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## Spring 2010

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### President's Note



With the change of seasons it's time to say hello to spring and our annual Garden of Note sale! This fundraiser offers you an opportunity to help out the Guild and still get full value for your dollars! You buy one or more \$25 Garden of Note vouchers from the Guild, and use them to purchase \$25 worth of your nursery products at Sargent's. Sargent's donates 20% to the Rochester Music Guild for each voucher. For more information, see the article on page 2 of this newsletter. An order form for vouchers is printed on the back page of the newsletter.

One of the many joys of springtime is looking forward to our long-awaited Minnesota summer! This summer, we will enjoy the second ARTigras, sponsored by the Rochester Arts Council. The purpose of ARTigras is to highlight Rochester as an arts destination and to showcase the treasury of artists and arts and cultural organizations that exist in our city. Mark your calendar for August 21 to take advantage of Rochester's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fun-filled day celebrating the Arts!

The Music Guild had a remarkable Scholarship Competition in February with a record number of entrants – 87 talented musicians competed for awards totaling \$5900. This year the Music Guild added 3 Junior Divisions in piano, strings and voice. The competition continues to offer vital recognition and support for talented young music students. We are grateful that the Music Guild can recognize these talented musicians and that our lives are enriched by hearing them perform each year at the Winners' Recital. Special thanks go to Peggy Andersen for establishing the *Howard & Peggy Andersen*

*Junior Piano Division* and to Tom & Sue Spackman for establishing the *Spackman Family Junior String Division*. These generous donations will ensure that music scholarships will continue for years to come.

Spring is also time to say farewell to retiring Music Guild Board members. The Music Guild has been enriched by the dedicated service of so many volunteers. We would like to thank Maureen Lemens who has been our Membership Chair for the past two years and George Malkasian who headed up our Grant Committee this past year. On behalf of the Rochester Music Guild, I would like to thank these individuals one last time for enriching our community through their service.

As we say good-bye to old friends, it is also time to give a welcome to our new associates. We have four wonderful members joining our Board for 2010-2011. Lois Johnson will be taking over the Membership Chair responsibilities. Pamela Haase will be an Assistant Treasurer helping Rick Kiscaden. Carol Benson and Ginny Amundson will join the Board as Members-at-Large. And lastly, Glenn VanLaningham will be serving as President for the 2010-2011 season.

My thanks go to all the members of the Music Guild – for your vision, your love of music and your support of so many musical ventures. I have loved every minute of my time on the Board – working with such remarkable people has been an energizing experience and my life is richer because of this association.

*DeAnn Spencer, President*

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**Upcoming Events**

April 2 - May 31, 2010  
*Garden of Note Sale*

April 19, 2010  
Lunch & Learn  
*John Paulson Jazz Quartet*  
*The ART of Jazz*  
Rochester Art Center  
11:30 a.m.

April 24, 2010  
RSOC Concert  
*A Night in the Tropics*  
Mayo Civic Center  
Presentation Hall  
7:30 p.m.

May 1, 2010  
*The Rose Ensemble*  
**Hawai'i Revealed:  
Music from the Soul  
of the Hawaiian Saga**  
Rochester Public Library  
10:30 a.m.

**AND**

at  
Lunch & Learn  
Charter House  
"Brown Bag" Only  
Lunch: 12:00 noon  
Program: 12:30 p.m.

May 9, 2010  
SEMYO  
*Chamber Strings,  
Symphonic Winds, and  
Philharmonic ensembles*  
Century High School  
2:00 p.m.

May 9, 2010  
SEMYO  
*Concert Orchestra*  
Century High School  
3:30 p.m.

May 24, 2010  
*Guild Annual Meeting*  
Zumbro Lutheran Church  
7:00 p.m.



**Garden of Note  
Voucher Sale**

It is spring! Time for our largest fund raiser, the Garden of Note!

Rochester Music Guild volunteers are 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 31 to purchase flowers, annuals, gardening tools, mulch, and more! (Exceptions include grills, 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

Ann Petit at 251-7889  
(Ann@PetitMusic.com)

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

*Barbara Eakins and Ann Petit*



**RMG in Cultural Legacy Partnership  
with Rochester Public Library**



Rochester Music Guild has signed on as a Partner with Rochester Public Library for a grant from the SELCO



Arts and Cultural Library Legacy Fund to bring a diversity-focused educational event of the Rose Ensemble to the Rochester community. (See the Lunch & Learn article on the next page for details on the program, **Hawai'i Revealed: Music from the Soul of the Hawaiian Saga.**)

Just a few weeks ago Vicki Ernster, Children's Programming Coordinator at Rochester Public Library, was preparing a grant request and needed to find a nonprofit community group Partner to qualify for the funds. She found the Music Guild website, recognized RMG's Arts Advocate as an active RPL volunteer, and *voilà!* The Music Guild Board warmly accepted the proposal, and then took the project a step further, working with Vicki to extend the grant request to cover an "encore show" presented as a Lunch & Learn program at Charter House.

