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Letter From Our President

Let me introduce myself as the RMG president for 2018-2019. I was born and raised in

Rochester and have been attending musical events since my parents took me to the Minneapolis (not Minnesota) Orchestra concerts, starting at about age eight. Since returning to the city in 1993, I have been a member of the Choral Arts Ensemble and the Rochester Symphony Chorale and have been on the boards of both organizations. Even more fun is looking down the roster of prior RMG presidents and board members and recognizing my parents' and my friends who have served. It's humbling to following in their footsteps.

My efforts for the coming year will be concentrated on increasing awareness of good work the Guild does in the community. This is possible by publicizing the things we do best: the scholarship competition, and the lunch-time concerts (Lunch and Learn). Similarly, RMG helps support Honk, Squeak, Boom, a significant way to introduce the next generation of music lovers to

their future, favorite instruments. I hope to grow the membership in the younger demographic, providing support and energy for our future efforts.

Please read through our newsletter to discover the upcoming Lunch & Learn opportunities, music events, and other music supported by the Guild. Information is always available on our website at <https://rochestermusicguild.org> where you will find a calendar of music events, Lunch & Learn events, listings of non-profit music organizations, directories of music instructors and accompanists, scholarship competition information, past newsletters, board members, and other information.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rochester Music Guild. It is through your membership, donations, and fundraiser participation that we are able to accomplish our mission. Please renew your membership and consider increasing your donation to our wonderful organization. Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

Andrew Good, Rochester Music Guild President

Scholarship News—2018

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Congratulations go out again to all the 2018 Scholarship Competition Winners! Please save the date for the 55th Annual Scholarship Competition! The event will take place the weekend of March 9-10th, 2019, with the capstone recital taking place Sunday, April 28th, 2019! We welcome and depend on our volunteers! Please contact Tessa Sawchuk at 507-884-7534 or sawchuk@live.com if you would like to be involved in Rochester's premier young artist's competition! More detailed information about last year's winners, the history of the RMG Scholarship Competition, and how you can get more involved can be found at our website: <https://rochestermusicguild.org/scholarship-competition/>



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You're done! That's all there is to it. Thanks for your support!

Rochester Music Guild Grants Announced

The Rochester Music Guild is pleased to be able to support many local music organizations. For 2018, Rochester Music Guild gave a total of \$4,000 in grants to these local music organizations:

Choral Arts Ensemble

Honors Choirs of SE Minnesota

Dover Eyota Music Association

Southeastern Minnesota Suzuki Association

Bella Voce Young Women's Choir

Rochester Community Band

Rochester Chamber Music Society

Zumbro Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines

Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra

Grant Recipient Organization spotlight— Dover Eyota Music Association and the SE MN a Cappella Festival

The Rochester Music Guild is a key supporter of the 8th annual SE MN a Cappella Festival. On November 17th at the Mayo Civic Center, more than 400 high school singers from around SE MN will participate in a full-day of workshops with college and professional clinicians. In addition to the workshops, each participating high school choir will receive a private coaching session conducted by members of the award-winning ensemble, Cantus. All choirs, including college and community ensembles, will have the opportunity to perform in one of three concerts held throughout the day.

For the first time, the event will include visual art. High school art students are collaborating with community artists to create an immersive experience based on the concept “Alone Together,” the theme of Cantus’s fall concert—exploring our common humanity and our ability to build connections through music, poetry, and art in a world of increasing divisions.



Cantus will appear at the Rochester Civic Center on 11/17 along with high school, college and community ensembles as part of the 8th annual SE MN a Cappella festival. All-concert passes are \$12 for adults and attendance is free for students. A list of participating ensembles, schedules for all concerts and ticket information can be found at www.SEMNaCappella.org. You will also find a full list of sponsors, including Rochester Music Guild.

For additional information, contact info@SEMNaCappella.org

Education Opportunities—Lunch and Learn

The RMG Education is excited to present the new season of education programming.

