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President's Note

My year as President has passed quickly. It has been an honor to work with such an outstanding group of volunteers who serve on our Board and

help with Guild activities – it is their time and energy that make the Guild what it is. Thank you all for making it such a pleasure.

It was a delight to attend the scholarship winner recital on February 19 – what a talented and promising group of young musicians! Thank you once again to Ione Schloegel for shepherding the process from initial planning and brochure production to the competition and recital. Ione has served in this position for two years and now must leave the Board for other commitments. This major effort has had a top-notch assistant for many years in Virginia Anderson who has also reached the end of her term. We are sorry to see both of them go!

Sadly, we will also miss the many contributions of Barb Frogner and Marg Carpenter who are finishing their terms. They have been serving these past few years as Board Members-at-Large, and in particular, have been the guiding hands and “artistic directors” for the decorations which have welcomed Christmas concert-goers for a number of years. In addition, Nancy Kampmeier will be stepping down as Secretary. We are grateful for the three years she has served so capably in that position.

Ruth Vigness has continued to ensure the success of our *Lunch & Learn* events even from her winter home in the sunny south. Tenor Jon Strommen Campbell, assisted by pianist Glenn Muir and baritone Merle Sav-

age, shared his joy and knowledge about the *Art of the Art Song* in March. On April 24, Maestro Jere Lantz will lead a session on the upcoming concert, *Carmina Burana*.

The Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (just recently reclaiming its “symphony” title) held a very successful Radiothon on March 18 and 19. My husband, Glenn, was my substitute in an interview portion with Jere Lantz on the Sunday when I came down with laryngitis. Thank you, Glenn, a great job representing the Guild in my place. The Guild provided treats, as well as some breads donated by Daube's, to keep up the energy of the many volunteers who helped RSOC meet its goal.

By now, you may have already purchased your *Garden of Note* vouchers so that you can begin buying the plants and accessories that will make your vision for your garden and lawn come true. Many thanks to Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins who so bravely agreed to lead this important fundraiser for the Guild this year.

Gay Segar headed up another successful Herberger's fundraiser and Sylvia Swede has continued to oversee the sale of cookbooks and note cards. Many thanks to them and to Pauli Krieger who keeps us informed about arts issues and provides the critical historical perspective on the Guild; Joyce Lewis, our superb Publications Editor; Faye Waldo, Usher Coordinator; Pauline Utzinger, Historian; and Susan Claypool, Past President.

Kay Weaver, Membership Chair, will be calling you about our invitation to join us for the Annual Meeting on May 6. Please do come! Membership renewal brochures will be mailed in June. Many thanks to Kay for taking on the membership role this year. Our fundraisers help us carry out our mission, but your membership is the essential key! Thanks to all of you.

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Tony Sertich



Top row left to right: David Shin, Joshua Rohde, Dan Woolley, Matthew Green, Rachel Dunn, Tracy Heetland
Bottom row left to right: Erica Bisby, Karen Whidden, BreAnna Hanson, Kelly Mason

Scholarship Competition

Thirty-eight young musicians competed for \$4,600 in the forty-second annual Music Guild Scholarship Competition at Rochester Community and Technical College on Saturday February 4, 2006.

Judges for the competition were: Nikki Melville (piano) from Carleton College in Northfield, MN; Glen Klotz (vocal) from Madison, WI; Troy Birdsong (strings) from Onalaska, WI; and Barbara Tristano (winds) from Winona, MN.

Karen Whidden, a piano and voice contestant from Rochester Century High School, received the Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship.

Rachel Dunn, a student at Rochester Century High School competing in strings and voice, received the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation Summer Camp Scholarship.

Other winners were:

Piano:

- Celeste Johnson, Pine Island, home school student, 1st place
- Erica Bisby, Rochester John Marshall, 2nd place
- Evan Johnson, Pine Island, home school student, 3rd place

Strings:

- David Shin, Rochester Mayo, 1st place (Georgia Daniel Memorial Scholarship)

- Joshua Rohde, Rochester Century, 2nd place
- Eugene Kim, Rochester Century, 3rd place

Vocal:

- BreAnna Hanson, Rochester, home school student, 1st place (Sally Duffy Memorial Scholarship)
- Celeste Johnson, Pine Island, home school student, 2nd place
- Dan Woolley, Rochester John Marshall, 3rd place

Winds:

- Tracy Heetland, Rochester Century, 1st place
- Kelly Mason, Rochester Mayo, 2nd place
- Matthew Green, Rochester Mayo, 3rd place

Scholarship Recital

Two weeks after the scholarship competition, on Sunday, February 19, ten of the winners appeared in recital at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Rochester. Award certificates and award money were presented to the winners by Ella Van Laningham, Rochester Music Guild president, and Majel Hall, president-elect.

Following the recital, students, accompanists, teachers, parents, and friends gathered for conversation and refreshments in the Commons Area of the church. Thanks to Virginia Anderson and Sylvia Swede for hosting the reception.

