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President's Note

This is my final article for *Bravo* as president of the Rochester Music Guild. It has been my pleasure to serve this year, and directly experience the dedication of so many to the musical arts. We will welcome Matt Hafar as the new president when he takes over the responsibilities following the Annual Meeting in May. Matt is currently employed at the Rochester Community and Technical College as an instructor in the music department. I know he will represent RMG well within the community and provide the guidance necessary to fulfill our mission.

With spring now just around the corner, RMG turns its attention to the Garden of Note sale. All members and supporters can participate by purchasing coupons for lawn and gardening supplies that will be needed this spring. Through cooperation with Sargent's Nursery, you can purchase a voucher for \$25 - *purchase as many as you can use!* The vouchers are good for their full value at any of the Sargent's locations. Five dollars of each coupon will be contributed to the RMG. Keep in mind that flowers for Mother's Day, Easter, or your altar at church may be purchased with the vouchers. Even if you live in an apartment, condo or town house, you can benefit from the voucher and assist the RMG. More information on this fund raiser is available in the newsletter.

Recently completed was the Annual Scholarship Competition sponsored by RMG. With the addition of funds donated last year for this event, plus a grant from the Minnesota Council for the Arts, the competition was expanded to include more categories in the Junior Division. Twenty young musicians were awarded scholarships to assist

them in their study of music. Competition was held in January and February. I am deeply grateful to those who have donated to the scholarship program. The recital featuring the finalists was held the last Sunday in February. I am always amazed by these performances. There is an astounding amount of talent out there, and we are doing our best to encourage its development. Awards will also be made to students in the three public high schools this spring.

Keep on alert for announcements for the final programs under Lunch & Learn. They have been exceptional opportunities for learning more about music, and enjoying a performance besides. Concluding our year will be a review of requests for grants from musical organizations within the community for support for some of their projects. Applications will soon be available on-line for those who wish to apply. The Grants Committee will review the requests and make decisions regarding the funding.

We hope as many of you as possible will attend our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 11. It will be held at 7 pm at the Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester. Prior to our business meeting, we will enjoy performances from some of the scholarship winners. You will be in for a real treat if you decide to attend. Following the business meeting, there will be a reception for all attendees.

All of our board members are to be commended for their work and dedication this year to the mission of RMG. We will miss the following members who have reached the end of their terms of office – Linda Anderson, Carol Benson, Kevin Dobbe, Drew Durtschi, Barbara Eakins, Jean Gutschenritter, Joyce Lewis and Ann Petit. To all of them I express my heartfelt thanks!

Glenn VanLaningham, President

Upcoming Events

April 1 - May 31, 2011
Garden of Note Sale

April 15, 2011
Lunch & Learn
Rochester
Chamber Music Society
Brahms Horn Trio
Rochester Art Center
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
FREE Program: 12- 12:45 p.m.

May 6, 2011
Lunch & Learn
John Paulson Jazz Quartet
(Woodwinds, Piano, Upright
Bass, and Drums)
Rochester Art Center
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
FREE Program: 12- 12:45 p.m.

May 11, 2011
Rochester Music Guild
Annual Meeting
Zumbro Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m.

May 15, 2011
SEMYO
Symphonic Winds and
Philharmonic Orchestra
Featuring
Philharmonic Concerto
Competition Winner
Century High School
Auditorium
2:00 p.m.

May 15, 2011
SEMYO
Concert Orchestra
and Chamber Strings
Featuring
Concert Concerto
Competition Winner
Century High School
Auditorium
3:30 p.m.



Garden of Note Voucher Sale

It is spring! Time for our largest fund raiser, the Garden of Note!

Rochester Music Guild volunteers are selling \$25 vouchers that you can use at Sargent's Garden Center and Landscape Nurseries (both locations) to purchase all the lawn and garden products you need for spring. Use your vouchers anytime up to May 31 to purchase flowers, annuals, gardening tools, mulch, and more! (Exceptions include grills, weddings, and landscape design.)

Everyone wins. You purchase your nursery products at Sargent's with \$25 vouchers and Sargent's donates 20% to the Rochester Music Guild for each voucher. The proceeds are used to fund the Guild's scholarship program and to help support the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale.