Each month, musicians perform a free, noontime program in Rochester. An optional lunch is available 30 minutes prior to the program.

11:30 am – Lunch
12:00-1:00 pm – FREE program

\$10 catered lunch – bag lunches welcome
To reserve a lunch, e-mail education@rochestermusicguild.org or call 507-218-1084 and leave a message.

The Rochester Music Guild thanks Christ United Methodist Church, Charter House, Zumbro Lutheran Church, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for their support of the music education mission of Rochester Music Guild.

We have a diverse group of presenters for Lunch & Learn including: jazz trombone, new-classical strings, traditional wind-powered music, flutes of every shape and size, cartography & music, the ruminations of Jere Lantz, a Trio with “none of Brahms’ influence”, and more trumpets than you have ever seen on one stage. <https://rochestermusicguild.org/lunch-learn/>

On Sunday, October 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., we will be presenting a **Youth Musician Workshop: Experience the Alexander Technique** with Tally Hall, M.AmSAT.

The Alexander Technique is a way to organize yourself for optimal functioning. You learn to let go of unnecessary tension (un-squash yourself!) so you can integrate your posture, movement and breathing in all your activities. All ages are welcome. <https://rochestermusicguild.org/education/workshops/>

Scott Kruse
Education Chair
education@rochestermusicguild.org

Lunch and Learn—The OK Factor
Noon, Friday, October 12, 2018
Zumbro Lutheran Church – Fireside Room

Olivia Diercks and Karla Colahan, cellist and violinist of the new-classical crossover duo, The OK Factor, have one word to describe their musical connection: lucky. Organic and genuine, their original compositions feel both comfortingly familiar and uniquely fresh, and have been described as “genre-bending” (Julie Amacher, MPR) and “pure magic” (Wausau Pilot & Review). The OK Factor will be performing with Choral Arts Ensemble on October 13 in Rochester & October 14 in Winona.



Laura MacKenzie—Master Folk Artist
Noon, Friday, November 9, 2018
Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester MN

Laura has learned from many noted tradition bearers on both sides of the Atlantic, and has herself been recognized as a Master Folk Artist (Minnesota State Arts Board).

Rochester Flute Choir
Noon, Friday, December 7, 2018
Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester MN

The mission of the Rochester Flute Choir is to provide quality live chamber music for the citizens of Southeastern Minnesota. They aim to educate listeners and performers about the styles and historical backgrounds of the works they perform as well as the instruments in the flute family.

Musical Geography: Mapping Place and Movement Throughout Music History
Noon, Friday, January 11, 2019
Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester MN

This project was inspired by a deceptively simple question: what can maps tell us about music history? Prepare yourself for a multimedia journey through 1920s Paris

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

Webmaster: Scott Kruse

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Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

A note from Maestro Jere Lantz...

The first half of the Rochester Symphony's 2018-2019 season has us doing things we've never done before. We start with a concert called *Frankenstein!* Mary Shelley's novel of that name appeared on January 1, 1818, so we're saying "Happy 200th!" For his *Ancient Airs and Dances*, Respighi took some fragments that were considered dead and brought them back to life: guitar dances from centuries are reshaped for modern orchestra. Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre*'s violin solo is the devil making witches dance to his tune. We close the first half with a brand-new piece by Rochester's own Sebastian Modarelli. Sebastian calls it simply *Frankenstein* and it's full of mystery, fright and fun. A world premiere by one of our own!

On November 10, we stop in at Mayo Civic Center's Presentation Hall for our Armistice Day Centennial. We salute all who have served and offer special memories of the times and tunes of World War I. We'll do Samuel Barber's immortal *Adagio for Strings* plus two gorgeous tributes by John Williams from *War Horse* and *Saving Private Ryan*.

We'll have a lot of fun with the silly songs sung by the WWI soldiers and we'll bring back our young old friend, pianist Andrew Staube, to play a piece composed for a soldier who lost his arm during the War to End All Wars—Ravel's magnificent *Concerto for the Left Hand*.