Please contact DeAnn Spencer (507-285-1187 or pres@rochestermusicguild.org) if you are interested in any of the following opportunities to participate in this event:

- Assist in hosting either of the concerts. Duties would include welcoming concert attendees, handing out brochures or surveys, etc.
- Display or hand out informational or promotional brochures about the Rochester Music Guild to make the community aware of their organization.

Members who attend the concert will be invited to offer their evaluation of the concert to include with grant follow-up information.

How gratifying for those who worked/voted for the Minnesota Cultural Legacy Amendment in 2008 to now see the benefit extend to touch us directly!

*Sylvie Nickel, Arts Advocate*

**Sellers needed!**

Some of our older members have sold Garden of Note vouchers for many years, and now they feel it's time for some of us "younger" folks to take our turn. We have their "customer" lists, so you would be calling people who have bought the vouchers in the past, and are most likely eager to buy again this year.

The vouchers couldn't be easier to sell....they pay \$25 and they get \$25 worth of lawn and garden products, plus Sargents donates 20% of the money to the Rochester Music Guild!

We need your help. If you can take one (or a part of one) of these customer lists, please call Barbara Eakins at 288-7800 (eakinsbf@aol.com) or Ann Petit at 251-7889 (Ann@PetitMusic.com).

## Lunch &amp; Learn

The final two Lunch & Learn events will take place on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.



On Friday, April 9, come enjoy *The ART of Jazz*. Jazz is one of America's true original art forms. Come join guest artists Dr. John Paulson (shown), woodwinds; Dr. Kevin Dobbe, percussion; Larry Price, piano; Denny McGuire, bass; and Carla Thelen-Hansen, vocals, for a presentation and discussion of jazz music and improvisation. Kris Douglas, Chief Curator from the Rochester Art Center, will select corresponding visual art works by a number of "jazz-influenced" artists, which will be projected

to the music and improvisation of jazz.

This program will be catered by Daube's Bakery. The buffet lunch part of the program starts at 11:30 and is available for \$8.50, or bring a "brown bag". *Reservations for the lunch should be made by Wednesday April 7th with Phyllis Layton at 288-1197 or by email (pdodgel@aol.com — just provide your name).* The FREE program will run from 12:00 to 1:00. This program will be at the Rochester Art Center.

On Saturday, May 1, the Rochester Music Guild and Rochester Public Library are delighted to collaborate in bringing the critically acclaimed Rose Ensemble to our community. The imaginative performances of the Rose Ensemble allow listeners of all ages to experience a unique way of life through educational and musical storytelling. Hawaii's ancient heritage is revealed through its beautiful music. Audience members will have an opportunity to hear ancient oli and mele chants, paniolo (cowboy) songs of the migrant ranchers, and learn simple, but elegant hula movements.

This program, *Hawai'i Revealed: Music from the Soul of the Hawaiian Saga*, will be presented for families at the Rochester Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1. And again in our familiar Lunch & Learn venue, Charter House, at 12:30 p.m.

This will be a "brown bag" only lunch. The FREE program will run from 12:30 to 1:30.



*This event is funded by the SELCO Arts and Cultural Library Legacy Fund: The project was funded in part or in whole with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008, which dedicated funding to preserve Minnesota's arts and cultural heritage.*



*Support for the Rose Ensemble educational events is provided by Rochester Music Guild and Rochester Public Library.*

*Kevin Dobbe, Lunch & Learn Chair*



## Meet RMG Board Member Ann Petit

Ann comes by her musical talents and interests naturally – she was reared in a family of musicians, and married a man with eleven siblings, all musicians. Wow! How could she go wrong?

