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President's Note



Happy Spring! As I watch the vestige of our latest mid-March snow-storm melt outside my window, I am reminded how much Minnesotans cherish this season.

There is a wonderful expectation of new life, growth, and change. Our Guild, too, is poised for new experiences including one more Lunch & Learn program, RSOC's Radiothon, Garden of Note, and our May 3rd Annual Meeting. I encourage each of you to take part in any or all of these activities or to seek out one of the many musical performances occurring during this time of year.

One harbinger of spring for the Guild is our Annual Scholarship Recital. This year's event held February 17th, showcased the stellar musical talent present in our area youth. I heard so many positive comments from those in attendance. To encourage and honor such talent is truly one of our Guild's crowning achievements. Kudos to Scholarship Co-Chairs, Jackie James and Chris Parisi, for their leadership and initiative with this event.

Spring also signals the kickoff of our Garden of Note fundraiser. Once again, Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins will spearhead this effort. What a wonderful way to support the Guild while adding beauty, color, and texture to your gardens and homes! And don't forget to tune into KNXR April 12th and 13th for the RSOC's Radiothon. Guild volunteers to man the phones and supply snacks are still welcome. If you would like to help, please contact me at pres@rochestermusicguild.org

Just as the season evinces change, our board will undergo some change for next year. Our very dedicated treasurer, Glenn VanLaningham, will be stepping down from that position, but has agreed to stay on the board as an advisor to the new treasurer. Glenn has been a wonderful guardian of our financial assets and has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Guild. An individual who has considerably helped us build these assets, Gay Segar, is retiring from her position as Member-at-Large after leading us in several highly successful years of Herberger's Community Days fundraiser campaigns. Our longtime Head Usher Extraordinaire, Faye Waldo, retired at the beginning of the year. We are very grateful for Faye's years of quiet leadership in this important role which presents such a visible demonstration of the Guild's strong commitment to the RSOC. Again, thanks to Nancy Slocumb for taking on this position. Also retiring from the board are Judy and Jim Sloan who have helped document this year's Guild activities in their capacity as Historians. And, after many years of solid service, Past President, Majel Hall, and Arts Advocate, Pauli Krieger, will be leaving us for a well-deserved rest. Many thanks to all of these individuals for their time and dedication to the Guild.

This year has been filled with wonderful events due to the efforts of a great board. In addition to those mentioned above, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job Jeff Webster has done in his role as Lunch & Learn Chairperson, in addition to sharing his creativity and expertise in graphic design for many of our publications. And a BRAVO to Joyce Lewis for producing such outstanding Guild newsletters and our membership directory. Also, Rick Kiscaden has created and maintained an informative and innovative website for us, including audio excerpts from Maestro Lantz's Lunch & Learn talks! A special thanks to Secretary, Jean Gutschenritter, Member-at-Large/Sales, Naomi

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Atrubin, Member-at-Large/Volunteer Coordinator, Judy Webster, RSOC Liaison, Tony Sertich, and Membership Chairs, Kay Weaver (retired), and DeAnn Spencer (active), for their roles in keeping this organization lively and on-task. And finally, thanks to President Elect, Sue Spackman, who has already brought a fresh perspective and high energy to the Guild. I look forward to many exciting changes next year and I thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President this year.

Marilyn Riederer, President

**Lunch & Learn
April 21, 2008**



The final Lunch & Learn of the season will be held at Zumbro Lutheran Church and will feature Harpist Sister Mary Jo Baldus. Sister Mary Jo is a member of the faculty of St. Mary's University Of Minnesota.

Sister Mary Jo uses the harp in her practice of Music Therapy. Music Therapy is an established health profession in which music is used by a qualified therapist such as Sister Mary Jo to effect positive changes in the psychological, physical, cognitive, or social functioning of individuals.

Sister Mary Jo will describe and demonstrate just what Music Therapy is, how it is used with a patient, and the probable beneficial effects of the treatment. In addition, Sister Mary Jo is a great musician and one that all will enjoy listening to. Do come and enjoy.

Lunch, catered by Daube's, will be served at Zumbro Lutheran Church at 11:15 a.m., with program to follow at 12:15 p.m. Make lunch reservations with Esther Pfeifer (507-282-5383).