Finally, we're back at Lourdes on December 8 and 9 for our annual *Sounds of the Season*. We've got a sleigh ride from Russia, folk song from Spain, drinking song from Bohemia, hymn from Austria, and carols galore from Finland, Germany, England, France, Ukraine, Sweden, Denmark, Africa, the Caribbean, and, of course, America. We'll cover the globe in holiday cheer.

I look forward to seeing you all at what looks to me to be a great season as We bring great music to life!

RMG Named Endowment Funds Continue to Grow

In the past ten years, RMG has gone from five named endowment funds with a total of about \$38,000 to nine named endowment funds with a total of over \$137,000. The majority of this growth occurred during the RMG 50th anniversary year, 2014. In addition, since the 2014 anniversary year, donations to the named endowment funds have been made by Rick & Jan Kvam and by Joe & Lois Duffy. The RMG named endowment funds will provide RMG with a perpetual source for awarding the winners of the annual RMG music scholarship competition as well as awards to outstanding high-school musicians. Current named endowment funds include:

- Dr. William & Nancy Douglas Family fund - for winners in Senior Piano division
- Georgia Daniel fund - for winners in Senior Strings division
- Dr. Robert & Gloria D. Swanson fund - for winners in Senior Brass/Winds division
- Sally Duffy fund - for winners in Senior Voice division
- Dr. John Hamilton Edmonson fund - for winners in Senior Voice division
- Dr. Howard & Peggy Anderson fund - for winners in Junior Piano division
- Tom & Sue Spackman fund - for winners in Junior Strings division
- Philip & Catherine Karsell Family fund - for winners in Junior Brass/Winds division
- Carol & Sidney Suddendorf fund - for High School outstanding musicians

The High School Award was originally designated for Mayo and John Marshall high schools where Sidney taught music. We are currently seeking sponsors for named scholarships for Century High School or other Rochester-area high schools. A founding gift of \$5,000 (or more) will establish an award in perpetuity in the donor's name for one outstanding musician at the designated high school.

RMG members interested in contributing to an existing endowment fund or creating a new endowment fund can contact the RMG Treasurer by sending an email to treasurer@rochestermusicguild.org.



Garden of Note

The 2018 Garden of Note Sale began in early April with several sales opportunities at Guild events such as Lunch and Learns and Rochester Symphony Orchestra concerts.

Eighteen Guild members also began to sell Sargents vouchers at that time. Even though the Spring weather was less than what we would have enjoyed, the purchase of vouchers was brisk. This year's sellers were Ginny Amundson, Virginia Anderson, Heidi Bardsley, Nancy Brubaker, Terry Calvert, Barbara Chase, Shirley Edmonson, Alan Hanson, April Horne, Paula Horner, Ann Judisch, Judy Kereakos, Scott Kruse, Joyce Lewis, Edna Mezacapa, Sharon Schmoll, Glenn and Ella VanLaningham and Diane Witzig.

Our top sellers were Diane Witzig, Nancy Brubaker, Barbara Chase and Judy Kereakos. Our thanks to Ella VanLaningham for doing a fabulous job of maintaining the computer records, catching duplicate names and so forth.

The profit for use in the Guild programs for 2018 was \$6357. Thank you everyone for your participation and support.

Ginny Amundson and Judy Kereakos, Co-Chairs

Upcoming events—

For additional details, go to rochestermusicguild.org/calendar/

Thurs, Sept 20 – 7 p.m.

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra – Lourdes High School Fine Arts Auditorium – \$19 – \$39 <http://www.brownbagtickets.com>

Fri, Sept 21 – Noon

JC Sanford Trio – Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester – FREE!

Sat, Sept 22 – 7 p.m.

Crossings Concert at the State Theatre: The New Standards – \$22 in advance, \$26 at the door

Sat, Sept 29 – 7 p.m.