Ann grew up in Iowa. Born in Waterloo, she was reared most of her life in Cresco. She started music training in piano at the age of six. She was teaching students by the time she was in junior high school, and has continued to have a passion for the piano. "Pianos are my lifeline," she stated. Eventually moving to Rochester in 1993, Ann became a sales associate for the Hamilton Music Company. Later, she and her husband formed Petit Music, located in Eyota. They sell and service pianos, and restore vintage pianos. Ann continues to teach piano. She and her husband, Larry, have developed a keen interest in music history, and have traveled to Europe several times to pursue their interest.

Both of Ann's parents were teachers. Her father and uncle were both wonderful tenors, singing all their lives in church choirs and barbershop quartets. Her mother was an oboe player and a vocalist as well. Her twin brothers are vocalists, one sings in the La-Crosse Chamber Chorale, and the other is with the Choral Arts Ensemble in Rochester. Ann has also sung with that organization.

Her husband's large family formed the Petit Swing Band, an organization that was well known around Minnesota and Iowa. The talent also extends to her children. Haley, their daughter, is currently studying Vocal Music Education at the University of Minnesota in Mankato, and son, Ethan, still in high school, loves percussion, and sings with the Honors Choir of Southeast Minnesota.

Ann credits much of her musical interest as well to Cresco, Iowa, a community of 4,500 people. The people and the school system have a dedication to the arts, including music and drama, her favorites. She appreciated opportunities offered in these areas due to her interests, plus the failure to "have an athletic bone in my body!" She played the bassoon in band, participated in the choir, studied voice and piano, and was involved in plays. She believes strongly that schools need to maintain programs in these areas, and fears that budget limitations cut too deeply into these programs.

For this reason, Ann and Larry have been strong supporters of cultural organizations, such as the Rochester Music Guild. Ann is pleased to serve on the Board of Directors, currently as co-chair of the Garden of Note sale. With spring just around the corner, this will be a busy time for Ann as she will encourage everyone to purchase Garden of Note vouchers, and help support the many programs offered by the Rochester Music Guild.

There is an interesting twist to this story. Ann's first piano teacher in Cresco was Zoe Ann Abrahamson, always an inspiration to Ann. Apart for many years, they have now been reunited in Rochester after Zoe Ann and her husband moved to Rochester. The two remain close friends, and Ann states that Zoe's energy still guides and inspires her. A very happy ending to a wonderful story!

*Glenn VanLaningham*

## Scholarship Competition Winners

The 46th Annual Young Musicians Scholarship Competition was held February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester and Petit Music in Eyota. Nearly ninety talented young musicians competed in four categories – piano, strings, voice, and wind instruments. This was also an historic year for the scholarship competition because we expanded to include junior divisions for piano, strings and voice. The students competed for \$5900 in scholarship money. Additional honorable mention (non-monetary) awards were presented in each division.

This year's judges were: Owen Lovell from UW Eau Claire – piano, David Carter from St. Olaf – strings, Deborah Carbaugh from Hamline University and Susan Druck from Augsburg College – vocal, and Matt Hafar from RCTC - winds. The judges were very impressed by the caliber of the students in the Rochester area.

The event was such a huge success because of the great support from community music teachers, generous donors, the members of the Rochester Music Guild, the Petit family for use of their store and beautiful pianos, and especially the many volunteers. I would personally like to thank Marilyn Riederer, DeAnn Spencer, and Jackie James for the many extra hours they gave to organizing the Competition.

The competition would not exist if it weren't for the very gracious support of those whose donations support the six divisions:

*Carter Douglas* was a gifted young pianist whose developing talent touched many in our community in her short life.

*Georgia Daniel* worked for over 22 years in the Rochester Public Schools, teaching students and directing school orchestras.

*Sally Duffy*, a two-time President of the Rochester Music Guild, sang with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra Chorale and had a passion for music and the arts.

*Carl Schroedel*, who served on both the Rochester Music Guild Board and the Rochester Orchestra and Chorale Board, was a performer himself as well as a dedicated supporter of the arts.

*Tom and Sue Spackman Family*: a family of gifted musicians whose children participated in several music organizations in Rochester. Sue Spackman is a former president of the Rochester Music Guild

*Dr. Howard and Peggy Andersen* have been wonderful supporters of music in the Rochester community. Peggy Andersen taught piano lessons and has a great love for budding musicians.

The scholarships are funded from memorial funds established in these names, from funds donated by the Spackman and Andersen families, from Rochester Music Guild monies, and from the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation.

The first, second, and third place winners in the senior divisions and the first place winners of the junior divisions performed in a recital held Sunday, February 14, 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 concluded the event. We extend our hearty congratulations once again to the winners of this year's competition.