You can help in two ways. We need sellers – people to sell vouchers to their friends, neighbors, colleagues, relatives. And, of course, you can order vouchers for your own use.

To buy vouchers or ask any questions, you may contact:

Barbara Eakins at 288-7800
(eakinsbf@aol.com)

or

Ann Petit at 251-7889
(Ann@PetitMusic.com)

Or you can use the handy order form printed on the back of this newsletter.

Barbara Eakins and Ann Petit
Garden of Note Co-Chairs

Sellers needed!

Again this year, we are looking for sellers to take over the “customer” lists developed by some of our older members who have sold Garden of Note vouchers for many years. Now it's time for some of us “younger” folks to take our turn. Using these “customer” lists you would call people who have bought the vouchers in the past, and are most likely eager to buy again this year.

The vouchers couldn't be easier to sell...for \$25 buyers get \$25 worth of lawn and garden products, plus Sargents donates \$5 to the Rochester Music Guild!

If you can take one of these lists, please call Barbara Eakins at 288-7800 (eakinsbf@aol.com) or Ann Petit at 251-7889 (Ann@PetitMusic.com).

Rochester Music Guild 47th Annual Meeting

It's more than a meeting!

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011 – 7:00 pm
Zumbro Lutheran Church**

Double check those calendars – be certain you have this date, time and place marked for the Annual Meeting of the Rochester Music Guild. You will be happy that you attended.

The evening will feature finalists from the RMG Scholarship Competitions that were held in February. You will be impressed with the poise, skill and performance of these high school musicians. We guarantee you will enjoy hearing these talented young performers.

The recital will be followed by the short business meeting of the organization. We will celebrate some major accomplishments of this past year, review our financial status, and learn of the plans for the future. Nominees to join the board will be introduced and the election will be held. Retiring board members will be honored.

Finally, we will all enjoy a social gathering with some refreshments. There is no fee for the meeting and program. Feel free to invite some friends to come along! So that we may plan for refreshments, please call me at 507 289-2716, or send an email to: matt.hafar@roch.edu.

Matt Hafar, President Elect

Share your email address?

Rochester Music Guild appreciates your membership! One way we can thank you is to share interesting music-and-arts-related information via email throughout the year .

If you give us your email address, we will share:

- Current year Rochester Musical Performances calendar
- Information on art-related legislation threats from the Minnesota Legislature and US Congress
- Classical Post online newsletters from MN Public Radio highlighting programs and artists
- News of “late-breaking” regional musical opportunities, such as the Dr Paul Wirth workshop, free performance by the Skylark Opera, Play-it-Forward instrument drive
- Occasional videos, such as the Shanghai Olympics closing ceremony, the boogie-woogie pianist, and Celtic Woman singing O Holy Night...

If you don't want to miss another mailing, please send your email address to the RMG Arts Advocate, nickelsylv@charter.net. Thanks!

Sylvie Nickel, Arts Advocate

Lunch & Learn

The Lunch & Learn program was the recipient this year of a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council, which was funded by the citizens of Minnesota via the Minnesota Cultural Legacy Amendment in 2008. This grant has allowed the Lunch & Learn program to continue to develop the mission of being: "Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, and Performance... Today and Tomorrow". We will be applying for this grant again next year. When you have the opportunity, please tell your elected officials that you value assistance to the arts in our communities.

It has been a pleasure chairing the Lunch & Learn program over the past two years. After this season, I will be away on teaching sabbatical. Please welcome and support my good colleague and fellow musician Carla Thelen Hanson who will be chairing the Lunch & Learn program in the future.

Hope to see you at either/both of the final two Lunch & Learn events, which will take place at the Rochester Art Center on Friday, April 15th and Friday, May 6th.

