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# Spring 2018

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## **Letter From Our President**



Ah, spring is finally here! Of course this is Minnesota so we all know we can just wait a few hours and the weather will change. The good news is that the snow is melting, the trees are

budding, and tulips are popping up in my garden.

Speaking of gardens, our spring fundraiser, Garden of Note is in full swing. Please help support Rochester Music Guild by purchasing Sargent's vouchers for your gardening needs.

We hope you were able to attend our wonderful Scholarship Winners' Recital on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was such a joy to hear the performances of these talented middle school and high school students. We congratulate the winners along with their families and the fine music instructors and accompanists that support these musicians.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 4 prior to the Lunch & Learn. Please mark your calendar to join us at 11am to hear about our 2017-18 season and meet our present and future Board members. You are then welcome to stay for the Lunch & Learn featuring Tim Takach & Nation. An optional \$10 catered lunch is available at 11:30am and must be reserved by emailing education@rochestermusicguild.org.

You may join or renew your RMG membership for the 2018-19 season at the Annual

Meeting. Membership is the key to sustaining and expanding the work of the guild. Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

Information is always available on our website at <a href="https://rochestermusicguild.org">https://rochestermusicguild.org</a> where you will find a calendar of music events, Lunch & Learn events, listings of non-profit music organizations, directories of music instructors and accompanists, Scholarship Competition information, past newsletters, Board members, and other information.

We thank you for your continued support of the Rochester Music Guild. It is through your membership, donations, and fundraiser participation that we are able to accomplish our mission.

Be well and create a joyful noise!

Linda Edd Rochester Music Guild President



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Dr. Howard & Peggy Andersen Scholarship

1st Place: Margaret Hu 2nd Place: Annika Chang 3rd Place: Isabelle Ekstrom

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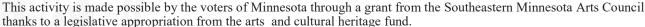
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Carl Schroedel Memorial Scholarship - by the

Judy & Jim Sloan Foundation Winner: Rebecca Frei

> Tessa Sawchuk and Laura Matern, Scholarship Co-Chairs







#### **Membership**

Members, we've valued your support and hope you will renew your membership for this 2017-18 season. Past members and prospective new members, please consider joining. Your donation identifies you as a proud supporter of music education and performance in our community. Our programs take several forms:

- Advocacy for music in our community through our newsletters, website, calendar, instructor directory, Facebook page, and members' involvement in the community.
- Education programs include our free Lunch & Learn events as well as the Young Musician Workshop series first launched in 2015.
- **Scholarship** has been a longtime centerpiece of the Guild work. Our 54<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Competition challenges students to excel in their musical performance while helping the competition winners fund their music education.
- Support to the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, and many local ensembles and organizations through our grant program.

All of this is made possible, thanks to **your** support. Your financial contribution allows us to continue these programs, and an active, growing membership attests to Rochester's proud commitment to the musical arts. The membership form included in this newsletter can be used to join/renew your membership.

Alan Hansen, Membership Chair

#### SMILE for RMG if you shop at AMAZON

Rochester Music Guild (RMG) is a participating charitable organization for AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a program which shares a percentage of online sales from Amazon. If you, your kids or friends, shop online through Amazon, it is very easy to have those sales counted for RMG. Here's all you need to do:

- 1. Use web address **smile.amazon.com** instead of <u>amazon.com</u> whenever you do online shopping through Amazon. The price you pay will be exactly the same, but 0.5% of the sale will go to RMG.
- 2. The first time you go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, you will be asked to sign in to your <u>amazon.com</u> account. This is the same account you normally use when making Amazon purchases.

  3. After signing in, you will be asked to choose the charitable organization for AmazonSmile to use. Enter **Rochester Music Guild** in the Search box and press Enter. You may see multiple similar organization names returned, like Rochester Symphony Guild, but **select Rochester Music Guild**.

You're done! That's all there is to it. Now any purchases you make through Amazon will generate a donation to Rochester Music Guild. But, **remember**, you must make your purchases by starting at the **smile.amazon.com** web page.

#### Special thanks to....

RMG received support from voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural fund. One grant was received to help cover costs of the music scholarship competition. An additional grant was received to help cover other RMG operating costs for 2017.