## Senior Divisions Winners



Front row (L to R): Melanie Vincent, Ellie Sutherland, Christina Hagan, Shelley Mihm

Middle row (L to R): Kiri Bardsley, Irissa Hubka, Addie Smith

Back row (L to R): John Giesen, Aaron Anderson, Evan Johnson

### Carter Douglas Memorial PIANO Division

**First Place:** Christina Hagan, student of Sue Leonard

**Second Place:** Melanie Vincent, student of Barbara Bartleson

**Third Place:** Aaron Anderson, student of Horacio Nuguid

**Honorable Mention:**

Farzan Fatemi, student of Horacio Nuguid

### Georgia Daniel Memorial STRINGS Division

**First Place:** Aaron Anderson (violin), student of Ray Shows

**Second Place:** Luke Miksanek (violin), student of Mark Bjork

**Third Place:** John Giesen (guitar), student of Scott Hoag

**Honorable Mention:**

Lukas Matern (cello), student of Hong Wang

Jason Kim (cello), student of David Carter

### Carl Schroedel Memorial WINDS Division

**First Place:** Irissa Hubka (flute), student of Dr. Sonja Giles

**Second Place:** Addie Smith (oboe), student of Jennifer Taylor

**Third Place:** Kiri Bardsley (flute), student of Nancy Osteraas

**Honorable Mention:**

Elden Lai (saxophone), student of Dwight Jennings

Isaac Johnson (trombone), student of Randy Stroetz

## Senior Divisions Winners *(continued)*

### Sally Duffy Memorial VOICE Division

**First Place:** Evan Johnson, student of Carla Thelen Hanson

**Second Place:** Shelly Mihm, student of Sharon Olson

**Third Place:** Ellie Sutherland, student of Carla Thelen Hanson

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Hannah Pederson, student of Laura Matern

Christian Ryan, student of David Echelard

## Junior Divisions Winners



Front row (L to R): Cailyn Johnson, Jennifer Kim, Stephanie Sedarski

Back row (L to R): Gavin Mai, David Campeau, Katie Anderson

### Spackman Family STRINGS Division

**First Place:** Jennifer Kim (violin), student of Linda Thompson

**Second Place:** David Campeau (violin), student of Charles Li

**Third Place:** Katie Anderson (violin), student of Linda Thompson

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Noah Hickey (violin), student of Linda Thompson

Jeffrey Park (violin), student of James Buchan

### Dr. Howard & Peggy Andersen PIANO Division

**First Place:** Gavin Mai, student of Rosanna Nuguid

**Second Place:** Katie Anderson, student of Barbara Bartleson

**Third Place:** Cailyn Johnson, student of Rosanna Nuguid

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Marisa Lin, student of Rosanna Nuguid

William J Cao, student of Horacio Nuguid

### Music Guild VOICE Division

**First Place:** Stephanie Sedarski, student of Carla Thelen Hanson

**We received, and are delighted to publish, thank-you articles from some of the winners of our Senior Divisions:**

*...from Evan Johnson (1st place in Senior VOICE Division)*

This past month I had the opportunity to participate as a chorus member in the MN Opera's production of La Boheme. At first I didn't know what to expect. Would the singers be friendly? Would I actually enjoy myself? My suspicions were soon dispelled. I immersed myself in the music of Puccini. I couldn't get enough of it, listening to it even when I arrived home after a long rehearsal. I enjoyed being a part of a professional musical endeavor where people longed for and loved the art form of opera. I got to meet several extremely gifted artists who are known throughout the opera world. All in all it was a great and wonderful experience that I hope to soon repeat.

Thank you to the members of RMG for encouraging me with the competition and prize money. I appreciate the time people invested in making it possible! I will encourage my siblings and friends to participate in the RMG competitions in the future. It was a positive experience for me.

*...from Irissa Hubka (1st place in Senior WINDS Division)*

First of all, thank you to everyone who helped make the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition possible! It has been a great experience for me these past five years. It has helped motivate me to polish my pieces to bring them to the next level, delve deeper into musicality, and stretch myself with different competition pieces I may not have played otherwise. It has also been very helpful hearing different judges' suggestions for my playing.