The buffet lunch, catered by Daube's, starts at 11:30 and is available for \$8.50, dessert-only option for \$3.50, or bring your own "brown bag". **Reservations for the lunch should be made by noon on Wednesday prior to the event by calling Carol Benson at 252-1314.**



Friday, April 15, 2011: Rochester Chamber Music Society (Brahms Horn Trio)

Pianist **Horacio Nuguid** has inspired and captivated listeners in Asia, Europe and North America. He received a DMA from the University of Illinois Urbana Cham-

paign. The Brahms Piano, Horn, and Clarinet trio is a giant in the Romantic Music genre. Excerpts from the Brahms Trio and discussion of the April 16th concert will be presented.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.; **FREE Program: Noon - 12:45 p.m.**



Friday, May 6, 2011: John Paulson Quartet (woodwinds, piano, upright bass, and drums)

Back by popular demand, this ensemble will present both original and jazz standards with a touch of informational commentary.

The quartet features **Dr. John Paulson** (saxophones and flute); **Eric Heukeshoven** (piano); **Dr. Kevin Dobbe** (Drums) and **Terry Grosskopf** (Acoustic Bass).

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.; **FREE Program: Noon - 12:45 p.m.**

Kevin Dobbe, Lunch & Learn Chair

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Meet RMG Board Member Pamela Haase

Perhaps it was her upbringing in the peaceful, southwestern hills of Harlan, Iowa, that led Pamela into the world of music. "I have loved music all my life," she relates. "It has shaped my life, and accompanied nearly everything I have done." She attends any type of musical program, from orchestral, chamber and opera to classic rock, even heavy metal.

Pamela's favorites are the late Romantic composers such as Strauss and Mahler, and operas by Verdi, Puccini, Rossini and Wagner. But solo piano music by Chopin and Liszt are also high on her list, as well as Pink Floyd, U2, Moody Blues and Metallica. Pamela also mentions Brian Wilson, Leonard Cohen and Elton John. This is a lady with many tastes!

Following her early education in the Hawkeye State, Pamela attended the University of Iowa from 1966 to 1972, completing a degree in pharmacy. She then went south, attending the University of South Carolina, and completing a Doctorate in Pharmacy. She was employed as a Clinical Pharmacist by the Mayo Clinic from 1976 to her retirement in 2009, specializing in drug information and the care of patients undergoing general surgery.

Pamela studied piano for ten years, and voice for close to 25 years, under Nancy Lee Sherden and the late Martha Boysen. Vocal music became her specialty, having sung with the Rochester Symphony Chorale from 1977, and the adult choir at Peace United Church of Christ. She also participated in musicals at the Repertory Theater, has sung in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society and the Rochester Radio Theatre. She has directed musical productions at Peace Church for nearly 20 years. Pamela has sung solo parts with most of these groups.

Retirement permitted Pamela to expand her interests to other volunteer efforts. She has been involved in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Paws and Claws, and the Good Samaritan Clinic at the Salvation Army. She has been a board member of several groups, serving as treasurer for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, Paws and Claws and her church council.

One year ago, Pamela was recommended for a position on the Rochester Music Guild Board of Directors. She was assigned a responsibility as assistant treasurer, but next year she will assume the position of President-elect. She will also co-chair the Lunch & Learn series.

Pamela shares her home with four very intelligent and talented cats – all orange. She said they all get along well when she is away, and are the best of friends – pretty good for cats! In her "spare time," Pamela loves to travel. She visits a brother and family members in Seattle and other relatives in California.

In closing, Pamela stated that she is "enjoying my time on the Board of the Rochester Music Guild, and am amazed at the talent of the students participating in the scholarship competition."

Glenn VanLaningham

2011 Scholarship Competition

The 47th Annual Young Musicians Scholarship Competition was held in January and February 2011. The Preliminary Piano Competition was held on January 29 at Christ United Methodist Church and the Preliminary Competitions for Strings, Voice, Winds and Guitar were held on February 5 at Rochester Community & Technical College. Finals Competitions for Piano, Strings and Voice were held on February 19 & 20 at Christ United Methodist Church. Eighty-four talented young musicians competed in five categories – piano, strings, voice, winds, and guitar.

This was another historic year for the scholarship competition because the Music Guild expanded the Junior Division to include piano, strings, voice, and winds. For the first time classical guitar was added as a separate category in the competition. The students competed for \$6150 in scholarship money. Additional monies for Camp Scholarships and Scholarships to music students in each of the public high schools will be awarded in May.

