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Letter From Our President

As we anticipate spring and the excitement that Mother Nature brings us, the Rochester Music Guild is anticipating several exciting events as we wrap up our 51^{st} year.

The Garden of Note Sale begins at the March 27 Lunch and Learn, continues at the RSO Concerts on March 28 and 29, and concludes on May 31. The Guild began this project in 1981. Proceeds from the sales add significantly in supporting the Guild's educational and scholarship endeavors. Thank you to April Horne for chairing the event this year (read more on pg. 6). Thank you all for your support this year.

The Guild's scholarship auditions were held on March 8 and 9. Seventy-seven very talented young musicians participated. Thank you to Sharon Schmoll and Julianne Hagan for co-chairing this event. **The Scholarship Winners Recitals,** featuring the winners, will be **Sunday, April 12**, at Christ United Methodist Church. The Junior Recital will be 1:30 p.m. and the Senior Recital is at 3:30 p.m. Feel free to attend both. Refreshments will be served after each recital. Please take this opportunity to hear and meet the winners.

A very special opportunity is coming for

our members on **Friday, May 8**, at Christ United Methodist Church. In cooperation with the SE MN Youth Orchestra (SEMYO), the world class violinist, Midori, will play a solo performance at the final **Lunch and Learn** of this season. Thank you to Lunch and Learn chair, Corey Henke, for facilitating this event. Watch for your invitation in the mail (read more on page 5).

It is particularly notable to find that 225 individuals have renewed or joined the Guild during this season. Thank you to Warren Bandel, membership chair, and several board members who made a concerted effort to bring membership to one of the highest in recent years.

The Guild's Presidential triumvirate would like to take this opportunity to thank all 15 members of the Guild Board for the 2014-2015 season. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you. We thank you for your commitment to the Guild's current mission and vision for the future. We hope to see each of you at the Guild's end of the season events.

Judy Kereakos, Co-President Thanks to all our 2014/2015 members!



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RMG Annual Meeting –

We're pleased to announce the RMG annual meeting will be held Friday, May 8, in conjunction with the Midori concert and presentation. In addition, we hope some of our Scholarship finalists can be available to share their music during the lunch. This will be at Christ United Methodist Church. Please join us! Our

10:30 Gathering & social time

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10:45	Annual Meeting
11:30	Midori concert &
12:15	presentation Lunch, including cake and punch

Notes by President-Elect Alan Hansen

I'm thankful to have become a part of the Rochester Music Guild board this past year. I've witnessed both the wonderful contributions to the musical arts from this organization, and the work of committed board members, volunteers, and member contributors that make this possible. I look forward to helping extend this mission in 2015/16, and to meeting more of the RMG membership.

Membership Levels

The RMG board has adopted a more streamlined membership structure for 2015/16. We've removed the single and joint membership designation and have incorporated tiered household membership (basic, contributor, sustainer, and patron). The basic membership remains at \$35, with student at \$5. We are accepting renewal and new dues at any time. Once received this will secure your membership through June 30, 2016. See enclosed membership application.

RMG Ongoing News

Kudos to DeAnn Spencer for the marvelous role she has played in designing and continuing to maintain the Guild's website. If you are not a frequent visitor to the website it is never too later to become one. http://rochestermusicguild.org/

Our home page welcomes viewers with great photography and a reminder of our mission:

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Tool bars are easy to navigate! Take a moment to read again about the community leaders who were instrumental in supporting the scholarship program as we know it today. Speaking of, in addition to this foundation, board members continue to pursue grant and funding options. Just late last year the Guild was delighted to have a **SEMAC grant** approved for \$8,670. This money was applied to the annual scholarship competition (details follow on page 3). Such support helps make this event the tremendous success it proved to be once again this year.

Indeed, music opportunities abound in our community. Remember to reference the **online calendar** for a complete listing, which exceeds what we have room to publish in the newsletter, and ongoing updates, or tab on Lunch and Learn to review details of those upcoming programs. Finally under the media tab you can find past newsletters, going back to 2006, as well as news article which have appeared in public media.

Facebook users: if you haven't done so "friend" Rochester Music Guild.

Kudos to Corey Henke & others for postings.

2015 Scholarship Competition and April Recitals

The Rochester Music Guild hosted its 51st Annual Scholarship Competition on March 7-8th. Seventyseven students competed in four divisions for over \$6600 in scholarship funds. Twelve professors of music from universities and colleges in Minnesota and Iowa judged the competition, which was held at Christ United Methodist Church.

The Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners as follows: **Senior Piano Division**: Curtis Baum, Anna Chopp, and Stephanie Deng. **Junior Piano Division**: Helen Li, Clara Xu, and Steven Yang. **Senior Strings Division**: Alexander Scheel (violin), Hannah Lai (violin), and Natalie Tran (cello). **Junior Strings Division**: Hannah Reinschmidt (violin), Michael Hickey (cello) and Breanna Shen (violin). **Senior Winds/ Brass Division**: Grace Sullivan (flute), Stefanie Tetzloff (trumpet) and Annika Johnson (french horn). **Junior Winds/Brass Division**: Breea Lee Amundson (flute), Sue Simha (flute), and Sidney Clarke (flute). **Voice Division**: Spencer Ketterling, Mackenzie Graham, and Calli McCartan.

An additional competition for a \$1500 scholarship to attend a summer music camp was also held. Henry Wang, prior 1st place winner of the RMG Senior Piano Division, won the scholarship. He will attend the International Academy of Music Castelnuovo di Garfagnana in Italy this summer.

One recommendation letter, in the application, was from the applicant's piano instructor at the University of Minnesota. Herein the professor stated," In my capacity as a judge of international competitions and a faculty member in many international festivals...I come in contact with hundreds of young pianists around the world.... In my opinion, Henry Wang belongs to the elite group of pianists in his age group in the world. My internationally renowned colleagues who've heard him play feel the same way." In his essay for the application, Henry wrote, "My dream goal is to become a world renowned pianist and to bring the beauty of music to people all around the Earth. I hope to achieve success on the scale of Horowitz."

Overall reflections from a Scholarship Judge

Marty Hodel, a professor at St. Olaf who judged the Woodwinds/Brass competition, wrote the scholarship committee as follows:

"I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the competition yesterday, and how grateful I was to be a part of it. Everything about the way it was run, the way the students conducted themselves and the positive and friendly attitudes that were in evidence by the staff showed that it was wellorganized and smoothly-run. Please pass along my congratulations for a successful competition and my thanks to your colleagues for making my experience such a pleasant one, and for all you do to bring great music to students in the Rochester area."

~ Marty Hodel, professor at St. Olaf, who judged the Woodwinds/Brass competition



Scholarship Winners' Recitals

Winners' Recitals are **April 12, 2015** at Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave. SW, Rochester). Recitals are free and open to the public.

Junior Division winners perform at 1:30 pm.

Senior Division winners and the Camp Scholarship winner perform at 3:30 pm.

A **reception** follows both recitals. Please plan to join us in congratulating these fine young musicians by attending the recitals on April 12th!

Meet Board Member Julianne Hagan

Musician, RMG Scholarship Co-chair!

Julianne was born in Wichita Falls, TX. Her father was an adept engineer. Her mother was an accomplished pianist. From an early age Julianne sought to follow in her footsteps.

Throughout her growing up years, piano lessons (for 11 years) and singing in choirs were her favorite activities.

Julianne attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where she majored in accounting. Thereafter she received an MBA degree from Baylor. In 1990, Julianne married Dr. John Hagan, who was currently training at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Music was a part of his family heritage, too!

After working as a CPA in early years, Julianne decided to stay home to raise their three daughters: Bethany (22), Christina (20) and Mary (15). Music filled their home as mother and daughters prepared and presented programs for church functions, schools, retirement centers and assisted living homes. In addition to singing, the girls are all accomplished pianists and have competed in the Rochester Music Guild scholarship competition. In 2010, Christina won first place in the senior piano division, and Mary placed in the junior piano division in 2013 and 2014.

Julianne has been actively involved in the music ministry at Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Rochester for many years. For 11 years she co-directed their children's choir and helped produce 24 musicals. She currently sings in the adult choir at church and serves as a worship team leader as well as a soloist and pianist for church services, weddings and funerals.

She was asked to join the RMG board this past year and to co-chair the scholarship competition. Combining her love for music with the skills needed for this position, such as writing the SEMAC grant application and budget planning, made this board position a good fit for her.

Julianne certainly enjoys working with Sharon Schmoll and they both enjoyed working together along with the many volunteers, at the recent 2015 51st Annual RMG Scholarship Competition!

New! Upcoming offering by Rochester Music Guild ~

Young Musician Master Class – Cornerstones of the RMG mission have been both the annual RMG Scholarship Competition. and the Lunch & Learn programs offered throughout the year. We're excited to share with membership that we've begun planning to extend our educational outreach in 2015/16 by introducing master class opportunities for young musicians. More details will follow as this program takes shape.