Music has been a very important part of my life. I have learned so much through playing the flute for 11 years and piano for 7 years and singing ever since I can remember. Dedication, hard work, and focus are valuable traits I will carry with me as I head off to college in the fall. After putting all this time into music, I am also so glad that I can now more fully give back to my community. I love playing at nursing homes, for choirs, in pit orchestras for musicals, for fundraisers, and at various churches! The community support for music in Rochester is wonderful, so I feel blessed that I am able to share my gift with those around me. Also, through playing and singing together I have grown closer to my siblings, as well as made many good friends. I am grateful that music is truly a gift that I will be able to use my whole life.

Thank you for supporting Rochester area youth in our music studies! Music really does impact our lives.

Drew Durtschi  
Scholarship Chair

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...from Christina Hagan (1st Place in Senior PIANO Division)  
**All in the Family**

*Gardens in the Rain* by Claude Debussy. Chopin's *Impromptu No. 1 in A-flat Major*. *Praeludium In G Major* by Edvard Greig. Debussy's *Deux Arabesques II*. *Marc Detective* by Jason Sifford. And the list goes on. My name is Christina Hagan and I am a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Mayo High School. I live my life to the tunes of these songs. With an older and younger sister who both play the piano, the sound from the piano in our basement never ceases. While most teenagers bop around their house to the sound of rock music on their iPods, I brush my teeth to the strict rhythm of Bach and dust my room to the swing of my little sister Mary's jazz piece. And after waiting, and then waiting some more, I eventually get my turn to practice. After that, I turn the lights off until 3 p.m. the next day, when the vigorous piano playing cycle after school starts all over again.

I have been playing the piano for eight and a half years. I started in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Hoffman Madsen and enjoy competing in the Minnesota Music Teacher's Association Competition each year. In 2008, both of my sisters and I made the MMTA Honors Recital at the University of Minnesota as shown in the picture on the left. It was an exciting experience for us all to be in it together.

Yet piano in our family did not start with me, my older sister, or even my mom. In fact, two of my great grandmothers were the pianists at their church, and their daughters, my grandmothers, played the piano as well. My mom is also a great example for me as she has played the piano for church, weddings, recitals, and can sight-read any song I put in front of her. My older sister Bethany began taking lessons in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and has been an excellent student from the start. When I was in second grade, I knew I had high expectations to meet. I was dying to play the piano as well as Bethany, which turned in my favor because in the Hagan family, piano is not an option. Five years later, Mary followed in my footsteps. In all of our minds, the piano is not just an instrument. It's a beautiful way to express ourselves and to share our passion for music.

I began preparing for the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition last May. I knew that the competition would be stiff, so I practiced all summer and fall. As the time approached, I told myself two things. One, do your best. And two, have fun. Through playing the piano, singing, and playing tennis, I've learned many important things. Most imperative — always smile. A smile and determination can go a long way. Finally, February 6<sup>th</sup> arrived. I thought I would be nervous, but after a friendly smile from the judge put a smile on my face too, I was really at ease. Twenty minutes later, after greatly enjoying the audition and critiquing from the judge, I left knowing I had played my best. I was elated the next morning when I learned I had won first place. Later that day, I had a great time calling my piano teacher, Sue Leonard, and telling her the results of the competition. It was a wonderful experience.

I am so grateful for the scholarship I received and the opportunity to play at the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition Recital several weeks ago. This experience is surely a highlight of my piano career. I hope that this competition will continue to run for many years so that other students can receive encouragement and confidence through the gifts of the Rochester Music Guild.

**And the winners are...**



**1st Place, Senior PIANO Division**

**Christina Hagan** is a sophomore at Mayo High School. She has studied piano for 8 years and is a student of Sue Leonard. She has played in the MMTA Honors Recital for the past three years and was an Honors Concert winner at the Dorian Festival at Luther College in November 2009.

des playing the piano, Christina loves to sing and serves as the student director for the children's choir at her church where she recently wrote a song for them to perform. While Christina stays busy with school and playing tennis, piano study is the highlight of her week!



**2nd Place, Senior PIANO Division**

**Melanie Vincent** has been studying piano with Barbara Bartleson for 12 years. She is an 11th grade honors student at Century High School and also enjoys playing Lacrosse.



**1st Place, Senior STRINGS Division**

**3rd Place, Senior PIANO Division**

**Aaron Anderson** started piano lessons at age 7, studying with Barbara Bartleson, where he graduated from all 7 levels of Suzuki. His current teacher is Dr. Horacio Nuguid. Earlier this year, he played piano on the RCMS Rochester Young Artists concert, and was a finalist in the MMTA

Senior Young Artists Competition in the Twin Cities. He has also participated in the Dorian Keyboard Festival at Luther College for the past 4 years, each year selected to perform in the evening honors recital.