This year's judges were very impressed by the caliber of the students in the Rochester area. Judges for the competition are the following music educators and performers:

Piano: Dr. Mary J. Tollefson – UW LaCrosse, Dr. Tim Schorr – Viterbo University, Dmitri Vorobiev – University of Northern Iowa, and Esther Wang – Gustavus Adolphus.

Strings: Julia Bullard – University of Northern Iowa, Mark Bjork – University of Minnesota, Lucia Magney – College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, and Tom Rosenberg – Macalester College and Carleton College.

Voice: Jeff Brich – University of Northern Iowa, Diane Foust – Viterbo University, Rosemary Gast – Wartburg College, and Dan Johnson-Wilmot – Viterbo University.

Winds: Laurie Hatcher Merz – Minnesota Opera and Augsburg College.

Guitar: James Flegel – University of Minnesota.

The event was such a huge success because of the great support from community music teachers, generous donors, members of the Rochester Music Guild, Christ United Methodist Church and Rochester Community & Technical College for the use of their facilities, and especially the many volunteers. I would personally like to thank Marilyn Riederer, Emily Bond, Drew Durtschi, Pamela Haase, Ginny Amundson, and Amy Crockett for the many extra hours they gave to organizing the competition.

The competition would not exist if it weren't for the very gracious support of those whose donations support six of the categories:

Carter Douglas was a gifted young pianist whose developing talent touched many in our community in her short life.

Georgia Daniel worked for over 22 years in the Rochester Public Schools, teaching students and directing school orchestras.

Sally Duffy, a two-time President of the Rochester Music Guild, sang with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra Chorale and had a passion for music and the arts.

Carl Schroedel, who served on both the Rochester Music Guild Board and the Rochester Orchestra and Chorale Board, was a performer himself as well as a dedicated supporter of the arts.

Tom and Sue Spackman Family: a family of gifted musicians whose children participated in several music organizations in Rochester. Sue Spackman is a former president of the Rochester Music Guild.

Dr. Howard and Peggy Andersen have been wonderful supporters of music in the Rochester community. Peggy Andersen taught piano lessons and has a great love for budding musicians.

The scholarships are funded from memorial funds established in these names, from funds donated by the Spackman and Andersen families, from Rochester Music Guild monies, and from the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation.

The winners in both the Junior and Senior Divisions performed in recitals which were held on Sunday, February 27 for a large audience of parents, Music Guild members, and friends impressing all in attendance with their exceptional talents and musicianship. We would like to thank Daube's Bakery for donating refreshments for the recitals.

Following the performances, award certificates and scholarship checks were presented to the winners. A reception in their honor concluded the event. We extend our hearty congratulations once again to the winners of this year's competition.

DeAnn Spencer, Scholarship Co-Chair



2011 Scholarship Co-Chairs (L to R): Drew Durtschi, DeAnn Spencer, Marilyn Riederer

Photos from Scholarship Competition

Outgoing president Glenn VanLaningham is a man of many talents, including photography. He took several pictures during the Scholarship Competition event, and shared a few of the best with our readers. The picture of the Scholarship Competition Co-Chairs on page 4 is one of his, and he also shared the two pictures below — one of outgoing Lunch & Learn chair Kevin Dobbe and his wife Teresa Tolmie, posing with accompanist Jan Matson, voice teacher and incoming Lunch & Learn chair Carla Thelen Hanson, and President-Elect Matt Hafar. The second picture shows two of the Rochester music teachers whose students participated in the competition.

Glenn has also written, in addition to his “President’s Notes” on page 1, many of the “Meet Your RMG Board” articles that appear regularly in the RMG newsletter (see his article introducing Pamela Haase on page 3). We hope that he will continue both his literary contributions and his photographic contributions to the newsletter next year, when he moves to the position of Past President for his last year on the board.

