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Letter From Our President

The Guild has just completed another very successful scholarship competition. Tessa Saw-

chuk is the current chair and she was able to deal with the weather, judges felled by slippery roads and deep ditches, and the uncertainty of the forecast. All but one competitor were able to perform at their scheduled times and only a few were inconvenienced by the lone judge's absence. In short, what the RMG does well (the scholarship competition), it did wonderfully yet again. Tessa deserves all the praise she's been given, coordinating this for three years. She is also responsible for acquiring the grant money which funds the competition. And, she and her husband were responsible for feeding the hungry judges and volunteers. We also must give kudos to Ginny Amundsen and Pamela Haase for their efforts. Ginny organizes the volunteer timers and monitors, making the competition run smoothly and on time. She has served as the past chair of the scholarship committee and currently is the coordinator. Pamela is another unsung heroine, being the "cyber brains" of the committee. She registers all the candidates, collects the registration fees, and creates the

schedule. She's done this for years, without much acclaim. It is a thankless but crucial task. So thank you, you chairs, organizers, volunteers and others who made this happen. And of course, thank you to our very talented musicians and their teachers. For the rest of us, let's attend the Winners Recital on April 28th 1 pm, Christ United Methodist Church to hear the phenomenal talent of the awardees.

Andy Good
Rochester Music Guild President

RMG Membership News

Take a close look at the 2018-19 membership list on page 7 of this newsletter. If you find your name there, Thank You for your support of music in the Rochester area through your membership donation! However, if you didn't find your name there, the most likely reason is that your membership donation for the 2018-19 season was not received. Not to worry, it's never too late to make your donation. You can either use the membership form on page 8 and mail it with your check to the address on the form or make your membership donation **online** by going to https://rochestermusicguild.org/ membership/.

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2019 Scholarship News—

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 Rochester Music Guild Scholarship competition. So many, many talented young people came to share their gifts with us. Thank you to the musicians, their teachers, judges, volunteers, and donors that make the scholarships possible!

Many thanks to the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council: This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.



Tessa Sawchuck and Linda Edd Scholarship Committee

Junior Brass/Woodwinds:

1st Place – Andrei Bancos 2nd Place – Gracelyn Atwood 3rd Place – Luke Kim

Junior Strings:

1st Place – Rachel Rho 2nd Place – Isabelle Ekstrom 3rd Place – Evan Schuman

Junior Piano:

1st Place – Kathleen Thompson 2nd Place – Annika Chang 3rd Place – Albert Hu

Senior Brass/ Woodwinds:

1st Place – Sue Simha 2nd Place – Elliana Prigge 3rd Place – Ethan Erickson

Senior Strings:

1st Place – Catherine Carson 2nd Place – Enoch Kim 3rd Place – Ambrose Dukek

Senior Piano:

1st Place – Daniel Chang 2nd Place – Steven Yang 3rd Place – Tracy Zhang

Senior Voice:

1st Place – Haven Honermann 2nd Place – Joseph Sedarski 3rd Place – Ashlee Terrill

Camp Scholarship Winner

Catherine Carson - violin

<u>Don't miss to the Winners Recital on</u> <u>Sunday, April 28 at 1 pm at Christ</u> <u>United Methodist Church</u>

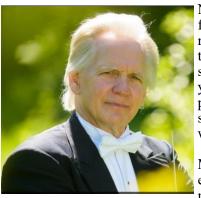
Thank You to our volunteers!

Our president's letter mentioned the tremendous work of Tessa Sawchuck, Linda Edd, and Pamela Haase. We want to thank everyone who graciously volunteered at the 55th Annual Scholarship Competition this year! It takes nothing short of a village to run this event, and once again, it was a successful weekend. Another special shout out to Cheryl Adolphson for stepping into the role of adjudicator coordinator. Definitely not an easy job, especially when weather threatened every minute of our weekend. Thank you to Ginny Amundson for coordinating all the volunteers for the event, volunteers who gave up their weekend to be time-keepers, warm-up room monitors, performance room monitors, check-in staff, or meal-servers. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support of our stellar young musicians!

