposed change is: "The President shall appoint a qualified individual to review the Club's

accounts and financial reports each year. The reviewer may be any qualified individual other than the current club Treasurer. The reviewer does not need to be a Music Club member. The review shall occur annually during the summer after the final Club year meeting. Written results shall be submitted to the President and Treasurer prior to the start of the next Club year."

Master Classes

Gloria Salazar has been brainstorming with the music department of Downers South High School to find a meaningful way DGMC can share the vast talent of our members with our local high school students. The high school would like to offer Master Classes to music students on late arrival days (days that school begins two hours later than usual) and would be thrilled to have our musicians conduct these classes. The hour-long Master Classes would begin at 8:30 am and end in time for students to begin their first period class. There are four months (October, November, February and March) with two late arrival days in them. If we choose those months, we could run the same Master Class twice, once at DGS and once at DGN, thus utilizing both late arrival days in the given month.

We would like to begin this program in February and March of 2010. Next year, it would be nice if we could also conduct classes in October and November.

Glenn Williams (DGS Fine Arts Chair) suggested that a good topic for the February class would be conducting, since the band students are preparing for their Drum Major auditions. Marilyn Wilgocki has already volunteered to conduct this class.

We will need a volunteer for the March class (to be held on March 3rd and 17th). This class could cover any instrumental or vocal topic since many of the students are preparing for the spring honors recitals. Glenn expressed his preference that the DGMC person running the class perform/demonstrate his/her expertise perhaps at the beginning and/or end of the class and allow time for two or three students to receive instruction during the class.

If you would like to volunteer, would like more information or have a suggestion for a topic for the March class, please call Gloria Salazar at 630-968-8997 or e-mail her at glsalazar@sbcglobal.net.

In Memoriam

We are very saddened to report that DGMC has lost two longtime club members, both of whom had been very active in our club for many years. Jan McFarland passed away on May 6, 2009 and Megan

All Piano Program

7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Steinway of Chicago

1205A Butterfield Road
Downers Grove

Sonata in C Major, K. 545, Mvmt. 1

W. A. Mozart

arr. Sylvia Rabinof

Fascinating Rhythm

George Gershwin

arr. Tony Esposito

*Vivian Pearson Borrink, piano**

Marilyn Wilgocki, piano

Harmonies poétiques et religieuses

Franz Liszt

No. 3, "Bénédiction de Dieu dans la Solitude

Ray Osborn, piano

Trio No. 1 in d for Violin, Cello & Piano

Anton Arensky

Op. 32, Scherzo

*Nathan Klein, violin**

*Madeline Klein, cello**

Donald Newsom, piano

Nocturne in Db for the left-hand

Alexander Scriabin

Op. 9 No. 2

*Richard Sladek, piano**

Two Poems in Homage to Delius

Stephen Reynolds

Rustic Idyll

Serenade and Dance to Spring

Chris Garofalo, piano

Concerto in Db for Piano & Orchestra

Aram Khatchaturian

Mvmt. 1

Abigail Demirgian-Kuehn, piano

*William Koehler, orchestral reduction**

Program Chairperson: Todd Diehl

Jones passed away this September. We will miss these dear friends deeply.

Directions to Steinway of Chicago

Going north on Highland Av., turn Left (west) on Butterfield Rd. At the first stoplight, turn Left (south) and then immediately turn Left (east) onto the south frontage road. Continue east on the frontage road, past Hooters. At the Olive Garden sign, turn right and then make a sharp left turn. Steinway of Chicago's entrance faces North and is between Olive Garden and the Fitness Center.

New Members

We are so excited to welcome the following six new members to DGMC.