Joyce Lewis



At Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition (left to right): Teresa Tolmie (piano teacher), Kevin Dobbe (RMG Board Member), Jan Matson (accompanist), Carla Thelen Hanson (voice teacher), and Matt Hafar (trumpet teacher and RMG Board Member)



Rochester piano teachers Horacio Nuguid and Sue Leonard at the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition

Senior Division Winners



Front row (L to R): William J. Cao, Kiri Bardsley, Tatyana German, Jennifer Kim

Back row (L to R): Neal Anderson, Lizzie Chen, John Giesen, Osip Nikiforov, Kari Sunnarborg

Missing: Maren Matthias, Gavin Mai, Stephanie Sedarski

Carter Douglas Memorial PIANO Category

First Place: Osip Nikiforov, student of Alex Braginski

Second Place: Gavin Mai, student of Horacio Nuguid

Third Place: William Cao, student of Horacio Nuguid

Georgia Daniel Memorial STRINGS Category

First Place: Yiqiu (Lizzie) Chen (cello), student of Tanya Remenikova

Second Place: Jennifer Kim (violin), student of Linda Thompson

Third Place: Kari Sunnarborg (harp), student of Elinor Niemisto

Carl Schroedel Memorial WINDS Category

First Place: Neal Anderson (trumpet), student of Matt Hafar

Second Place: Kiri Bardsley (flute), student of Kay Sahlin

Sally Duffy Memorial VOICE Category

First Place: Stephanie Sedarski, student of Carla Hanson

Second Place: Tatyana German, student of Carla Hanson

Third Place: Maren Matthias, student of Nancy Lee Sherden

Music Guild GUITAR Category

First Place: John Giesen, student of Scott Hoag

Meet the Winners ... Senior Division



1st Place, Senior PIANO Division

Osip Nikiforov is a Russian pianist, born in 1994 in the small town of Abakan in Siberia – a part of Russia. He started playing piano at the age of 7. His first teacher was his father who taught him until he graduated in 2008 from the music school in Abakan, where he participated in a number of piano competitions and won numerous prizes. Every year he gives a recital in Abakan. Playing the clarinet is his hobby. At present he is a student of Shattuck St. Mary's school in Faribault, Minnesota, and studies piano with Alex Braginski at the University of Minnesota and Hamline University.



2nd Place, Senior PIANO Division

Gavin Mai is currently 15 years old and a student of Century High School. He has been playing piano since the age of 6 and has always been a student of the Nuguid Piano Studio. His growing piano resumé includes playing in the evening recital for Dorian at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and 1st prize in the Local Clements Piano Competition, in addition to being chosen to play in the Junior E-

Piano Festival. Gavin has also been a regular participant in the State MMTA recitals. His favorite composers are Liszt, Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin. In his spare time, Gavin likes to play the clarinet and take photographs. In addition to piano, he plays clarinet in the school band and sings in Honors Choir. He also plays soccer and swims on his high school team.



3rd Place, Senior PIANO Division

William Cao is currently a sophomore at Century High School and has played piano for 8 years. He began his piano studies at the age of 7 with Dorothy Sandquist and in 2008 began studies with Dr. Horacio Nuguid. William has attended the MMTA honors concert for 7 years straight and has received many awards from various competitions including the Clare Clements piano competition and the Bunny Just Festival. He has also

participated in such events as the Dorian Keyboard Festival and the Young Artists Piano Camp. In his free time, William enjoys swimming, reading, and spending time with friends.



1st Place, Senior STRINGS Division

Yiqiu (Lizzie) Chen is a junior at Shattuck-St. Mary's School in Faribault. She was born in October 1994 in China. She began playing the cello when she was 7 years old and began studies under Professor Long Man at Wuhan Conservatory of Music in Wuhan, China when she was 9 years old. She played first chair in the orchestra at the WuHan Conservatory of Music and performed individual concerts in 2007, 2008, and 2009. In 2008, she took part in

the sixth major VC Cup match (a musical competition) in Beijing, China and won the Young People Cello Outstanding Performance Award. In 2009, she came to America with a full scholarship to Shattuck-St. Mary's. At Shattuck-St. Mary's, she plays with a Piano Quintet and a String Quartet. She studies with Tanya Remenikova at the University of Minnesota.