Rochester Music Guild Board

Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

A note from Maestro Jere Lantz...



NOW: In just a few days we'll enjoy our final concert of the season. "The Titans" features two of the 20th centuries true musical giants. Gustav Mahler was a giant already in the 19th century: he lived only till 1911, leaving this world just before he turned 51. But he had already revolutionized the symphonic genre. Before Mahler, symphonies were usually 30 to 50 minutes long and in only one significant case (and you know which one that is!) employed a chorus and/or solo voices. Mahler's symphonies would come to last well over an hour, adding hundreds of solo and choral singers usually in an effort to ask one of life's most meaningful questions. ("Why are we here?" or "What is the meaning of life," etc.)

Mahler wrote his First Symphony before these titanic efforts, though it is titanic enough and it was Mahler who first named it "The Titan." It clocks in at a few minutes over an hour, but it is arrayed as a conventional four-movement symphony

for orchestra (no singers), though a much larger orchestra than usual (7 horns, 4 clarinets, etc.). And the melodies weave a vastly varied tapestry, from light and airy to dark and mysterious (actually "Frere Jacques" in a minor key). It's a longer and more wandering journey than Beethoven or Brahms ever gave us.

Mahler's First will follow three pieces by Leonard Bernstein, who, like Mahler, served as conductor of the New York Philharmonic. Part of Bernstein's goal was to lead the Mahler revival in the 1960s. More than any other conductor, he brought into the mainstream what till then had been considered esoteric symphonies beyond most listeners' comprehension. Bernstein made Mahler real.

He also composed a great deal of entertaining and rich music. We sample one of his earliest successes: Three Dance Variations from his early (age 25) ballet *Fancy Free*. Here young Lennie shows he has a firm grasp of tradition and modernism, using old and new flavors to create his own sense of taste. His overture to *Candide* may be the greatest overture of the 20th century, certainly the zippiest. His prelude to his final opera, *A Quiet Place*, is a huge contrast: not zippy at all, but slow and contemplative, revealing a composer who is taking time to meditate in his later years. It's a piece rarely heard but well worth hearing.

So it's two titans on Saturday April 13 and Sunday April 14, both at Lourdes High School.

THEN: At those concerts we'll be announcing our 2019-2020 season. It's a very special one for all of us who love the Rochester Symphony: our centennial season, marking a symphonic century that began on 1/1/1920 with a New Year's concert at "4 o'clock...At the Armory." Our season will recall that time (with composers like Massenet, Elgar, Milhaud and Stravinsky) and look to the future with brand new pieces created just for our celebration. You'll have a chance to vote on what we should include in our "Century of Cinema" concert. And we'll be offering Handel's *Messiah* for the first time in years. Our grand finale? Well, if you knew what symphony before Mahler used a chorus, you might have a good idea.

I hope you will come along for a most enjoyable centennial ride!

Announcement of a Call for Grant Proposals



The Guild announces a call for grant proposals for the upcoming year. Awards are made on the basis of: 1) educational value, 2) number of musicians participating, and 3) size of the potential audience. Forms for the proposals are available from the Guild by emailing pres-elect@rochestermusicguild.org. The application deadline is April 15th, 2019.

Sharon Schmoll
President Elect, Grants Committee

Education Corner —

Please welcome Ben Gateno as Co-Chair of Education. Ben is a guitar performer and instructor. He received master's and doctoral degrees in classical guitar from the Eastman School of Music.



Jere Lantz, President/CEO and Artistic Director of the Rochester Symphony returns for his popular **symphony preview** on April 12 at Charter House. Gustav Mahler's youthful first symphony set a new standard for symphonic writing for the 20th Century. His works were championed by the legendary musician, conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein. Here we showcase them together—Bernstein's dazzling works for stage and screen and Mahler's epic Titan Symphony.

