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President's Notes



Greetings from the Rochester Music Guild! These are exciting times for the Guild and I am happy to have the chance to share them with you.

First, we just concluded our annual scholarship competition, which was a tremendous success. Over 20 students were awarded scholarships to assist them in their studies. I had the opportunity to hear many of the students and they are impressive. We were able to fund these awards and pay our adjudicators, thanks to many generous donors. We also received, for the second year, a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council to help with this huge endeavor. Thanks go out to Ginny Amundson and her army of volunteers who staffed the events.

You also have the opportunity to hear these fine performers. The Rochester Music Guild will host two recitals of scholarship winners on Sunday, April 15th at the First Presbyterian Church in Rochester. The junior winners will perform at 1 p.m. and the seniors at 3. I hope that you will join us as we celebrate the musical achievements of our youth!

Second, we have had a terrific season of Lunch and Learn concerts this year and there is still one to look forward to: Friday, April 20th at the Rochester Art Center, Julie Johnson and the No Accounts will perform "From Lumberjacks to Dylan: Minnesota Folk Music with a Twist." As always, the program will begin at noon. Lunch is served at 11:30. To reserve a lunch,

call Pamela Haase at (507) 398-7310 by April 16th. Thanks to Pamela and Carla Hanson for a terrific season of concerts!

And finally, it is now time for our annual Garden of Note sale. It is our biggest fundraiser, making it possible for us to continue our support of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale and other music organizations in our area. Vouchers are for Sargent's Gardens and are available for \$25. The Guild retains \$5 of the purchase price, so it is a great way to spruce up your lawn or home and help the Guild. Vouchers will be available at Lunch and Learn and at the Scholarship Recitals. Thanks to Heidi Bardsley and her group of volunteers for the great start to the campaign! If you would like to purchase a voucher and cannot attend either of these events, please give me a call at 289-2716. I will be happy to send one or several your way!

We are working hard to replace a few outstanding board members. If you are interested in helping promote music in the Rochester area, please call me. There are so many ways to be involved: volunteer, garden, or attend our events. Pamela Haase will be leading the board, beginning this summer. She and I certainly welcome your participation.

It is our pleasure to continue the important work of the Guild and we are grateful for your continuing support.

Matt Hafar, *president*

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

rochestermusicguild.org

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**2012 Young Musicians
Scholarship Competition**

The 48th Annual Young Musicians Scholarship Competition was held in March and seventy talented young musicians competed in four categories – piano, strings, voice, and winds. Scholarships were awarded to the top 3 students in all categories, providing students with \$6600 in scholarship money. Additional monies for Camp Scholarships and Scholarships to music students in each of the public high schools will be awarded in May.

While all competitors were provided a 10-minute master class immediately after playing their competition pieces, new this year were master classes for any interested student. The master class for guitar students was in January, while the classes for voice and piano were on March 24. These master classes provide an excellent opportunity for students who are thinking of next year's competition and other auditions and competitions in which they may participate in the future.

The winners in both the Junior and Senior Divisions will perform in recitals which will held on Sunday, April 15. Following the performances, award certificates and scholarship checks will be presented to the winners. A reception in their honor will conclude the event. We extend an invitation to all Music Guild members to attend these recitals and be amazed at the level of talent and musicianship demonstrated by these students.

This year's judges were very impressed by the caliber of the students in the Rochester area. Judges for the competition are the following music educators and performers:

Piano: Polina Khatsko – University of Northern Iowa

Strings: Natalie Filipovich – Winona State University, Eric Kutz – Luther College, and Charles Gray - St. Olaf College.

Voice: Jean McDonald – University of Northern Iowa.

Winds: Matt Hafar – Rochester Community & Technical College and Carrie Vecchione - MacPhail Center for Music.

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

Douglas Family: Carter was a gifted young pianist and Cathy was a talented violinist who both won the Scholarship competition, Nan was on the board of the Music Guild for many years and was a former president, and William supported his musical family in many ways.

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, from the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation, and from a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council.

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And the scholarship winners are...