2nd Place, Senior STRINGS Division

Jennifer Kim is a sophomore at Century High School. She began studying violin at age four with Linda Thompson in Rochester. Jennifer has attended music camps in Stevens Point, WI, and Chicago, IL, and has studied with Judy Blank, Gabe Bolkosky, Scott Conklin, Joe Kaminsky, and Jeremy Swider. She is a member of the Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra (SEMYO), and was also the principal second violinist of the Minnesota All State Orchestra for the 2010-2011 season.

Jennifer was the first place winner of the Junior Strings division in the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition last year. She has been selected as a soloist by the Suzuki Association of Minnesota to play at Minnesota Orchestra Hall this March, and has received awards in the Mary West Solo Competition, SEMYO Concerto Competition (2008 and 2011), and the Minnesota Sinfonia Competition.



3rd Place, Senior STRINGS Division

Kari Sunnarborg, a homeschooled junior from Rochester, has taken harp lessons from Elinor Niemisto of Northfield for 5 years. Before studying harp, she took piano lessons for 6 years. Kari is also in SEMYO's Concert Orchestra. In the past, Kari has been active in the Honors Choirs of Southeast Minnesota including touring Italy with Concert Choir last summer. The 2011 Rochester Music Guild Competition was her first competition, an experience she is thankful for and glad to have been a part of. Other than music, Kari enjoys baking and cross country.



1st Place, Senior WINDS Division

Neal Anderson is a senior at Century High School. He has played trumpet for 9 years, studying first with Warren Bandel, and currently with Matt Hafar. Neal has performed in the Minnesota All-State Symphonic Band and also in several other honor bands from the area. He plans on majoring in trumpet performance in college.



2nd Place, Senior WINDS Division

Kiri Bardsley is 16 years old and a junior at Century High School. She has been studying flute with Nancy Osteraas since the age of 4 and recently started studying with Nadia Malek. She also sings in Bella Voce Young Women's Choir and plays in the Century Symphonic Band. Kiri says "My life wouldn't be complete without music!"



1st Place, Senior VOICE Division

Stephanie Sedarski started her musical education with the Honors Choirs of SE MN when she was 8 years old and in third grade, but claims "I have been a singer since birth." She has been an avid participant in the choirs for 8 years. Stephanie started private voice lessons with Carla Thelen Hanson in the fall of 2008 and has been training ever since. She is also a member of the Words Players Steering Committee, a community theatre, as well as an active participant in their productions. In the future she hopes to become a professional musician and performer.



2nd Place, Senior VOICE Division

Tatyana German, commonly known as Tani by her friends and family, is currently a senior at Century High School. She began her singing adventure when she joined Honors Choirs in 3rd grade. In 9th grade she joined Bella Voce Young Women's Choir and has since sung in several small groups at their concerts along with a solo at this year's Christmas concert. She also participated in the Luther College Dorian Summer camps and the 2011 Luther College Dorian Music Festival where she was a semi-finalist in the soloist competition. She is in Concert Choir and A Capella in school. She appreciates all the work her voice teachers, Leslie Meyer, Shelly Winemiller and currently Carla Hanson, have put into her training. Tani also enjoys theater and has been in Grease, The Music Man, The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood, All Shook Up, and Fame at Century High School. She plans to attend Luther College next fall and to enjoy every ounce of freedom she gets.



3rd Place, Senior VOICE Division

Maren Matthias is a senior at Century High School. She stays busy as Co-President of Century's Concert Choir, and is involved in Century's 13th Hour A Cappella as well as Honors Choirs Concert Choir. Maren currently takes voice lessons from Nancy Lee Sherden. Also active in theatre, she just recently starred as Iris in Century's production of Fame!. She plans to attend Columbia College Chicago next fall, where she will major in musical theatre.



1st Place, Senior GUITAR Division

John Giesen is a senior at Rochester Century High School. He started guitar study at age 10 with Rick Stack and Scott Hoag/Rochester Guitar Studio. After placing 3rd in the Rochester Music Guild's String Division last year, John went on to study classical guitar with Tony Hauser in Minneapolis. John plans to continue his study of guitar performance at the college level next year.