Ione Schloegel, Scholarship Chair

All members are invited!

...to the Annual Meeting of the Rochester Music Guild

Saturday, May 6, 11:30 a.m at the Zumbro Lutheran Church

- *First, a mini-recital in the Sanctuary by three of the talented winners from our scholarship competition: Celeste Johnson of Pine Island (piano and voice); her brother, Eric Johnson, (piano); and Eugene Kim, Rochester (cello).*
- *Next, we will move to the Kairos Room for fellowship and a delicious lunch of filo-wrapped salmon and spring vegetables.*
- *Finally, a short business meeting, when we will review the 2006 budget and elect our new officers.*
- *The cost is \$10.00 per person. For reservations, please call Majel Ann Hall at 282-7085.*

Majel Hall, President-Elect



Welcome to Tony Sertich

Along with its new name, the Board of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale welcomed a new Executive Director early this year, Tony Sertich. Among his many responsibilities in Rochester is a position on the Board of the Rochester Music Guild.

Tony comes to Rochester with a list of credentials in his 27 years of experience far too long to list here in detail. He has managed, produced, created, and handled most aspects of the creative arts, including the production of shows at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., and the Central Theatre in Moscow.

His work history has primarily been in Chicago and Minneapolis where he has produced and managed trade shows for several nationally known corporations, and served businesses and theaters as a consultant for special events, including annual stockholder meetings.

He served as the Executive Director in 1990-1991 for the National Theatre of the Deaf. Following a six month international tour, his award-winning theater company earned the organization a "Tony Award."

His interest in the performing arts goes back to his education at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Administration.

Tony has been very impressed by the welcome and kindness he has experienced in Rochester. The dedication of the volunteers serving the Orchestra and Chorale has been overwhelming. In particular, he referred to the Radiothon that reached its \$80,000 goal in mid-March. Supporters spent whatever time was needed to achieve that goal.

He acknowledged that the Orchestra and Chorale went through some difficult times during and since the breakup with the city; however, he believes it has done remarkably well, and now needs to focus on its strategic growth and the future – this includes staff, office arrangements, and an appropriate theater for performances. He also envisions more focus on children and families, school programs and education.

He considers it very important to work closely with the Rochester Music Guild to achieve these goals. He said we have a very loyal organization who can be depended on for many avenues of support – financial, ushering and other volunteer backing. He feels a lot of appreciation for the work of the RMG, and looks forward to a close working relationship between our organizations.

Glenn VanLaningham

Ione Schloegel

Ione arrived in Rochester to work at the Mayo Clinic in the Department of Laboratory Medicine. She retired in 1998 and became a Community Volunteer. Currently, she is Vice Chair of the County Social Services Advisory Board, Diversity Chair for the American Association of University Women, Board member for RCTC's Learning Is Forever, ex-officio on the Youth Commission of Olmsted County and a member of the League of Women Voters.



Two years ago, Shirley Edmonson asked her to serve as Scholarship Chair. She accepted because she "saw some dedicated, organized women at work" and thought she could work with them. She had never worked in the music world before, except that her daughters were piano students of Diane Toogood, and the family had always attended the Rochester Symphony and the old Minneapolis Symphony, before it became the Minnesota Orchestra.

She is mother to two daughters, Anne in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, and Sarah in Bangkok, Thailand, and grandmother to Berit and Frankie in Minnesota and Maeve in Thailand. She is caregiver to one old house cat named Ms. Kitty. Her interests include: reading, music, theater, gardening, continuing education at RCTC and visiting the children.

She has very much enjoyed working with the Guild and will continue her membership, but for now she wants to concentrate on another spring program *College Is Possible! We Can Help*. This is program designed to help high school students with no college role models to learn about college admission, financial aid, college life and what ever else they need to enter college.

Marg Carpenter

Marg's first introduction to the Rochester Music Guild was as a volunteer helping with HoNk*SquEAK*ScRaTch*BOOM! "A fun way to begin working with a great music group!" said Marg.



She became involved with the RMG Board when Judy Kereakos (at that time her supervisor at the Rochester Public Library) asked her to help with decorations for the RSOC Christmas concert. That year she joined Judy and Steve Kereakos, and Faye and Ted Waldo on the decorating committee. Besides decorating, she worked on the Board with Judy Young and Barb Frogner on the Membership Committee. She also worked with Shirley Edmonson and her committee selling Sargent's Vouchers for Garden of Note and still volunteers as a seller. In all these activities, and as a Member-at-Large for the past three years, she has enjoyed meeting and working with so many dedicated and talented volunteers and treasures the good friendships.

She looks forward to future volunteer efforts with Rochester Music Guild.

Marg and Paul have two sons, Paul J. and Joe. They inherited their parents' love of music and, along with their professions, both enjoy musical pursuits which began in grade school. Marg and Paul are also blessed with two wonderful grandsons they visit often. Marg enjoys reading to children in the Start Smart reading program with the Zumbro Valley Medical Alliance and volunteering for Community Food Response. She also loves to bake, read and garden.