Rochester Music Guild has been eligible to receive IBM matching grants for donations made from current and retired IBM employees since 2015. The IBM Matching Grant Program changed in 2017 to move from paper to online forms for making applications for IBM matching grants. Like any change, this had the potential to disrupt the amount of matching grant dollars if IBM donors did not make the switch. I'm happy to report that RMG IBMers did a great job and the IBM matching grant total for 2017 will be \$1,097.50 which is more than the matching grant total of \$715.00 in 2016. If you are an RMG member and a current or retired IBM employee and not switched to the online matching grant process, contact Guy Vig (RMG Treasurer and also a retired IBMer) at <a href="maintenanticolor: treasurer@rochestermusicguild.org">treasurer@rochestermusicguild.org</a> for assistance in making the switch so that your donations to RMG (including membership donations) get matched by IBM. Thank you.

Guy Vig, RMG Treasurer

#### Garden of Note

The Guild's Garden of Note sale begun in 1981 is our top fundraiser. It helps support our contribution to the Rochester Symphony, the scholarship competition, Lunch and Learn and other Guild projects.

We are grateful to Sargent's Garden for partnering with us for the fundraiser for many years. A voucher purchased for \$25 from a Guild member seller or at upcoming symphony concerts and Lunch and Learns is worth \$25 at Sargent's. You can use them at the 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW or at the 18 Ave NW stores in Rochester. They can be used for floral arrangements or purchasing plants, trees, bushes and other products. \$5 from each \$25 voucher is retained for Guild activities

Vouchers will be available at the April 21 and 22 symphony concerts, the April 21 and 28 and May 4 Lunch and Learns, from your favorite Guild member seller or by calling Judy Kereakos at 507 288 9138. Vouchers must be used by May 31, 2018. When shopping at Sargent's please thank them for their continued partnership with the Guild. Have a beautiful garden in 2018!

Contact garden@rochestermusicguild.org

Ginny Amundson and Judy Kereakos Garden of Note Co-Chairs Organization Spotlight—Bella Voce, one of the many organizations supported by the Rochester Music Guild

Sing Out Loud is thankful for the grant from Rochester Music Guild in supporting over 170 girls in finding their voice and growing into strong women. Sing Out Loud is in its eleventh year of singing and consists of three choirs which rehearse on Sunday evenings from September to May. Bella Voce Young Women's Choir (9-12 grade), Bella Fiore (6-8th grade) and the Bellettes (1-5 grade) unite together in song to spread the joy of singing. Bella Voce has had the honor of being invited twice to sing at the National American Choral Directors Association as well as being selected twice by MPR for Taste of the Holidays CD. They have also traveled to Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Italy focusing on outreach giving back globally. Sing Out Loud has a great emphasis on giving back to their community locally and abroad, sharing the gift of music through their voice, their Bella Voce! We are grateful to the community and Rochester Music Guild to help raise girls into strong and confident women through the gift of music.



#### Mailed newsletter option for active members only

The Guild newsletter, *Bravo!*, used to be mailed to all current and recent members. As more members were using the internet and email, the default distribution changed to electronic for the *Bravo!* newsletters because this was easier, faster, and cheaper for the Guild. An option was provided on membership renewal forms to request mailed newsletters, either because the member did not use e-mail or they just preferred getting a paper version. This option has been honored for both current members as well as for lapsed members (i.e. folks who were members in past years but have not made a membership donation for the 2017-18 season). Starting with the next Fall 2018 newsletter, this option will only be honored for current members. For lapsed members who provided an email address, they will be switched to receive the newsletters electronically as a PDF file attachment to an email sent to their email address.

If receiving a mailed paper copy of the Rochester Music Guild newsletters is important to you, please check the current member list printed in this newsletter. If your name is not there, your membership has lapsed and you are invited to renew your membership using the membership form on the last page of this newsletter, and be sure to check the box that you would like mailed copies of the *Bravo!* newsletters.

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

Webmaster: Scott Kruse Sponsored by





#### **Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale**

A note from Maestro Jere Lantz...

#### Remembering MLK

I was a freshman in college when, on Thursday, April 4, 1968, we heard the news that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been shot and killed in Memphis. We were all stunned. The campus was paralyzed. I'll recall the story of that weekend and the effect it had on me—on all of us—at our April 21 & 22 concerts entitled MLK and the American Dream.