Carter Douglas Memorial SENIOR PIANO Category

First Place: Gavin Mai, student of Horacio Nuguid
 Second Place: William Cao, student of Horacio Nuguid
 Third Place: Marisa Lin, student of Horacio Nuguid

Georgia Daniel Memorial SENIOR STRINGS Category

First Place: Jennifer Kim (violin), student of Linda Thompson
 Second Place: Katie Anderson (violin), student of Linda Thompson
 Third Place: Jeffrey Park (violin), student of James Buchan

Carl Schroedel Memorial SENIOR WINDS Category

First Place: Isaac Johnson (trombone), student of Randy Stroetz
 Second Place: Jenna Petersen (flute), student of Laurie Priniski
 Third Place: Audrey Wingren (oboe), student of Jennifer Taylor

Sally Duffy Memorial SENIOR VOICE Category

First Place: Olivia Tran, student of Carla Thelen Hanson
 Second Place: Maria Schroeder, student of Carla Thelen Hanson
 Third Place: Marissa Wales, student of Kimberly Collins

Dr. Howard & Peggy Andersen JUNIOR PIANO Category

First Place: Theodore Pranoto Thayib, student of Rosanna Nuguid
 Second Place: Cailyn Johnson, student of Horacio Nuguid
 Third Place: Isabel Kramlinger, student of Barbara Bartelson

Spackman Family JUNIOR STRINGS Category

First Place: Alex Scheel (violin), student of DeAnn Spencer
 Second Place: Elizabeth Frankel (viola), student of Linda Thompson
 Third Place: Hannah Lai (violin), student of Linda Thompson

Music Guild JUNIOR WINDS Category

First Place: Samantha Woog (bassoon), student of Christopher Jarvis
 Second Place: Michael Streyle (french horn), student of Corey Henke
 Third Place: Brenna Sherman (flute), student of Laurie Priniski

Music Guild JUNIOR VOICE Category

First Place: Katherine Wright, student of Kimberly Collins
 Second Place: Colleen Henkel, student of Carla Thelen Hanson
 Third Place: Claire Wass, student of Carla Thelen Hanson

The event was a huge success because of the great support from community music teachers, generous donors, members of the Rochester Music Guild, Christ United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Rochester Community & Technical College for the use of their facilities, and especially the many volunteers. I would personally like to thank DeAnn Spencer, Marilyn Riederer, Emily Bond, Pamela Haase, Pat Anderson, and Amy Crockett for the many extra hours they gave to organizing the competition.

Ginny Amundson, Scholarship Co-Chair

**Upcoming Events**

April 15, 2012

RMG Scholarship
 Competition
 Winners Recital
 1:00pm Junior Division
 3:00pm Senior Division
 First Presbyterian Church

April 20, 2012

Lunch & Learn
 11:30am
*From Lumberjacks to Dylan:
 MN Folk Music with a Twist*
 Rochester Art Center

April 23, 2012

RMG Camp Scholarship
 Applications Due

May 17, 2012

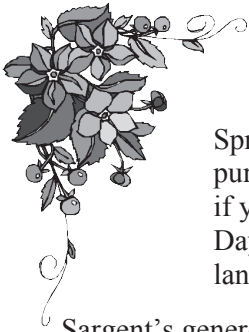
RMG Annual Meeting
 7:00pm
 Zumbro Lutheran Church

May 31, 2012

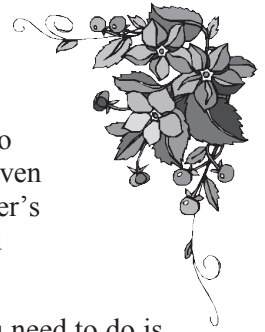
Garden of Note
 Vouchers Expire

June 15, 2012

RSOC Concert
A Song for Sendai
 7:00pm
 Peace Plaza



Garden of Note Voucher Sale!



Spring has sprung! Before you go shopping for your spring gardening, remember to purchase vouchers to be used at Sargent's to support the Rochester Music Guild. Even if you don't have a garden, you can use the vouchers to purchase flowers for Mother's Day or window boxes, indoor plants, gifts, etc. Exclusions are grills, weddings and landscape design. Expiration date is May 31, 2012.

Sargent's generously donates 20% of each \$25 voucher to the Rochester Music Guild. All you need to do is buy as many \$25 vouchers as you will spend and go shop at Sargent's using the vouchers in place of cash. The proceeds are used to fund the Guild's scholarship program and to help support the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale.

To buy vouchers call Heidi Bardsley at 289-4199, email hbardsley@gmail.com, or you can use the order form printed on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support and please share this opportunity with your friends and neighbors!

Heidi Bardsley & Matt Hafar

Stay Connected!

To be notified of the latest news about music performances and opportunities in our community, connect with us!

Email Notifications: to get on our email notification list, send an email to Sylvie Nickel, Arts Advocate (nickelsylv@charter.net)

Facebook: "like" us on Facebook to learn about upcoming events and to connect with others who care about music.

Website: check in at www.rochestermusicguild.org and watch for a new and improved website to be launched in the fall, funded by a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council.