Crossings Concert at the State Theatre: Ringer Star: A Ringo Starr Tribute! – \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door

Sun, Sept 30 – 3 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Daehn, Organ Concert at Saint Marys Chapel – FREE!

Mon, Oct 1 – Noon

Carillon Concert – Annenberg Plaza – FREE!

Sun, Oct – 2:30 p.m.

Letizia Romiti, organ – Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Rochester – Freewill offering

Fri, Oct 12 – Noon

The OK Factor – Zumbro Lutheran Church – Fireside Room, Rochester – FREE!

Fri, Oct 12 – 7:30 p.m.

Lyra Baroque Orchestra – Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester – \$25, \$20, \$5

Vivaldi's Seven Seasons – <http://lyrabaroque.org/sevenseasons>
Sat, Oct 13 – 7:30 p.m. @ Zumbro Lutheran Church, Sun, Oct 14, 3 p.m. @ Central Lutheran Church, Winona – \$25, \$5 (student)

Choral Arts Ensemble with The OK Factor –

Sat, Oct 13 – 7:30 p.m., Sun Oct 14, 2 pm

Rochester Symphony – Lourdes High School, Rochester – \$30, \$20, \$5

Sun, Oct 14 – 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Rochester – FREE!

A Festival of Music 2018-2019 Concert Series – Season 28 – David Baskeyfield, English Organist, Rochester, New York

Sat, Oct 20 – 7:30 p.m.

Rochester Chamber Music Society – Christ United Methodist Church – FREE!

October Recollections – <http://www.rochesterchambermusic.org/>

Sun, Oct 21 – 4 p.m.

Dr. John A. Schultz, Organist – St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Rochester – FREE!

Dr. John A. Schultz, Organist

Fri, Nov 9 – Noon

Laura MacKenzie – Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester – FREE!

Sun, Nov 10 – 7:30 p.m.

Rochester Symphony – Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall, Rochester – \$30, \$20, \$5

A commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI

Sun, Nov 11 – 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Rochester – FREE!

Brass Roots Trio (piano, horn, trumpet)

Thurs, Nov 15 & Fri, Nov 16 – 7 p.m.

RAACHE Choirs' – Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester – FREE! <http://www.raachechoirs.org/>

Sat, Nov 17 – concerts at 11, 1:30 and 7p.m.

8th Annual SE MN a Cappella Festival – Mayo Civic Center – \$12 adults, students FREE!

20 ensembles including award-winning, Cantus. Concert schedule at www.SEMNaCappella.org.

Fri, Dec 7 – Noon

Rochester Flute Choir – Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester – FREE!

Fri, Dec 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Lyra Baroque Orchestra – Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester – \$25, \$20, \$5

Sat, Dec 8 – 7:30 p.m. Sun – 2 p.m.

Rochester Symphony – Lourdes High School, Rochester – \$30, \$20, \$5

Herald the holiday season at our annual extravaganza

Fri, Dec 14 & Sat, Dec 15 – 7:30 p.m., Sun, Dec 16 – 4 pm

Choral Arts Ensemble – Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights, Rochester – \$5 (student) to \$32

CAE and Honors Choirs present Christmas at Assisi

Fri, Jan 11 – Noon

Dr. Louis Epstein, Musical Geography – Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester – FREE!

Guild Membership**2017 - 2018*****Life***

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We want to thank all 197 RMG members for 2017-18 and hope you all continue as RMG members for the 2018-19 season. The membership drive began in September and you can find the form on page 8 of this newsletter (the cover page for hardcopy newsletter)

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Bravo! is the official newsletter of the Rochester Music Guild. It is published to inform members and friends about our activities, which support and encourage music, music, music.

Our membership year runs from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.
The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

If you have not yet sent in your membership dues for 2018-2019 please use the form below to join us in nurturing music in the Rochester Community. Thank you!



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Print your name(s) as you would like it printed in the programs

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