More than a year ago, as we were planning programs for the current season, we were brought up short by the realization that this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. Can it be that long? Then came two more questions: should we observe this anniversary with a special concert, and, if we do, what is the appropriate music and approach to take?

The answer to the first was obvious: of course we should. We have no national holiday for any other American individual. The great flaw in our nation's founding on principles of freedom, democracy, and equality was slavery. The consequences of that flaw are still with us, but Dr. King helped our nation make great progress toward mending that flaw.

In shaping the concert, we realized that, after our Declaration of Independence, the words that have come to shape our nation most were two speeches that, though a century apart, we can all quote: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (1863) and King's I Have a Dream (1963). So the two major works on our program will be Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait* (1942) and Jonathan Bruce Brown's *Legacy of Vision: MLK* (1999). Both require a narrator. I've invited Rochester's own George Thompson, whose memories of growing up in a segregated South are chilling and tremendously moving, to narrate both pieces.

Our Chorale will explore the rich heritage of America's great musical gift to the world: spirituals, the songs created by slaves to express their faith and their lot in life. Some will focus on light: "Keep Your Lamps," "This Little Light of Mine." Others, on faith: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," "Give Me Jesus," and the last music Dr. King heard before he died, "Precious Lord."

We'll also offer two new pieces: *American Kaleidoscope* by Minneapolitan Carol Barnett—a history of the arrival in America of peoples from all over the globe as evidenced by the songs they sang; and my own arrangement of *America the Beautiful*.

Our finale will be the world premiere of a song for Rochester called "Sing," created by the Diversity Council's Torres Hodges and Statecraft, his project for making songs for one community in each of our fifty states. Torres and people from all over Rochester came together to put forth the ideas that evolved into "Sing." We are honored to be the vehicle that will present to the world Rochester's original song, one that I'm sure Dr. King would have been glad to sing with us.

# **Spring Lunch & Learn**

We have two magnificent events coming up in April. **Stan Bann's Big Bone Band** is bringing its unique style of high octane low brass jazz to Rochester for a *Lunch & Learn* at Noon on Saturday, April 21 - Pure Rock Studios (515 Rocky Creek Dr NE, Rochester, MN). Trombonist Michael Davis says, "Stan Bann's *Penmanship* is a tour de force of outstanding low brass performance and composition. The project showcases the immense level of talent from the Minneapolis low brass community..."

One week later, April 28 at 9:00 a.m., the Finnish American brass septet "Boys of America" (Ameriikan Poijat) will be performing at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in our *Workshop Series*. "Poijat" observes its 28th year in 2018 with concerts in Minnesota, following extensive touring recently including to San José, California, Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and two weeks in Finland. They have been presenting music in concerts, at ethnic festivals, in regional tours, at music conferences, recreating authentic social dance music along with concert repertoire from a bygone era.

Closing out this season is a *Lunch & Learn* with Singer, Composer **Tim Takach**. Tim is an award-winning composer based in Minneapolis, MN. In addition to his full-time composing work, he is a professional choral singer and soloist, he is part of the band **Nation**, he owns Graphite Publishing along with co-founder Jocelyn Hagen, and he is a co-founder of the Independent Music Publishers Cooperative. Tim will discuss some of the hurdles in his work, talk about his career as a singer and composer, and perform with his band Nation. Please join us Friday, May 4 – Noon at Christ United Methodist Church. Thank you for supporting the Education programs of the Rochester Music Guild.

Scott Kruse & Andrea Sivertson, Education Co-Chairs

#### **Youth Activities for Summer 2018**

The Rochester Music Guild has long supported activities that promote music opportunities for youth. We wish to make you aware of two opportunities for youth this summer.

Musical Theater: The Music Man

Junior version of a classic musical, directed by Poppy Lear.

Two public performances. Crossings at Carnegie

Grades 2 and up

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http://www.crossingsatcarnegie.com/html/camp2018.html or call 507-732-7616

#### Summer of Harmony

Experience 4-part a cappella, open to young women age 16-25 Rehearsals 5:45-6:30pm, June 26-Aug 7 (no rehearsal July 3) Trinity Lutheran Church

Capstone concert 7:30 pm Aug 7, Charter House For info email ZVCSweetAdelines@gamil.com or go to www.SEMNaCappella.org/special-events.html



Organization Spotlight—Zumbro Valley Chorus, Sweet Adelines, one of the many organizations supported by the Rochester Music Guild

Another benefactor of the Rochester Music Guild grants has been the ZVC Sweet Adelines. They've used funds to refresh their music library and purchase some music that would be more appealing to young singers. Then they literally took it on the road, visiting a number of high schools in the area where they taught the students a bit about barbershop singing and promoted the "Summer of Harmony," for young women 16-25. This summer will be the fourth year for the Summer of Harmony. The women learn three songs, each arranged in 4-part harmony and sung a cappella. Then they perform in a capstone concert, complete with choreography and sequins. The smiling faces say it all!