"To stop the flow of music would be like the stopping of time itself, incredible and inconceivable."

~Aaron Copland

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

~Billy Joel

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."

~Aldous Huxley



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A SONG for SENDAI

June 15, 2012
7 P.M. / PEACE PLAZA

Share the healing power of music.

Celebrate the opening of Rochesterfest with this free outdoor concert honoring our community and the Sendai Japan Philharmonic Orchestra. Free will donations will be accepted to support the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra's mission to bring free uplifting musical performances to areas of Japan devastated by the 2011 Tsunami.



News from the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale



Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale celebrated spring and the close of the 2011/2012 season with the jubilant “We’ll Always Have Paris” concert on March 24th. This concert highlighted composers who found inspiration for their work in atmospheric Paris. An enthusiastic audience was swept up in the magic and romance of the music, cheered on Steve Adamson, RSOC’s 2012 Aspiring Conductor Contest winner, and enjoyed pre and post concert receptions at the Rochester Art Center. The RSOC thanks the Rochester Music Guild and the entire community of RSOC supporters for a wonderful 2011/2012 season.

RSOC announces the return of free Coda community gatherings in May.



Thursday, May 31, 8:00pm

Thursday, Jun 28, 8:00pm

Thursday, Jul 26, 8:00pm

Thursday, Aug 23, 8:00pm

Complete a summer evening with fellow music lovers on the Historic Riverside Building’s east patio overlooking the river walk and hear the best of a variety of musical genres including Jazz, Blues, and Americana. The setting includes table seating and a cash bar. Check www.rochestersymphony.org for details as they become available.

Free Outdoor Concert, “A Song for Sendai” - Friday, June 15, 7:00pm



This June celebrate the opening of Rochesterfest with RSOC’s free outdoor concert “A Song for Sendai” in the Peace Plaza honoring our community and the Sendai Japan Philharmonic Orchestra (SPO). Free will donations will be accepted to support the SPO’s mission to bring free uplifting musical performance to areas of Japan devastated by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. This event will be a wonderful way for the community to share the healing power of music with the Sendai community. The evening will include performances by the RSO, a large chorus comprised of RSOC Chorale members and many other musicians from our community.

Special VIP tickets are available and include access to a pre-concert reception in the Kahler Hotel’s Elizabethan Room featuring a program with Maestro Jere Lantz, a video message from the SPO, appetizers, a cash bar and reserved concert seating. Proceeds from the VIP ticket sales will benefit the SPO. Advance ticket reservations are required. Please call the RSOC at 507-286-8742 for VIP tickets.

The concert is being produced with support from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation and RSOC's Artistic Production Committee has commissioned the world premier of a musical composition for the concert by Emmy Award winning composer Garth Neustadter. Food and craft vendors will be present in the Peace Plaza to round out the experience.

RSOC 2012/2013 Season To Be Announced Soon.

Next season promises to be an exhilarating line-up of performances including local composer Kevin Dobbe’s pairing of new compositions and technology, contemporary heart-stirring pieces like Williams’ *Hymn to the Fallen* from the *Saving Private Ryan* movie score, as well as traditional favorites like Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Sibelius, and Tchaikovsky. Watch for season brochure in early May.

Lunch & Learn

One Lunch & Learn program remains in the Rochester Music Guild 2011-2012 season. Lunches can be ordered at the cost of \$10.00 by phoning Pamela Haase at 507.398.7310 before Monday, April 16 at 12:00 noon. Lunch is at 11:30am and the program will begin at 12:00 noon and have a duration of approximately 50 minutes.

Friday, April 20, 2012:

***Julie Johnson and the No-Accounts:
"From Lumberjacks to Dylan: Minnesota Folk Music with a Twist"***



Julie Johnson and the No-Accounts reinterpret folk and old blues tunes, making them relevant to us by bringing in new instruments and their diverse musical backgrounds. Primarily they arrange old North Woods and Minnesota pioneer songs, looking for the Upper Midwest's equivalent to the South's rich roots tradition.

Program will be held at the Rochester Art Center, 40 Civic Center Drive SE.



*2012 Scholarship Competition
Winners' Recitals*



Sunday, April 15, 2012
First Presbyterian Church
512 Third Street SW – Rochester
1:00 pm – Junior Division Winners
3:00 pm – Senior Division Winners

FREE RECITALS – reception following

Featuring gifted young musicians in piano, strings, voice, and winds



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Our membership year runs from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.
The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

Garden of Note Vouchers Order Form



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Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to buy ____ at \$25 each (\$5 of each voucher goes to RMG)

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Your vouchers will be mailed to you and can be used Immediately.
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