Barb Frogner

Barb Frogner has been on the Rochester Music Guild Board since 2001 and has helped with Membership and as a Member-at-Large. She was immediately challenged by the call to produce accurate labels and help get mailings out when needed. Partnered by super-competent co-members, this job went well and led to new things—such as decorating Presentation Hall for the Christmas Concert. This turned out to be more like planning a party than anything else and was very enjoyable.



Barb was born and raised in Rochester, and studied piano one year with Orvis Ross (she remembers his canary) and violin with Theodore Cervania. Her older brothers studied with Sidney Suddendorf and Leroy Lidstrom.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota and roamed the world a bit, before getting her R.N. degree. She met her husband, Dave Frogner, a radio announcer at KNXR, while working at B. Dalton Bookstore. Barb worked at Rochester Methodist Hospital until 1992, when she retired to turn her attention to the upbringing of her two children, Sonja and Charlie. In 1999, as the kids went on their way, she accepted employment with an estate-planning attorney, where she continues to work.

From 5th grade on, Sonja and Charlie entered the youth music scene in Rochester, taking cello and piano lessons. They participated in SEMYO and Barb served on the Board. Charlie participated two times in the RMG scholarship competition (and was very happy with the results)!

Barb has many happy memories of working on the Music Guild Board, such as: drinking tea with friends while applying mailing labels, laughing at Christmas trees which wouldn't stand up, attending the Clara Schumann play and the 40th anniversary concert – hoping the bass player was going to make it (he did) – and rummaging around the basement of Assisi Heights for the right decorations. Barb has been stimulated by the lively minds and personalities of her fellow Board members and admires the way new projects are created and carried out by the Board. She values the friendships made over the years; confirming her initial idea that Board memberships are great places to make friends and learn new skills.



**Garden of Note
Voucher Sale**

It is spring! Time for our largest fund raiser, the Garden of Note! Rochester Music Guild volunteers will be 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 June 2 to purchase flowers, annuals, gardening tools, mulch, and more! (Exceptions include 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

Carla Nelson at 288-2159
(CarlaNelson@CarlaNelson.org)

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

*Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins,
Garden of Note Co-Chairs*

New Youth Education Program

The RMG Board is committed to establishing a new education program for youth. Marilyn Riederer has agreed to chair a committee to research options and needs interested volunteers to help. This would be a one-time commitment and involve a limited amount of time.

Ideas under consideration include a program in the schools, instrument rental financial assistance, special orchestral programs aimed at elementary-age youth ... Please call Marilyn at 281-8341 if you might be interested in this committee.



**Herberger's
Community Days**

Our participation in two Herberger's Community Days brought us a total of \$951.76, which will be dedicated to support of our scholarship and orchestral programs. Of that amount, \$660.00 was from RMG sales of coupon books. A bonus amount of \$291.76 was received from Herberger's as our share of the amount the store donated to nonprofit organizations that supplied volunteer workers on sale days.

For the November 19 event, a letter including two \$5.00 coupon books was sent to each RMG member early in November. From this event, we earned \$450.00 from booklet sales plus a bonus amount of \$95.00 for a total of \$545.00. On the day of the sale Joyce Lewis, Barbara Eakins, and Pauli Krieger generously volunteered to assist at the store.

For the March 4 event, we chose not to do a second mailing. Booklet sales totaled \$210.00. On the spring Community Day, Joyce Lewis, Majel Hall, and Gay Segar donated their time to work at the store, earning us a bonus of \$191.76.

Many thanks to those who purchased vouchers and/or gave of their time for this event. You made these events a success!

Gay Segar, Member-at-Large



**Lunch & Learn
April 24, 2006**

On April 24, Maestro Jere Lantz will once again join us for a peek at the April 29 Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale concert *Carmina Burana*. A soup and salad buffet will be served at Charter House at 11:30 and followed by the program.

The cost is \$8.50. Bring a friend. To be on the list to receive a flyer or to make a reservation, contact Ruth Vigness at 282-1788.

Ruth Vigness, Chair

Upcoming Events

April 2—June 2 2006
Garden of Note Sale
Sargent's

April 24, 2006
Lunch & Learn
Maestro Jere Lantz
Charter House

April 29, 2006
RSOC Concert
Carmina Burana
Mayo Civic Center

The *Carmina Burana* concert will include a guest youth choir. Homes are needed for Friday and Saturday nights for the choir members (13 and younger). Call Carl Schroedel at 288-7675 if you would like to help out.

May 6, 2006
11:30 a.m.
Mini-recital
Luncheon
Guild Annual Meeting
Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Avenue SW

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For more information on the Garden of Note sale, see page 5.



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I would like to buy _____ vouchers at \$25 each.

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514 7th Avenue SW
Rochester, MN 55902

**Your vouchers will be mailed to you and can be used immediately.
Vouchers will expire June 2, 2006.**