Junior Division Winners



Front row (L to R): Michelle Wang, Cailyn Johnson, Marisa Lin, Henry Wang, Sarah Juhn

Back row (L to R): Alex Scheel, Maria Schroeder, Isaac Johnson, John Giesen

Dr. Howard & Peggy Andersen PIANO Category

First Place: Henry Wang, student of Alexander Braginski

Second Place: Marisa Lin, student of Horacio Nuguid

Third Place: Cailyn Johnson, student of Rosanna Nuguid

Spackman Family STRINGS Category

First Place: Michelle Wang (violin), student of Linda Thompson

Second Place: Sarah Juhn (violin), student of James Buchan

Third Place: Alex Scheel (violin), student of DeAnn Spencer

Music Guild WINDS Category

First Place: Isaac Johnson, student of Randy Stroetz

Music Guild VOICE Category

First Place: Maria Schroeder, student of Carla Thelen Hanson

Meet the Winners ... Junior Division



1st Place, Junior PIANO Division

Henry Wang is a 7th grader in Kellogg middle school, who started learning piano when he was 5 years old. In the beginning, it was just fun playing piano, but as he got better and better, he started to actually enjoy practicing piano! And when he won his first piano competition in third grade, he was overjoyed. He had started to learn that hard work pays off. Gradually he has developed a passion for playing piano. Besides piano, he also loves swimming and math.

Henry would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Dorothy Sandquist who was his 1st piano teacher and Dr. Stephanie Wendt who gave him one year of training. In addition, Henry would like to especially thank his current teachers Dr Tania Spector and Professor Alexander Braginsky. Henry says, "I feel so fortunate to have these wonderful teachers who have helped me to achieve what I have today."



2nd Place, Junior PIANO Division

Marisa Lin started her piano lessons at age seven with Rosanna Nuguid and is currently studying with Dr. Horacio Nuguid. She has performed in the annual MMTA honors concert in 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2009 and won 3rd place in the Junior Young Artist division in 2010. Marisa also recently won the Austin Symphony Concerto competition and will be performing Mozart Concerto no. 20 in D minor with the orchestra this April. Her other achievements include being selected to participate in the Junior e-piano Festival, winning First Place in the Clements competition of Rochester, and performing in the Dorian Festival Honors Recital in 2006, 2008, and 2010. In her free time, Marisa loves to play tennis and ping pong; listen to music; and read.



3rd Place, Junior PIANO Division

Cailyn Johnson is 13 years old and is in eighth grade at Friedell Middle School. She has studied piano for 6 years and is a student of Rosanna Nuguid. She has played in the MMTA Honors Recital and in the Dorian Keyboard Festival for the past two years. She is a competitive figure skater and dancer. She also sings in the Bella Voce Young Women's Choir and enjoys participating in theatre.



1st Place, Junior STRINGS Division

Michelle Wang, also known as Mishy, was born on January 24, 1997, in Rochester, MN. She started taking piano lessons at age 4, and was balancing violin along with piano by age 7. Mishy has played the violin ever since, under the teachings of Linda Thompson. In 2009, she won 1st place in the Rochesterfest Fiddle Contest, Junior Division. She hopes to continue playing violin for the rest of her life. In her spare time, Mishy likes to read and write novels, sing and act in musicals, and enjoys

soccer and track.

2nd Place, Junior STRINGS Division

Sarah Juhn is an eighth grader at Willow Creek Middle School. She has been playing the violin since she was five, and has just recently begun studying with James Buchan. Currently Sarah is the Philharmonic concertmaster for SEMYO (South Eastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra) and was awarded an honorable mention in the SEMYO Concerto Competition.