We close out the season with a Special Saturday Lunch & Learn on May 18 at Zumbro Lutheran Church. **Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble** was founded in 2014. It is the only regularly-performing 24-trumpet musical ensemble in the United States. Under the direction of James Olcott,



TCTE's mission is to enliven, entertain, and enrich through artistic excellence by presenting trumpet music of quality and stylistic & emotional diversity. Catering by Pasquale's Neighborhood Pizzeria. Please reserve your lunch by Monday, May 13.

Email education@rochestermusicguild.org or call 507-218-1084 and leave a message.

Scott Kruse and
Ben Gateno
RMG Education Co-Chairs

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

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Summer Youth Opportunities—

Rochester Music Guild is pleased to provide information about summer music opportunities for youth.

Minnesota Youth Symphonies has these programs available. You can find out more on their website at mnyouthsymphonies.org/Summer2019
Summer String Chamber Orchestra, Gr 4-8, June 17-21, Messiah Episcopal Church, St. Paul Summer Wind Ensemble, Gr 4-8, June 24-28, Messiah Episcopal Church, St. Paul

<u>Pure Rock Studios</u> offers private and group lessons throughout the summer, in addition to free showcase concerts. Summer's a great time to try something new, like maybe a ukulele or banjo! https://purerockstudiosmn.com/



Once again, the Zumbro Valley Chorus of the Sweet Adelines is offering "Summer of Harmony," a program for young women age 16-25. Send an email to zvcSweetAdelines@gmail.com to register. It's free! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays @ 5:30 from June 25 to Aug 6, with a final concert on the Aug 6th at 7:30 PM at Charter House. No rehearsal July 2.



Grantee Spotlight —

Rochester Community Band, the recipient of a Rochester Music Guild grant, is a 50-plus member concert band which was organized over 20 years ago to provide for life-long musical expression and enjoyment by providing quality and challenging musical experiences for its members, while educating and entertaining family audiences in the Rochester area. Members are music lovers from all walks of life and all ages. They perform 5 concerts throughout the year - which are free to attend - and in the past year have joined with the Rochester Community and

Technical College Concert Band for the Spring and Fall concerts. We want to give a big "Thank You" to donors to Rochester Music Guild so that the Guild can support community music organizations like the Rochester Community Band. If you want to get back to the joys of playing in a concert band, bring your instrument and come to rehearsal on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Lourdes High School Band Room. Or come to a performance! The next performance is at Charter House, on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 pm

Garden of Note Update —

Since 1981, the Guild's Garden of Note sale has been our major fundraiser, supporting the scholarship competition, Lunch and Learn programs, and grants to Rochester Symphony and several other music organizations. We are grateful to Sargent's Garden for again partnering with us in 2019! Please thank them when shopping.



Vouchers may be purchased for \$25 from Guild member sellers, at upcoming Guild programs, symphony concerts, online at https://rochestermusicguild.org/garden-of-note/, or by completing the attached form. They can be redeemed at either Rochester Sargent's locations and used for floral arrangements, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, and other products. \$5 from each voucher is retained for the Music Guild. Vouchers must be used by May 31, 2019.

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Garden of Note Co-chairs

Garden of Note – Mail in Form

Purchase \$25 Sargents vouchers and 20% will be donated to Rochester Music Guild to support local music. Vouchers may be used at either Sargents location for anything except grills, weddings, landscape design services and labor.

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Upcoming Events—

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

Events are in Rochester unless otherwise indicated Wed, Apr 3 – 12:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church – FREE!

Lenten Organ Recital Series – John Varona

Thurs, Apr 4 - 7 pm

RAACHE Choirs – Zumbro Lutheran Church — FREE! www.raachechoirs.org

Sat, Apr 6 - 7:30 pm

Rochester Chamber Music Society – Christ United Methodist Church – FREE!

www.rochesterchambermusic.org

Sun, Apr 7 – 3 pm

Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony –

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, \$5 adults, \$2 children

Wed, Apr 10 – 12:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church—FREE!