Meet Board Member Sharon Schmoll

Retired Computer "Scientist", choir engaged, number cruncher!

Sharon's interest in music basically spans her lifetime. She was born in Indianapolis, to parents who both loved and supported music



as well as participating firsthand. Prior to her fourth birthday her family moved to a small town in southwest Iowa, which Sharon identifies as the town where she was raised. Her mother played piano and sang in the church choir. She also directed the church choir for many years, and sang for weddings and funerals. Her father loved music and supported all efforts. Sharon began studying piano at age seven.

During high school she played clarinet in the school band as well as in small ensemble group. High school years also found her in the school chorus, madrigal group, vocal ensembles and soloist vocal parts. Following her public school education she went on to Drake University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree. She continued in band during college years, along with participating in Choir and University Chorus.

Since coming to Rochester she was a member of the Robert Oudal Chorale for many years, then spent about 15 years with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. Sharon served on the Board of the Rochester Symphony Chorale for several years. She continues her involvement with that organization through serving on committees. She has taught piano lessons for over 35 years.

Though Sharon's husband is "not musical [at all]" she feels very fortunate that he supports her interests. Their children played band instruments but admittedly did show more interested in athletics.

Over a number of years Sharon has become very interested in music therapy noting that research has shown how music can enhance the quality of life for seniors recovering from strokes, those with Alzheimer's, and positively affect palliative care in controlling pain and comfort levels. While she still teaches a few piano lessons she is nearing the next chapter in life...... retirement.

Originally it was a teaching job, at the middle school level, that brought Sharon to Rochester after college. We are fortunate to have her talents here in Rochester and now on the RMG board as Scholarship co-chairperson.

For the latest information on the activities of the Rochester Music Guild, check out our website:

rochestermusicguild.org

Webmaster: DeAnn Spencer

Lunch & Learn

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The 2014-2015 Lunch & Learn programs hosted two successful programs this past Fall followed by three in the first quarter of 2015! If you missed these, now is the time to mark your calendar for these final opportunities.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 - 7-8 pm at Zumbro Lutheran Church (624 Third Ave SW, Rochester) - An Evening with Vocal Essence Cantare! Join VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! Composers, Rodrigo Cadet and Novelli Jurado, as they discuss their lives as composers in Mexico, share highlights from their works, and perform. ¡Cantaré! in Rochester is a program designed to bring the talents of composers from Mexico directly into Minnesota classrooms. Cadet and Jurado are working with elementary, high school, and community choral singers in Rochester, exploring Mexican cultural and choral music traditions. The program will culminate in the performance of music compositions by the above composers on April 27th at Bethel Lutheran Church. To learn more about VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! in Rochester and for the biographies of the composers please **¡CANTARÉ! IN ROCHESTER**

Friday, May 8, 2015 - 11:30 am -12:45 pm at Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW, Rochester), featuring violinist Midori Goto. Note: you are invited to arrive at <u>10:30 am</u> for <u>social hour</u> followed by the Guild's <u>annual meeting</u> prior to the presentation by Midori. Lunch will follow with a \$10 catered lunch or bag lunches welcome. To purchase lunch contact Corey Henke at lunch@rochestermusicguild.org or 507-696-2023 (see page 2 for complete agenda).

The Rochester Music Guild is proud to welcome internationally acclaimed violinist Midori to our Lunch & Learn program. Midori will present on a topic of her choice and perform on the violin. Japa-

nese-born violinist Midori Goto, most often know simply as Midori, made her professional debut with the New York Philharmonic at the age of 11 and has since gone on to international acclaim as a soloist and recording artist. She has used her fame to found a series of successful not-for-profit organizations aimed at bringing music education to underprivileged children. In recognition of such activities, in 2007 she was named a UN Messenger of Peace. Midori visits Rochester for a weeklong residency with SEMYO and the Rochester Symphony Orchestra

culminating in solo performances with each ensemble. For more information on Midori's schedule of activities please visit **www.semyo.org**/

Saturday, May 9th, 2015 — 7:30 pm — John Marshall High School "Midori Plays Brahms" with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra (read more at http://www.rochestersymphony.org/)

Benefits of Rochester Music Guild Membership include:

Lyra Baroque concerts - free admission to any concert*

Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale - 10% discount on season subscription (cannot be combined with other discounts)*

SEMYO - discount of \$2 per adult or student/senior ticket or \$5 per family ticket*

Ticket raffle for members joining by a specified date (TBD for 2015) including RSOC, Choral Arts Ensemble, Honors Choir and SEMYO

Welhaven Music - 10% discount on accessories (NEW for 2015-2016!)