Aaron, a home-schooled senior from Rochester, started playing the violin when he was four, and for 12 years he studied with Linda Thompson, under whom he graduated from all 10 levels of the Suzuki violin program and was selected twice to solo at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis for the statewide graduation. He now studies with Ray Shows of St. Paul. Aaron is currently co-concertmaster of the SEMYO Concert Orchestra, and this year was the winner of the SEMYO Concerto Competition. He also plays in the Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony and soloed with that orchestra in November of 2008, playing all movements of the Mozart Violin Concerto No. 4. He has enjoyed playing in several string quartets, and in 2009, he played violin in a piano trio on the Rochester Chamber Music Society (RCMS) Rochester Young Artists concert.



**3rd Place, Senior STRINGS Division**

**John Giesen** is a junior at Rochester Century High School who enjoys playing Classical and Acoustic Fingerstyle guitar. This is John's 6th year of guitar instruction, and he is currently

studying under local guitarist, Scott Hoag (Rochester Guitar Studio). His favorite guitarists include: Andres Segovia, John Williams, Chet Atkins and Tommy Emmanuel. In addition to playing his guitar, John loves to fish (Century High School Fishing Club) and care for his freshwater aquariums.



**1st Place, Senior WINDS Division**

**Irisa Hubka** is a homeschooled senior. She has been playing flute for 11 years and piano for 7 years. She also enjoys singing in multiple choirs, including Bella Voce, Arioso, and her church youth choir. During her spare time, she loves playing volleyball, acting, and hanging out with family and friends. Next year she will be attending

Iowa State University to pursue a degree in music and math.

**2nd Place, Senior WINDS Division**

**Addie Smith** is seventeen and the oldest of seven children. She enjoys running with the DESC Cross Country Team and playing the oboe in the SCHS Senior High Band. Among her favorite hobbies are reading, writing poems, playing the piano, and cooking for her family and friends.

**3rd Place, Senior WINDS Division**

**Kiri Bardsley**, sophomore flautist at Century High School, plays in the marching band and participates in the full orchestra. Kiri is a member of Bella Voce Young Women's Choir, and is also in "Trio Borealis" with a violinist and cellist. She has taken flute lessons since the age of four. Kiri participates in SEMSA, and has done graduation recitals in Orchestra Hall. Her private teachers are Diane Toogood, piano, and Nancy Osteraas, flute. Kiri plans to continue her music career throughout the rest of her life.

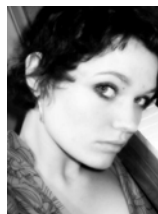
**1st Place, Senior VOICE Division**

**Evan Johnson** is the son of Dave and Suzy Johnson of Pine Island. Evan is a senior in high school and plans to study vocal performance in college this coming fall. He currently studies with Carla Thelen Hanson and formerly studied with Nancy Lee Sheridan. He is a member of the Honor's Choir *Concert Choir*; *Arioso*--an auditioned homeschool choir, the Calvary Evangelical Free Church choir, and *Giovani*--a choir with the Minnesota Opera's *Project Opera* program. Evan was selected as an opera apprentice with *Project Opera* this year and is looking forward to singing in the chorus of the upcoming *La boheme* production at the Ordway. Evan's other music interests include piano and organ and he currently studies with Rev. Robert Scoggin on an AGO organ scholarship. Besides making music, Evan enjoys wilderness backpacking, canoe trips, acting, and working with children.

**2nd Place, Senior VOICE Division**

**Shelley Mihm** is in her senior year of school at Century High School. At school she is involved in Century Concert Choir and is both the librarian and the 13th Hour A Capella director. Outside of school Shelley is involved in Bella Voce Young

Women's Choir and has been featured in several solos for both winter and spring concerts. Shelley was also involved in Honors Choirs until her sophomore year of high school. In choir and in solo voice Shelley is a soprano one. Outside of school Shelley takes voice from Shelly Winemiller and Sharon Olson. If not for her wonderful, patient teachers, her family, and her amazing accompanist, Grandma Mary, she would not be here today.

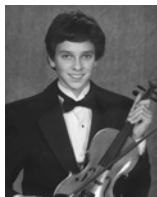
**3rd Place, Senior VOICE Division**

**Ellie Sutherland** started with the ABC song at 15 months old and has not stopped singing since. She has sung with Honors Choir of SE Minnesota, Bella Voce Young Women's choir, starred in Northland Words productions, and is currently in the Rochester Civic Theatre production of *Gypsy*. Ellie enjoys miming at Thursdays on First, photography, and can hang a half-pound serving spoon off the tip of her nose.

