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Greetings!

RMG Membership News

If you are receiving this newsletter, it's because you have asked to receive a hardcopy newsletter. The email newsletters are shorter but come more frequently. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please let me know. For now, I hope you enjoy the hardcopy newsletter.

April Horne
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Garden of Note

The Music Guild hosts an impressive, high skill level scholarship competition for the youth in our area, Lunch and Learn educational events, awards grants to support many local music organizations, and advocates for local music and musicians by hosting an event calendar and teacher directory. A key funding source for these initiatives is the Garden of Note. We partner with Sargent's Garden Center each year for this important fund raiser. Look for more details as the weather warms up.

Jolene and Alan Hansen, co-chairs
 Garden of Note

Century of Cinema and Cheers to 40 Years

by Jere Lantz, Rochester Symphony Artistic Director

Continuing Rochester Symphony's centennial celebration, we look to celebrate music in movies over our first century. I love film music, giving my first full film concert in 1982, my second year here. This time we decided to ask Rochester to choose their favorite film music. We chose six categories: Action/Adventure, Children & Family, Comedy, Drama, Sci-fi/Fantasy, and Thriller/Suspense. We tallied the votes and will be performing the winner and runner-up in each category. But we're not telling what we'll be playing. And I decided to add a couple categories myself: Western and Best Song. Of course, there will be a lot of favorites for the whole family. And, yes, John Williams will be represented. It will be Oscar weekend, so come and enjoy the winners!!

Our Artistic Production Committee decided that I should be honored for my 40 years conducting the Symphony by letting me give a concert of my favorites. I've made no secret that Brahms is my favorite composer, so we'll be doing his Second Symphony. The first piece I ever conducted for full orchestra was Wagner's Meistersinger Overture, so that's how we'll open. And I've always loved the drama and pathos of William Walton's score for the 1944 film of Shakespeare's Henry V. (More film music!!) And that piece may make you ask, as Laurence Olivier did, why his friend Bill never won an Oscar for best score.

Century of Cinema: Saturday (7:30) & Sunday (2:00), February 22 & 23, Lourdes High School

Cheers for 40 Years: Saturday (7:30), March 14, Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall

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Reminder—2020 Scholarship Registration ends February 15 —

If you know a talented young musician, please make sure they are aware of the 2020 Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition. Registration information can be found at www.RochesterMusicGuild.org/scholarship-program/. The competition takes place March 21 and 22. Save the date for the Winner's Recital, April 19th at 1 pm at Christ United Methodist Church. It's free and always amazing!

Many thanks to the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council: This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.



Tessa Sawchuk and Linda Edd
Scholarship Committee

Spotlight: Choral Arts Ensemble

Choral Arts Ensemble will sing a concert—HOME: WHERE WE LOVE—at Christ United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 pm. CAE will be joined by Mayor Kim Norton and Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay, who will discuss the problem of homelessness and some proposed responses from us all. Representatives of regional nonprofits will be available before the concert and during intermission to explain their work to address this challenge, and to suggest potential “action steps.”

Repertoire will range from lush a cappella works like Ubi Caritas, written by Paul Mealor for the wedding of Kate and Will, and Kim André Arnesen's Even when He is silent, to a setting of Maya Angelou's poem We Are by King's Singer Bob Chilcott, to Is There A Place? by Pulitzer and Grammy winner Aaron Jay Kernis. CAE is proud to premiere a new work written for this concert by Janika Vandervelde, a setting of Emily Dickinson's I Years Had Been From Home.

Other works on the program, which will later be recorded for a CD, include Hawley's Beautiful River, Paulus The Road Home, the South African folksong Living in a Holy City, and even Phillip Phillips's big hit, Home (a chance for audience sing-along with drums, bass and guitar).

The concert will also be presented at St John's Lutheran Church in Northfield on Saturday, March 14 at 3 pm. For tickets and more information, visit choralartsensemble.org or call 507-252-8427.

Grant Opportunity

Rochester Music Guild provides grants to many music organizations in the Rochester Area. For information on how to apply, please contact pres@RochesterMusicGuild.org

Upcoming Events—**Tuesday, February 11 – 7:00 p.m.****Zumbro Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines and Rochester Barbershop Chorus “Music with Heart” – 125 Live – Free**
For more information, call (507) 285-9915 www.zumbrovalleychorus.org**Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.****RAACHE Choirs — Trinity Lutheran Church, 222 6th Ave. SW, Rochester — Free**
Contact information: 507-261-6538 <http://www.raachechoirs.org/>**Sunday, February 16 — 3:00 pm****Rochester Pops Orchestra — Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester – children are free, seniors \$12, adults \$14 and students \$7****Contemporary Classics features modern contemporary classical music from the 20th and 21st century.****Sunday, February 16 — 4:00 p.m.****A Festival of Music presents Heartland Marimba Quartet (HMQ) — First Presbyterian Church, Rochester — Free will offering**For more information: 507-282-1618, www.fpcrochester.org**Monday, February 17 – 6:00 p.m.****Community Education Adult Enrichment – Kellogg Middle School, Room 115 – \$9**
Rochesterce.org/register or 507-328-4000**Friday, February 21 – 12:00 p.m.****Randy Sabien, Jazz Violin – Christ United Methodist Church – Free**
Rochester Music Guild **Lunch & Learn****Friday, February 21 – 7:00 p.m.****Rochester Symphony – Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall – Free**
Century of Cinema – Free Family Preview. Reservations required
rochestersymphony.org or 507.286.8742**Saturday, February 22 – 7:30 p.m****Sunday, February 23 – 2:00 p.m.****Rochester Symphony – Lourdes High School – tickets \$5 (youth), \$20, \$30**
rochestersymphony.org or 507-286-8742**Saturday, February 29 – 7:30 p.m.****Rochester Chamber Music Society – Christ United Methodist Church – free**
<http://www.rochesterchambermusic.org>**MARCH 2020****Sunday, March 8 — 4 p.m.****A Festival of Music presents Augustana University Choir — First Presbyterian Church, Rochester — Free will offering**
For more information: 507-282-1618, www.fpcrochester.org**Monday, March 9 – 6:00 p.m.****Community Education Adult Enrichment – Kellogg Middle School, Room 115 – \$9**
Rochesterce.org/register or 507-328-4000**Friday, March 13 – 12:00 p.m.****Rochester Symphony Preview with Jere Lantz – Charter House (Northview Room) – Free**
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Cheers to 40 Years – rochestersymphony.org or 507-286-8742**Monday, March 16 – 6:30 p.m.****Dover-Eyota Schools Choirs – DEHS Auditorium, Eyota**
<https://sites.google.com/a/deschools.org/dover-eyota-choir/>

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The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

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Thank you!



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