Jeff Webster, Lunch & Learn Chair

**Remember to check out our website
rochestermusicguild.org
Webmaster: Rick Kiscaden
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*Please join us
for the Annual Meeting of the
Rochester Music Guild*

*Saturday, May 3, 11:30 a.m.
at the Zumbro Lutheran Church*

First, a mini-recital in the Sanctuary by some of the talented winners from our scholarship competition

Next, a delightful lunch of Chicken Florentine provided by Fred Regal in the Kairos Room

Finally, a short business meeting, when we will review the 2008 budget and elect our new officers.

The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Make reservations by April 28.

For reservations, please contact Sue Spackman at 288-7879 (or by e-mail at: momspackman@hotmail.com).



**Herberger's
Community Days**



Our March 1st event was a great success! Special thanks to Marilyn Riederer for her outstanding efforts in helping us reach our goal and also to

Chris Parisi for her generous support on behalf of our scholarship program. Total booklet sales were \$860.00 with a bonus received from Herberger's of \$245.55.

On the day of the sale Sue Spackman, Jeff Webster, Barbara Eakins, and Gay Segar donated their time to sell booklets at the store. Many thanks to those of you who purchased booklets and/or gave of your time for this event. Thanks to you, we will have over \$1,100.00 to support our educational programs and scholarships as well as the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale.

Gay Segar, Member-at-Large

Scholarship Winners Recital

The Rochester Music Guild held its annual Winners Recital on Sunday, February 17, at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester. The first, second, and third place winners* of the Young Musicians Scholarship Competition, which was held Saturday, February 2, performed for a large audience of parents, Guild members, and friends, impressing all in attendance with their exceptional talents and musicianship. Following the performances, award certificates and scholarship checks were presented to the winners. A reception in their honor then concluded the event. We extend our hearty congratulations once again to the winners of this year's competition.

Carter Douglas Memorial PIANO Division

First Place: **Meghan Chopp;** student of Horacio Nuguid; daughter of Steve & Jill Chopp

Second Place: **Michael Wang;** student of Horacio Nuguid; son of Hai-Long Wang & Fei Xang

Third Place: **Farzan Fatemi;** student of Horacio Nuguid; son of Azra & Mostafa Fatemi

Honorable Mention:

Caitlin Johnson; student of Horacio Nuguid; daughter of Michael & Wendy Johnson

Evan Johnson; student of Sue Leonard; son of Dave & Suzy Johnson

Sarah Stevens; student of Gretchen Wilson; daughter of Mark & Julie Stevens

Georgia Daniel Memorial STRINGS Division

First Place: **Rafael Nuguid** (violin); student of Ray Shows; son of Horacio & Rosanna Nuguid

Second Place: **Aaron Anderson** (violin); student of Linda Thompson; son of Alfred & Laura Anderson

Third Place: **Hanna Kim** (violin); student of Charles Gray & Linda Thompson; daughter of Sung Kim & Eun Lee

Honorable Mention:

Lukas Matern (cello); student of Hong Wang; son of Dietrich & Laura Matern

Annemarie Ryu (violin); student of Jonathan Magness; daughter of Jay Ryu & Patricia Pellikka

Carl Schroedel Memorial WINDS Division

First Place: **Aubrey Lenz** (flute); student of Kay Sahlin; daughter of Craig & Karen Lenz

Second Place: **Minsoo Kim** (clarinet); student of Joanne Polley; son of Bohyun & Ji-Yun Kim

Third Place: **Kaysie Peterson** (French horn); student of Sue Martino; daughter of Bruce & Lori Peterson

Honorable Mention:

Nishanth Peethambaram (flute); student of Cathy Arhelger; son of Prema Peethambaram

John Woog (trombone); student of Jay Millman; son of John J. Woog & Maryanna Destro



Front row (left to right): Sarah Stevens, Aubrey Lenz, Rafael Nuguid, Meghan Chopp, Meghan Kelly
Middle row (left to right): Aaron Anderson, Michael Wang, Hanna Kim, Melanie Josselyn, Minsoo Kim
Back row (left to right): Anna Philbrick, Farzan Fatemi, Nishanth Peethambaram,

Sally Duffy Memorial VOICE Division

First Place: **Meghan Kelly;** student of Sharon Olson; daughter of Mike & Mary Kelly

Second Place: **Allison Alpers;** student of Sharon Olson; daughter of Tim & Pam Alpers

Third Place: **Melanie Josselyn;** student of Sharon Olson; daughter of Bob & Marie Josselyn

Honorable Mention:

Maribeth Kelly; student of Sharon Olson; daughter of Mike & Mary Kelly

Anna Philbrick; student of Ceresa Caudill; daughter of Kemuel & Elizabeth Philbrick

*Honorable mention winner John Woog performed in the recital by invitation because Kaysie Peterson, third place winner in the Winds Division, was unable to participate.