3rd Place, Junior STRINGS Division

Alex Scheel is a home-schooled 8th grader. He started playing the violin at the age of six and currently studies with Mrs. DeAnn Spencer. Alex is a member of the SEMYO Philharmonic Orchestra. Aside from listening to and playing classical music, he has strong interests in cryptology, programming, ASCII Art, and *nix. He also likes memorizing digits of pi:

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1st Place, Junior WINDS Division

Isaac Johnson, son of Dave and Suzy Johnson, is a 9th grade home-school student from rural Pine Island. Isaac studies with Randy Stroetz and formerly with the late Bob Stroetz. In addition to trombone, he plays piano and sings in Raache Choirs' *Arioso* audition choir. He is a member of the SEMYO Concert Orchestra, and has participated in the Allegro Orchestra camp in the Twin Cities. Isaac is a member of the Rochester Nordic Ski Team and enjoys skiing and snowboarding. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop #102 and looks forward to backpacking in the Big Horn Mountains this summer. Isaac won first place in the Junior High Winds division of Thursday Musical in 2008 and has participated in the YPSA and SEMYO concerto competitions. This year SEMYO chose him as the winner in the winds category, and he will be playing his concerto with the Concert Orchestra in the fall of 2011.

Arts News from MN Legislature Isn't Great



The House and Senate leadership revealed their spending targets for legislative committees, and their proposal was pretty shocking... the Senate State Government and Veterans Committee, where regular arts funding is located, has been targeted for a 55% cut! The House State Government spending target is slightly less bad, at a 36% cut. This doesn't mean that arts funding will be recommended for cuts at this level, but it does mean that lots of things will be proposed for large cuts, and that is not good news for us ...

so **if you haven't yet contacted your legislator, do it now!**

Also, we are facing the specter of a bunch of proposed earmarks taking up large hunks of Arts Legacy funds, turning a statewide resource via the Minnesota State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils into just a few bricks and mortar projects that would benefit only a few people. I will let you know when there is more definite word about the timing of decisions about Legacy funds, but again, the best thing you can do is **write your legislators!**

Extracted from MN Citizens for the Arts website,
www.mncitizensforthearts.org, by
Sylvie Nickel, Arts Advocate

MN Legislators from Rochester area

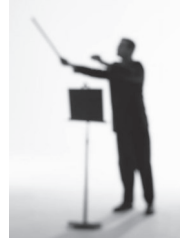
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RSOC Aspiring Conductor



The 2011 Aspiring Conductor Campaign was a rousing success, raising \$27,264 for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale.

Anne Judisch raised an astounding \$15,617 in her successful quest to raise the most funds among five contestants, winning her the opportunity to conduct the RSOC in one number at the March 26 "Starry Night" concert. Anne capped off her 50th season of performing as a violinist in the RSOC with her conductorial debut, leading the orchestra in a special performance of the finale from Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird".

RSOC gives our deepest thanks to all the amazing candidates who participated in this year's competition:

- Jon Eckhoff**
Executive Director, Rochester Downtown Alliance
- Phil Henoch,**
Former Rochester McDonald's owner from 1973-2001
- Anne Judisch,**
50-year RSOC Violinist
- Tracy McCray,**
Multi-Media Journalist
- Mitch Stevenson,**
General Manager Paragon Chateau Theatre

The annual Aspiring Conductor campaign is designed to raise funds for the RSOC while giving the opportunity to five creative individuals to compete for the chance to conduct the symphony. The candidate who raised the most in donations between Dec. 18, 2010 and March 16, 2011 won the opportunity to be the Aspiring Conductor.

Laurie Mona, RSOC Interim Executive Director



Sometimes we choose to serve our country in uniform, in war. Sometimes in elected office. And those are the ways of serving our country that I think we are trained to easily call heroic. ***It's also a service to your country, I think, to teach poetry in the prisons, to be an incredibly dedicated student of dance, to fight for funding music and arts education in the schools.*** A country without an expectation of minimal artistic literacy, without a basic structure by which the artists among us can be awakened and given the choice of following their talents and a way to get to be great at what they do, is a country that is not actually as great as it could be. And a country without the capacity to nurture artistic greatness is not being a great country. It is a service to our country, and sometimes it is heroic service to our country, to fight for the United States of America to have the capacity to nurture artistic greatness.

-- MSNBC's Rachel Maddow

During previous years the Rochester Music Guild has published and mailed a directory to all members. In an attempt to make the best use of our resources, we now provide a printed directory or an e-directory only upon request. If you wish to receive a member directory, please contact Lois Johnson at 282-3280 or Glenn VanLaningham at 289-2668.

A list with names of the current members is included below. Current members are also acknowledged in the printed programs for Lunch & Learn events.

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