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News from Rochester Music Guild

2013 Greetings to Rochester Music Guild Members

I would like to share with you some of the news of the Rochester Music Guild. 2012 was a good year for us. We so appreciate your interest and support of the Guild. You are keeping alive the presence of outstanding music in Rochester:

Seventy-six talented musicians from Rochester and a 50-mile surrounding area competed at our Music Scholarship Competition last February and March. Winners of the scholarships came together in April to show us their hard work and talent. As usual, everyone was awed by his or her performances! Our Scholarship Committee members are busy processing the applications, scheduling the competition, securing judges, and doing all the other work that goes along with a completion. We will be contacting you soon about volunteer opportunities.

Our new and revised Website went live in October of 2012. Our special appreciation goes out to former Board Member and President DeAnn Spencer for securing a grant for expenses, and putting in countless hours making our website even better. Please check it out at www.rochestermusicguild.org to see the enhancements. We have added many photographs of our scholarship winners, an updated calendar of events, lists of accompanists, music teachers, and information about the Guild. Please send us your comments and suggestions – our names and contact numbers are on the site, too!

We have presented three Lunch and Learn programs so far, and there are four more to come! A list of these with times, dates, and programs appears on the website as well. We have secured a matching grant for a special program in May 2013. Two professional singers of Wagnerian opera will be featured. We will fill you in on this and upcoming programs soon!

At the coming meeting, we will be approving a budget for next year. Our Treasurer, Rick Kiscaden, has been instrumental to our operation in the last 5 years. We are appreciative of his painstaking and consistent work on our finances. Our fall Herberger's Community Days Fundraiser was very successful, thanks to all of you.

The Rochester Chamber Music Society January 2013 program entitled Rochester Young Artists will be held Saturday, January 12, 7:30, at Christ United Methodist Church. The concert features:

Jennifer Kim, violin
Isaac Johnson, trumpet
Marisa Lin, piano
Bella Voce Singers
Horacio Nuguid, piano

The first three of these performers were winners of the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition in 2012. We were overwhelmed with their talents at that time and look forward to hearing them again Saturday night. Concerts are free. Check out the program and other concerts at www.rochesterchambermusic.org.

Please remember the Metropolitan Opera HD Broadcasts being shown in Rochester this year! I am personally thrilled they are now being shown in Rochester at the Cinemagic Hollywood 12 Theater. For at least 5 years, the Met has been simulcasting 10-12 Saturday Matinees to cooperating theaters around the country, so we are able to pay \$18-20 to see and hear live opera broadcast on the big screen in our home town. There are five operas remaining in the 2012-13 season:

- Donizetti's *Maria Stuarda* on January 19, 2013, 11:55 am CT
- Verdi's *Rigoletto* on February 16, 2013, 11:55 am CT
- Wagner's *Parsifal*—New Production on March 2, 2013, 11 am CT
- Zandonai's *Francesca da Rimini* on March 16, 2013, 11 am CT
- Handel's *Giulio Cesare*—New Production April 27, 2013, 11 am EC

If you cannot make it on Saturdays, an encore presentation is shown about 1-2 ½ weeks later on a Wednesday evening. Please check out the Met HD website at www.metopera.org. You may also consult the theater website <http://www.cinemagictheatres.com/theatres/6> for times and other information.

If live music is your preference, three exciting concerts are on the schedule for Rochester Symphony and Chorale at the Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall:

- February 23, 2013 at 7:30 PM: Three Dimensions of Mozart
- March 16, 2013 at 7:30 PM: Turning Points: Music Meets Technology
- April 6, 2013 at 7:30 PM: Homeland

We are proud to sponsor this organization, which continues to get better each year. More information on the RSOC is on their website: www.rochestersymphony.org.

All these concerts and many, many more are available on www.rochestermusicguild.org/calendar. We strive to list every event on this list. If you know of a concert commensurate with our focus, please contact me or someone else on the website about it.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, it is never too late! We welcome all who want to keep music alive in Rochester. It is a pleasure to work with this group!

Happy 2013!

Pamela Haase, President, and the Board of the Rochester Music Guild