Jackie James, Scholarship Co-Chair

Art Walk

Thursday, April 3
7-10 p.m.

You are invited to stop by the
RSOC office
at 400 South Broadway, Suite 100
when we take part in the monthly
"Art Walk"
sponsored by the
Rochester Downtown Alliance.

The Art Walk begins at the
Rochester Art Center on Civic Center Drive;
Art Walker maps and more details
will be available at
www.downtownrochestermn.com



Meet Board Members Jeff and Judy Webster A "Two-fer"

Joining the RMG Board of Directors last year were Jeff and Judy Webster, a husband and wife team who jumped in with both feet – or all four, I should say – by bringing some new ideas and new energy to the board. Jeff undertook the task of the Lunch & Learn Program, and

Judy became an at-large member with responsibility for volunteers.

Jeff had some new ideas right away for Lunch & Learn – adding a program during the year, and enticing some out-of-town presenters. He believed this could increase the attendance, and thus enhance the RMG goal of music education. The winter presentation by Paul Vance, our orchestra's principal cellist and professor of music at Winona State University, was a big success, bringing in a large and very appreciative audience. A group of students even came. Watch for coming Lunch & Learn programs – they look outstanding.

Judy is responsible for scheduling volunteers for many of the RMG programs. She has the membership applications from each member, showing the ways in which they believe they can help.

Jeff grew up in Rochester, the son of an architect and builder who moved the family from Idaho when Jeff was quite young. Although admitting to his last chair status, Jeff played viola in the Rochester Youth Orchestra. This early experience gave him a life-long love affair with music, and all of the performing arts. Following his graduation from John Marshall High School, Jeff attended the Minneapolis School of Art, and returned to Rochester to work for the Mayo Clinic as an illustrator. Subsequent positions took him to the University of Minnesota, the University of Calgary, Control Data Corporation, and Idaho State University. In all locations he served as an artist in public relations. He also taught at the three universities where he worked.

During their period of time in the western part of the country, Jeff was a board member of several organizations related to the performing arts, including the Calgary Symphony and the Idaho State Symphony. He was involved in setting up the Grand Teton Music Festival in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Judy was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and graduated from high school in Montevideo, Minnesota. She trained as a nurse at the Methodist Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester and subsequently worked in neurology at the Mayo Clinic. Judy and Jeff met while both were at Mayo. They were married in 1965. During their western ventures, Judy ran an EEG lab in Pocatello, Idaho. She stopped working from time to time to rear two children – daughter Marjorie, a physician in California, and son Eric, an Air Force pilot and engineer working in Milwaukee. Judy and Jeff have four grandchildren.

The family returned to Minnesota in 1979 to form their own professional consulting firm in marketing and advertising, a business they have operated for 29 years. Jeff handles the design and marketing while Judy manages the administration. They work out of their home, a former country store that came with a farm, located near Harmony. Jeff is currently semi-retired, and shares a lot of his time and experience with voluntary organizations. He has published numerous articles about graphic arts and advertising, and currently spends a great deal of time on environmental issues. He is a member of the Agricultural Retirees in St. Paul, and has been a speaker at several of their events, and at conferences in other areas of the country. He has received numerous national and international awards for his work in design, advertising, and environmental concerns.

Judy currently works as a librarian with the Fillmore Central Schools. She is in her second term as a member of the SELCO board, an eleven-county library cooperative. Judy loves cooking, reading, gardening, and travel. She enjoys arranging "gourmet" dinners. Jeff enjoys the eating part. Both enjoy their country life and their many Amish neighbors. They grow most of their own food, heat with wood, and can be quite self-sufficient. They enjoy physical work. Travels have taken them to Europe and the Pacific region.

Putting their environmental concerns to practice, they volunteered together as rangers in the Grand Teton National Park this past summer. Jeff is also an officer in the Sierra Club.

Both Jeff and Judy are enthusiastic about their roles in the RMG, and hope they may play a part in increasing participation and appreciation of music in the area.