Lenten Organ Recital Series – Lois Marsh

Fri, Apr 12 – noon– FREE!

Rochester Symphony Preview – Charter House – Northview Room – free, <u>Rochester Music Guild Lunch & Learn</u>: Maestro Jere Lantz, will tell the story behind the music of "The Titans". (lunch \$10, reserve by e-mailing education@rochestermusicguild.org)

Fri, Apr 12 - 7:30 pm

The Rose Ensemble, Zumbro Lutheran Church, \$15, \$10, Free for children 12 and under

Sat, Apr 13 – 7:30 pm, Sun, Apr 14 – 2 pm

Rochester Symphony – Lourdes HS – \$30, \$20, \$5

Gustav Mahler's youthful first symphony

Fri, Apr 26 – 7:30 pm with 7 pre-concert talk

Lyra Baroque Orchestra – Mount Olive Lutheran

Church, \$25, \$20, \$5, German Giants

lyrabaroque.org/giants

Fri, Apr 26 — 7 pm—FREE!

RAACHE Choirs — Calvary Evangelical Free Church www.raachechoirs.org

Sat, Apr 27, 10 am—<u>SEMYO Open House</u> for interested students, Century HS

Sun, Apr 28 – 4 pm—FREE!

First Presbyterian Church, A Festival of Music

Sun, Apr 28—1 pm—FREE!

RMG Scholarship Winners Recital,

Christ United Methodist Church

Sun, Apr 28 – 3 & 5 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church, \$20, \$14 (\$10 youth) Honors Choirs of SE MN Spring Finale, honorschoirs.org

More Upcoming Events

Fri, May 3—6:45 pm Mayo Civic Center, \$25 Sweet Adelines Regional Quartet Competition & Public Concert

Sat, May 4—noon, Mayo Civic Center, \$25 <u>Sweet Adelines</u> Chorus Competition & Concert Sat, May 4 – 7:30 pm, Zumbro Lutheran Church and Sun, May 5 – 3 pm, Central Lutheran Church, Winona, \$25, \$5 (student), <u>Choral Arts Ensemble</u> partnering with actors of Great River Shakespeare Sun, May 5 – 2 pm

Austin Symphony Orchestra – Knowlton Auditorium, Austin HS, Austin – \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, Anthony (Tony) Ross, guest principal cellist **Sun, May 5 – 4 pm,** Bethel Lutheran Church— \$15, \$5 (under 18), Sr. Discounts (\$10) available by phone for advanced reservations (call 507-990-1597) Rochester Male Chorus and Minnesota Boys Choir – Bethel Lutheran Church

Sun, May 12—2 pm Lourdes HS

SE MN Youth Orchestra Mother's Day Concert

Sun, May 12 – 6:30 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church, \$14, \$12, \$9, Children Free

Rochester Pops Orchestra & Chorale presents "Back to the 80's"

Sat, May 17—7 pm, Century HS

SE MN Youth Orchestra, Concert Orchestra

Sat, May 18 – 11:30 am, Zumbro Lutheran Church – FREE! (lunch \$10, reserve by e-mailing education@rochestermusicguild.org) Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble, Rochester Music Guild Lunch & Learn

Sun, May 19 – 4 pm, Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights, \$20, \$14 (\$10 youth)

Honors Choirs of SE MN Ovation, honorschoirs.org Starting Tues, June 25 @ 5:30, Final concert Aug 3, 7:30 pm at Charter House – FREE!

Summer of Harmony a cappella program from young women age 16-25, see www.semnacappella.org/special-events.html to register

Starting June 27, 7 pm, Lourdes HS

Honors Choirs of SE MN production of <u>Chitty Chitty</u>
<u>Bang Bang!</u> Tickets on sale starting May 1 @
honorschoirs.org



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Our membership year runs from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

If you have not yet sent in your membership dues for 2018-2019 please use the form below or go to www.RochesterMusicGuild.org to join us in nurturing music in the Rochester Community.

Thank you!

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