**Upcoming Events** (in Rochester unless indicated otherwise)

For additional details, go to rochestermusicguild.org/calendar/

Thurs, Apr 5, 7 pm –RAACHE Choirs: Spring Musical and Concert @ Zumbro Lutheran Church

Fri, Apr 6, 7:30 pm - Lyra Baroque Orchestra: Music for a King @ Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Fri, Apr 6, 7:30pm - Girls Night Out! A Tribute to Women of Country @ The State Theatre, Zumbrota

Sat, Apr 7, 7:30 pm – Rochester Chamber Music Society: Rochester trio @ Christ United Methodist Church

Sun, Aprl 8, 7:30pm - Natalia Zukerman: "finest Americana" @ Crossings, Zumbrota

Mon, Apr 9, 7 pm – Rochester Barbershop Chorus: Free Singing Lessons for 6 weeks,

Call 507-244-0095 with questions.

**Sat, Apr 14, 10 a.m.- Classical MPR:** *Bring the Sing @* Center for Faith and Life, Luther College. Registration at classicalmpr.org.

Sat, Apr 14, 7:30 pm – The Scottie Miller Band @ State Theatre, Zumbrota

Sun, Apr 15, 3 pm – St. Olaf Norseman Band: Celebration of Bernstein @ Century High School

Sun, Apr 15, 4 pm – A Festival of Music: American Guild of Organists @ First Presbyterian Church,

Fri, Apr 20 & 21, 7 pm, Apr 22, 2 pm – Rochester Symphony: MLK and the American Dream Free Family Preview @ Lourdes High School

Fri, Apr 20, 7:30pm – The High 48s Bluegrass Band @ Crossings, Zumbrota

Sat, Apr 21, 12 pm – Rochester Music Guild: "Stan Bann's Big Bone Band" @ Pure Rock Studios

Fri, Apr 21, 6:30 pm – 17th Annual Poet-Artist Collaboration Reception @ State Theatre, Zumbroto

Sun, Apr 22, 3 pm & 5 pm – Honors Choirs of SE

MN: Spring Finale @ Bethel Lutheran Church

Fri, Apr 27, 7:30pm – Willy Porter and Carmen Nickerson @ Crossings Concert, Zumbrota

Sat, Apr 28, 9 pm – Rochester Music Guild Workshop: <u>Ameriikan Poijat</u> @Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Sun, Apr 29, 3 pm – Rochester Pops Orchestra: "When You Wish Upon a Star" @Bethel Lutheran Church

Sun, Apr 29, 3 pm – RAACHE Choirs: Accelerando! Spring Concert @Christ United Methodist Church

Fri, May 4, 12 pm – Rochester Music Guild: Lunch & Learn – "Tim Takach & Nation" @ Location TBA

Fri, May 4, 7:30 pm – Lyra Baroque Orchestra: Italian Concerto Collage @ Zumbro Lutheran Church,

Sat, May 5, time TBA—Southeastern MN Suzuki Association: Ensemble Recital @Unitarian Church

Sun, May 6, 2 & 6 pm – Bella Voce Spring Concert @ Christ United Methodist Church

Sat, May 12, 7:30 pm – Choral Arts Ensemble: Choir Country (a), Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,

Sun, May 13, 2 pm – SEMYO Mother's Day Concert @ Mayo High School,

Sun, May 20, 4 pm –Honors Choirs of SE MN: OVATION @ Assisi Heights, Lourdes Chapel

Wed, June 20 - Sun, June 24, 7pm & 2pm matinee on Sun, June 24, Honors Choirs of SE MN: *The Wizard of Oz* – Lourdes High School

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Our membership year runs from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

If you have not yet sent in your membership dues for 2017-2018 please use the form below to join us in nurturing music in the Rochester Community. Thank you!

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