Glenn VanLaningham

Meet Board Member DeAnn Spencer



DeAnn joined the RMG board last winter as Membership Chair, filling the gap left when Kay Weaver retired. However, she also signed up for an even bigger job – next year, she and Sue Spackman will serve as co-presidents of the Guild! DeAnn and Sue have served together on several boards over the years in Rochester, and will work out the details of this "job-sharing" arrangement as they go. Both are very very busy women and we are very lucky they are willing to take on this responsibility together!

DeAnn has served once or twice on just about every art board in the city, including SEMYO, Honors Choir, SEMSA, and Children's Dance Theatre. She was the founder of the Children's Dance Theatre and has been involved in "anything to do with art" in Rochester over the past 30 years.

Growing up in northern Utah, DeAnn attended Utah State University before transferring to the University of Washington at Seattle where she completed her degrees. She and her husband moved to Rochester shortly after graduation, when he took a job with IBM. Their five children were all born and raised here, and after 30 years Rochester definitely feels like home.

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A musician all her life, DeAnn has taught violin (Suzuki method) in Rochester for many years, and has been a regular attendee at the winners' recital of the Rochester Music Guild scholarship competition. Many of her students and several of her children have participated in the Guild's scholarship competition. DeAnn considers this a "wonderful program" for young musicians, and is happy to be playing an important role on the RMG board.

Joyce Lewis, Publications Chair



Meet Board Member Sue Spackman

Sue is the other half of our "co-presidents" team for next year. She says her major qualification for the job is her love of music: "I love good music and have had lots of exposure to good music." Actually Sue has other qualifications as well; she has

been involved in many volunteer activities in Rochester, including a term as President of the SEMYO board.

Sue's exposure to good music began in her childhood. She grew up in a little town in Alberta, Canada, the youngest of six children in a very musical family. They gathered around the piano in their home, where some played and all sang. Her parents loved music, especially classical music, which was the only music allowed to be played on Sundays. Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Debussy, Ravel, Handel, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven -- many great classical composers comprised their "Sunday music."

But Sue says her musical education really began with her five children. Her husband is both a pianist and an organist, but their children introduced them to strings. All five children play at least one instrument, and they include two violin players, one violist, and one cellist. Sound like a string quartet? You bet! Other instruments include classical guitar, percussion, piano, and organ. Four children played in SEMYO; three were in Honors Choir (which wasn't in existence in time for the oldest). All the children supported their high school music programs; one was in choir, orchestra and band in the same year. Two of the children won Music Guild scholarships; their daughter was a three-time winner and was asked to return to Rochester from Southern California to perform for the Guild's 40th anniversary celebration in 2004.

Sue recalls several musical highlights of her life. First and most poignant, when her children's string quartet played their own arrangement of "Beautiful Savior" for the funeral of one of their first cousins. Another highlight was when her husband and sons sang a barbershop quartet, and received a rousing ovation from an audience of some 500 people. Sue says "it's wonderful when you see your values of music transferred to your children."

Other musical highlights include an all-trumpet concert at Sainte Chapelle in Paris ("I didn't even know I liked trumpet music!") and a performance of the Nutcracker at New York's Lincoln Center. The Nutcracker was performed by the NY Philharmonic and by "Jazz At Lincoln Center" with Wynton Marsalis, first one group playing, then the other. It was an amazing performance,

but even more amazing was the impromptu session at the end. Some of the audience had already left, but Sue and her husband were still in their seats when some of the jazz players moved over to the Philharmonic and the Philharmonic conductor moved to the piano and they just started "jamming." Certainly a night to remember!

Clearly, music has been and always will be a central part of the Spackman family life. Sue sums up her philosophy as "good music enhances the quality of your life." We are looking forward to Sue's leadership next year as the Rochester Music Guild continues "promoting and enhancing music in our community!"

Joyce Lewis, Publications Chair

Radiothon April 12 & 13



It's almost that time again - Radiothon 2008 will be hosted live on KNXR 97.5 FM radio on Saturday, April 12 (10am-7pm) and Sunday, April 13 (11am-8pm).

Please tune in to:

- Enjoy highlights from past RSOC concerts
- Catch the unveiling of the 2008-09 concert season
- Listen to conversations between popular radio hosts & your friends in the community
- Keep tabs on our progress toward raising \$90,000
- And most important, pledge your support!