*To obtain discounts, members just need to inform the organization that they are a RMG member.







Bravo!

Garden of Note...coming now (hopefully Spring is as well)!

Yes, winter is coming to an end, and soon it will be time for playing in the garden. I know this gardener is very happy about that! The Rochester Music Guild "Garden of Note" Sargeants voucher sale will begin this year on March 27th. This early start will give you a chance to buy a beautiful Easter lily or bulb for yourself or your favorite gardener who can't wait to dig in the dirt and needs a little Spring in the house. If you missed us at the Lunch and Learn on March 27, or at the recent Rochester Symphony Orchestra concert a form is attached for you to place a voucher order. Vouchers are \$25 which the bearer uses to purchase \$25 worth of "Spring" at either of the Sargeants stores. Sounds pretty simple, right? The real magic comes when Sargeants donates 20% of all the sales to the Rochester Music Guild. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and allows us to continue to support the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, the Scholarship competition, and many other music groups in the area. In addition voucher purchases can be made by calling Carol Thompson at 254-0103 or

email garden@rochestermusicguild.org.

(As in years past, Music Guild members will also be selling the vouchers directly to friends/ family. Contact April Horne at 288-0991 if you would like to help sell.) Think Spring!

Herberger's Community Days Final Report

RMG participated in Herberger's Community Days last November, selling \$5 coupon books to members as well as at the store during the sale. Thanks to Carol Thompson, Pamela Haase, and Barbara Eakins, this fundraiser was a great success. There were **120** RMG members that purchased coupon books for themselves or that were donated to local charities. A total of **95** purchased coupon books were donated to Salvation Army (40), Goodwill (20), United Way (10), Women's Shelter (10), Ronald McDonald House (10), and Catholic Charities (5). A total of **\$2005.00** was raised by RMG through the sale of **401** coupon books. In addition, Herberger's sent RMG a bonus check (which is based on books sold and total sales during Community Days) for **\$576.23** in early January 2015 so, all totaled, the Herberger's fundraiser brought in **\$2581.23**. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraising event.

Upcoming Events (Rochester, unless noted)

Fri, April 10, Rochester Male Chorus: *Big Sing Individual Choirs*, Bethel Lutheran Church, 6 pm (free)

Sat April 11, Rochester Chamber Music Society: *The Ancia Saxophone Quartet*, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm (free) Sat, April 11, Rochester Male Chorus: *Big Sing Massed Choirs*, Mayo Civic Center, 7 pm **Thurs, April 16**, Rochester Music Guild's Lunch & Learn: *Evening with Vocal Essence ¡Cantaré! Composers*, Zumbro Lutheran Church, 7 pm (free) **Fri, April 17**, Young Musicians of SE Minnesota, FirstUnitarianUniversalistChurch,7 pm(free) **Sun, April 19**, Festival of Music Series: *Isabelle Demers, Concert Organist, Baylor University, Waco TX*, First Presbyterian Church, (freewill offering)

Sat, May 2, Duo Recital: *Of Heaven and Earth – Nora O-Sullivan and Marissa Brengman Hansen*, 7:30 pm, Church of St. John the Evangelist (freewill offering)

Wed, May 6, SEMYO Practice Technique Seminar with Midori, Congregational Church, 9 am Wed, May 6, SEMYO: SEMSA group class with Midori, Congregational Church, 3:30-7 pm Thurs, May 7, SEMYO: Master Classes with Midori, Congregational Church, 3-5:30 & 6:30–9 pm Fri, May 8, RMG's Annual Meeting and program with violinist Midori (details pg 2) Fri, May 8, Lyra Baroque Orchestra: The Soul of Genius–Mozart and his World, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm, (free to RMG members)

Fri/Sat, May 8 & 9, Choral Arts Ensemble: Gala 30th Anniversary Concert, Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights, 7:30–9 pm Sat, May 9, SEMYO: public presentation w/ Midori, Rochester Public Library, 1:30 pm Sat May 9, Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale: Midori Plays Brahms, John Marshall High School, 7:30 pm

Sun, May 10, SEMYO: Gala 35th Anniversary Concert w/Midori, John Marshall High School, 2 pm



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