**1st Place, Junior STRINGS Division**

**Jennifer Kim** is a freshman at Century High School. She has studied violin with Linda Thompson for ten years, and has been a member of the Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras since the fifth grade. Jennifer has attended American Suzuki Institute summer camps in Chicago, Illinois and Stevens Point, Wisconsin, studying with teachers such as Scott Conklin, Judy Blank, Gabe Bolkosky, and Joe Kaminsky. Jennifer was the SEMYO Concerto Competition winner for the Philharmonic

Orchestra in 2008, and was also awarded second place in the Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist String Competition in 2009. She also received an Honorable Mention award in the MNSOTA Mary West Solo Competition this year.

**2nd Place, Junior STRINGS Division**

**David Alexandre Joseph Campeau** is a freshman at Mayo High School. He began studying the violin with Mary Carlson at the age of 8. Since the age of 10, he has been studying violin in the studio of Mr. Charles Li. David has been a member of the Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra since 2008, currently playing with the Concert Orchestra. He also participates in the Mayo High School Symphonic Strings orchestra. He participated in the Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition in 2009 and 2010, receiving honorable mention in 2009. He participated in the Austin Symphony Orchestra Young Artists' Competition in 2010. David is also studying the piano, and has studied the clarinet for five years.

**3rd Place, Junior STRINGS Division****2nd Place, Junior PIANO Division**

**Katie Anderson** is a home schooled 9<sup>th</sup> grader from Rochester. She has studied piano for 7 years with Barbara Bartleson and violin for 11 years with Linda Thompson. On piano, Katie has participated in the Dorian Keyboard Festival at Luther College for the past 4 years, twice performing on the evening honors recital. Also, in March of this year, she was a finalist and received Honorable Mention in the MMTA Junior Young Artists Competition in the Twin Cities. On violin, Katie currently plays in the SEMYO Concert Orchestra and the Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony, as well as in string quartets. She participated in the SEMYO Concerto Competition this past January and was among those selected to play on the Honors recital. In April, she will solo with the Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony, playing the Bach Double violin concerto with her brother, Aaron. Being a Suzuki student on both instruments, Katie has so far graduated 8 of the 10 levels on violin and 4 of the 7 levels on piano. Katie's other musical interests include singing alto in the SE MN Homeschool Choir, *Arioso*, and participating on stage in musical theatre. Katie also enjoys smiling, shopping, walking her dog, helping out with the kids' program at her church, and spending time with friends and family.

**1st Place, Junior PIANO Division**

**Gavin Mai** is currently an 8th grader at Friedell Middle School. At the age of 7, Gavin began piano lessons with Rosanna Nuguid in Rochester, MN. He has played in countless honors recitals for MMTA, and won many local and state competitions. He has also participated in Music Festivals such as the Dorian Music Festival. He has had masterclasses with Jerome Rose, and Ksenia Nosikova. In his spare time, he likes to swim, play soccer, and hang out with friends.

**3rd Place, Junior PIANO Division**

**Cailyn Johnson** is a seventh grader at Friedell Middle School. She studies piano with Rosanna Nuguid. She played at the MMTA Honors Concert and the Luther College Dorian Music Festival in 2009. Cailyn sings with the Honors Choir Chorale and takes voice lessons with Siri Strommen-Campbell. In addition to her love of music, Cailyn is passionate about figure skating, dancing, gymnastics, and theatre. Other favorites include reading, writing, and illustrating books. Cailyn would like to thank Rosanna Nuguid for her instruction and encouragement and her family for their support.

**1st Place, Junior VOICE Division**

**Stephanie Sedarski** is a home schooled sophomore. She has been involved with the Honors Choirs of SE MN since 3rd grade. Her choral experiences also include the homeschool choirs Con Brio and Arioso. Stephanie is an active member of Words Players theatre company and sits on the steering committee. Stephanie takes voice lessons with Carla Hanson.



## Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

On Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall, the RSOC closes their 2009-2010 concert season with *A Night in the Tropics*. After a long Minnesota winter, we all need "A Night in the Tropics," courtesy of stellar Minnesota Orchestra trumpeter Charles Lazarus and his jazz quartet. Sultry melodies and tropical rhythms will transport you beyond Minnesota borders for an evening of exotic musical pleasures.