This vital fundraiser is being hosted for the 13th year by KNXR 97.5 FM. All those who pledge to Radiothon immediately become eligible to win one of two exciting grand prize packages:

1. A classical music summer festival series ticket package for two, featuring violinist Joshua Bell's performance at the Winona Beethoven Festival.
2. "Best of Rochester" entertainment package, including a wide selection of tickets and gifts from several local arts and performance organizations.

Grand Prize winners will be announced on-air during the event. Cash contributions are tax deductible.

New this year, we will also be hosting an **online auction** of select items, with all proceeds donated to Radiothon. Auction items will be available to view from our website beginning April 1, 2008. Please visit www.rochestersymphony.org for more details.

You can download an Early Bird Pledge form from our website, or call 507-286-8742 during Radiothon 2008, April 12 & 13, to pledge your support for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale. Your pledge makes it possible for us to continue to provide inspiring music and educational opportunities for our community.

Laurie Mona
RSOC Marketing Director

80th Birthday Celebration

OPEN HOUSE

for

Pauli Krieger



DATE: Sunday, May 4, 2008

TIME: 2:30 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Realife Coop Great Room



No gifts, please!



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 May 30 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*

RSOC News

Don't miss the Guitarissimo Concert - Saturday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall. Pre-eminent jazz Guitarist Gene Bertoncini shows why he is master of the guitar. He shows us why the guitar is the most Hispanic of instruments while the orchestra adds its own "South of the Border" style.

Please note: In lieu of our normal pre-concert reception, Concert Sponsor Kahler Grand Hotel will be hosting a special pre-concert "Grand Finale" bash to help us wrap up our season in style! Stay tuned for more details and be sure to check out the RSOC website, www.rochestersymphony.org, for updates and more information.

Season tickets: RSOC season ticket subscribers will be receiving information soon about renewal for the 2008-09 season!



Aspiring Conductor Contest

The Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale's second annual "Aspiring Conductor" Fund-raiser is well underway, with five contestants vying for the opportunity to conduct the RSOC for one piece at the April 26 "Guitarissimo" concert.

The five individuals competing in this year's Aspiring Conductor contest are:

Cynthia Daube, of Daube's Bakery and Jasper's Alsatian Bistro and Wine Bar

Les Fields of the Turkey River All Stars

Jan Hoag, account manager at Venture Computer Systems

John Kruesel, of Kruesel's General Merchandise and Auction Company

Bruce Rohde, Division Chair, Facilities Project Services, Mayo Clinic

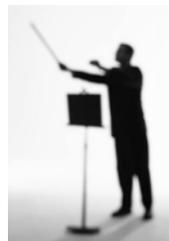
The Aspiring Conductor campaign is designed to raise funds for the RSOC while giving the opportunity to five creative individuals to compete for the chance to conduct the symphony for one piece during the April 26 "Guitarissimo" concert.

Votes are one dollar each, to be cast between February 2 and April 14. Ballots and donations will be collected at the RSOC office at 400 S Broadway, Suite 100, Rochester. We encourage ballot box stuffing - vote early, vote often, and feel free to vote for more than one candidate. Contestants have been encouraged to assemble their own campaign teams to devise unique campaign strategies, using any activities that are legal and in good taste.

The candidate who tallies the most votes will wield the baton as the 2008 Aspiring Conductor winner. Maestro Jere Lantz will be providing the appropriate guidance prior to their debut, so they feel comfortable during their guest appearance.

For more information about this event please call the RSOC office at 507-286-8742 or visit our website at www.rochestersymphony.org.

Laurie Mona
RSOC Marketing Director



Upcoming Events

March 29, 2008
RSOC Concert
To Heaven with Mozart
Mayo Civic Center
7:30 p.m.

April 2 - May 30, 2008
Garden of Note Sale

April 21, 2008
11:15 a.m.
Lunch & Learn
Sister Mary Jo Baldus
Harpist
Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Avenue SW

April 26, 2008
RSOC Concert
Guitarissimo
Mayo Civic Center
7:30 p.m.

May 3, 2008
Guild Annual Luncheon
Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Avenue SW

May 11, 2008
Southeastern Minnesota
Youth Orchestras
(SEMYO)
Chamber Strings Ensemble
Symphonic Winds Ensemble
Philharmonic Ensemble
Century High School
2:00 p.m.

May 11, 2008
SEMYO Concert Orchestra
Century High School
4:00 p.m.

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



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Barbara Eakins
514 7th Avenue SW
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**Your vouchers will be mailed to you and can be used immediately.
Vouchers will expire May 30, 2008.**