- **Christopher Cox** lives in Chicago, but is the new Director of Music at Faith United Methodist Church in Downers Grove. He is already serving as Communications Chairperson for DGMC. and as such will be creating a new website and also a tri-fold brochure to increase visibility for our club.
- **Chris Garofalo**, who lives in Westmont, is a classical pianist with an M.M. degree from the Manhattan School of Music. He is the Music Director at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, a recitalist, a composer and a private piano teacher.
- **Andrew Remillard** is the owner of ANR Piano in Downers Grove where, among various other things, he teaches piano. Andrew is also the pianist at New Life Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook. He has a B.M. from Wheaton College and an M.M. from DePaul University.
- **Jim Stahulak** lives in Hinsdale, sings tenor in the Downers Grove Choral Society, is President of the newly-formed Downers Grove Arts Council and has done some musical direction for summer theater. Jim has degrees in communications and marketing.
- **Michael Surratt** lives in Hinsdale and is the Director of Music and the Organist at Union Church of Hinsdale. Michael, who has degrees in organ performance, is also a teacher, a participant in AGO and AGEHR and an enthusiastic Handbell Director with Allegro Handbell Choir (youth).
- **Rev. Bradford Wilson** lives in Downers Grove and is the pastor at Faith United Methodist Church in Downers Grove. Pastor Brad enjoys accompanying with his guitar, banjo or mandolin and is a bass baritone singer.

Piano Festival & Competition

The Piano Festival & Competition will be held on April 18, 2010, with the Honors Recitals two weeks later, on May 2nd. Mailings have already gone out to piano teachers. If you have not yet received your copy of the instructions and registration forms, please call Darlene Crilly (630-968-0591) or Eve Ciner (630-971-0797). Brookdale Music in Naperville (Route 59, one block south of I-88) will have the required music in stock.

If you have a friend who teaches piano and might be interested in entering students, let Darlene or Eve know. Volunteers will be needed on April 18th – please call Darlene or Eve.

New Committee Chairpersons

The last DGMC year ended with three open chair positions - Music Education, Publicity and Historian. We are pleased to announce that two of them have been filled.

- Todd Diehl has agreed to serve as our Music Education Chairperson.
- Because of all the technology available today, we created a new position - Communications Chairperson – to replace the Publicity Chair. Christopher Cox has volunteered to serve in this new position and will be using his business expertise to make our club more visible to the community – through a website, by streamlining our application and member survey forms and by creating tri-fold brochures to make it easier to introduce others to all the things DGMC does.
- Nancy Munding is still acting as our Historian “Pro Tem.” She would love to be relieved of these duties. If you would like to volunteer or would like more details about this job, please call Marilyn Wilgocki at 630-971-1594 or e-mail her at mew6617@sbcglobal.net.

String Festival

The String Festival will be held on March 14, 2010, with the Winners’ Recital one week later, on March 21st, at 1 pm. Application packets will be available later in the fall. For further details, please call Mary Ellen Newsom at 630-910-7170.

Membership Directory and Schedule

The 2009-2010 Membership Directory will be available at the first DGMC program on October 6th. We hope you will be able to pick up your directory at that time. Otherwise, it will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

DGMC Annual Membership Dues

With the start of a new season, it is time to collect annual membership dues. A dues statement and return envelope is enclosed. Please plan to pay your 2009-2010 dues at the October program or mail them to our treasurer, Cynthia Jensen. If you have already paid your dues for this year, THANK YOU!

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 November newsletter is Thursday, October 15.

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: Adult \$22, Senior \$18, Student \$10.

Music of Brahms and Mozart will be presented on:

- **Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 PM** at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Av., Hinsdale
- **Sunday, Oct. 11 at 5:00 PM** at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville

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, Oct. 4, at 3:00 PM: the St. Petersburg Quartet, with special guest clarinetist Boris Allakhverdyan

Arts at Argonne: Visit www.anl.gov/ARTS or phone (630) 252-3751.

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, Oct. 26 at 5:00 PM**

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

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director **Robert Holst**. Visit www.dgcs.org or call 630-515-0030.

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. All 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

Coming soon ...

DGMC will have its own website: www.dgmusicclub.org