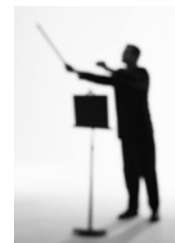
The concert program will include: Gershwin: *Cuban Overture*, Lazarus: *Kilauea's Fountains and Waves*, Ellington/Tizol: *Caravan*, and Jobim/arr. Wasson: *A Tribute*. Our guest artists will be Chuck Lazarus, trumpeter for the Minnesota Orchestra, and his jazz quartet.

Tickets for RSOC concerts are available at the Mayo Civic Center box office, the RSOC office, and through Ticketmaster. For concert or ticket information call the RSOC office at 507-286-8742.

*Laurie Mona*, RSOC Marketing Director

## Aspiring Conductor

The 2010 Aspiring Conductor Contest is underway! Five candidates are vying for a chance to wield the baton and conduct the RSOC on one special piece at the April 24<sup>th</sup> "A Night in the Tropics" concert.



The five candidates competing in this year's competition are:

**Tony Enquist,**

Administrator, Charter House

**Jay Furst,**

Managing Editor, Rochester Post-Bulletin

**Stephen Lehmkuhle,**

Chancellor, University of Minnesota-Rochester

**Deedee Odell,**

Handbell Director, Christ United Methodist Church

**Nora O'Sullivan,**

Public Affairs Consultant, Mayo Health Policy Center

The Aspiring Conductor campaign is a fundraiser for the RSOC and a friendly competition. This contest concept has been successful in other cities around the country including La Crosse where they host a *Conductor Wannabe* contest. The competition kick-off was at the February 20<sup>th</sup> "Pure Passion" concert and the candidate who raises the most money by April 14<sup>th</sup> wins the opportunity to conduct the symphony on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to support your favorite candidate (or candidates). Contribution envelopes are available at the RSOC office at 400 South Broadway. You may also support your candidate by credit card by calling the RSOC office at 507-286-8742 or by donating online through [givemn.org](http://givemn.org) or [paypal](http://paypal.com). In order to vote online, just click on the [givemn](http://givemn.org) link or [paypal](http://paypal.com) donation button on the home page at [www.rochestersymphony.org](http://www.rochestersymphony.org) (upper right-hand corner). When voting online, please note the candidate that the donation is meant to support in the notes portion of your donation. For questions regarding the contest or donating, please visit the RSOC web site at [www.rochestersymphony.org](http://www.rochestersymphony.org) or call the RSOC office at 507-286-8742.

*Laurie Mona*, RSOC Marketing Director

## Rochester Music Guild 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

### An Event You Do Not Wish to Miss

**Monday, May 24, 2010 – 7:00 pm**  
**Zumbro Lutheran Church**

Double check those calendars – be certain you have this date, time and place marked for the Annual Meeting of the Rochester Music Guild. You will be happy that you attended.

The opening kickoff will feature finalists from the RMG Scholarship Competition that was held in February. You will not believe the poise, skill and performance of these high school musicians. We guarantee you will be amazed by these talented young performers.

The recital will be followed by the business meeting of the organization, interesting and not too long. We will celebrate some major accomplishments of this past year, review our financial status, and learn of the plans for the future. Nominees to join the board will be introduced and the election will be held. Retiring board members will be honored.

Finally, we will all enjoy a social gathering with some refreshments. There is no fee for the meeting and program. Feel free to invite some friends to come along! So that we may plan for refreshments, we would appreciate your calling President DeAnn Spencer at 285-0970, or email her at [deann.spencer@gmail.com](mailto:deann.spencer@gmail.com).

*Glenn VanLaningham*, President Elect

## ***RMG Bravo! is going GREEN!***

### **This will be the last paper issue of your *Bravo!* RMG newsletter.**

The fall issue will be posted to the web site in PDF format and sent via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses.

Please make sure we have **your** current e-mail address by September 1.

If you do not have an e-mail address, and you wish to receive a copy in the US Mail, please contact Joyce Lewis at 288-4785.



During previous years the Rochester Music Guild has published and mailed a directory to all members. In an attempt to make the best use of our resources, we have decided, for the 2009-2010 year, to provide a printed directory or an e-directory only upon request. If you wish to receive a member directory, please contact Maureen Lemens at 282-3280 or DeAnn Spencer at 285-0970.

A list with names of the current members is included below. Current members will also be acknowledged in the printed programs for Lunch & Learn events.

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