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### Letter From Our President

As I write this newsletter, Thanksgiving 2014 is in the past! I hope you found many things to be thankful for in your lives. The baton has changed hands in our triumvirate of presidents and the Guild is still running smoothly!

The Guild has been very busy the last three months! Successful Lunch & Learns, grant acceptance for the Scholarship competition, the addition of IBM matching funds, a successful Herberger's event and ushering at two Rochester Symphony concerts. Have you attended a concert at the new Lourdes High School? I am sure you agree it is a fantastic facility.

RMG members are eligible for numerous discounts for musical events in Rochester. Check out this information in the newsletter and take advantage of the many musical events in Rochester.

Have you looked at our website lately? It is full of current information and of course our history. There are lists of music teachers, accompanists and music stores. Be sure to visit [www.rochestermusicguild.org](http://www.rochestermusicguild.org) Indeed, DeAnn Spencer has made this a website worth checking out on a regular basis!

If you are receiving this newsletter and have not renewed your membership, consider renewing today. Many members make lighter work of the many projects the RMG undertakes each year. For 50 years we have been part of the Rochester volunteer community, providing music appreciation, education, performance today and tomorrow. Please help us continue this legacy.

Enjoy the holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in 2015!

DeeDee Odell, Co-President

### Membership Update/Opportunity

As of December 1st, Rochester Music Guild had received 141 membership donations for the 2014/2015 season representing **190** members. This is the highest number of members since 2010/2011, and demonstrates the strong ongoing community support for Rochester Music Guild.

**If you haven't become a member yet, there's still time.** This newsletter includes a membership form which you can print, fill out, and mail in. Rochester Music Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, so your membership gift is **fully tax deductible** as a charitable donation for 2014, if paid by the end of 2014. You can choose any membership level, including the new Sustaining level which starts at \$100, but can be higher.

If you have shares of stock that you would like to donate, instead of making a cash donation, see the "Got Stock?" article in this newsletter for more information.

Also, if you are a current or retired IBM employee, be aware that you can make your donation go further by sending an IBM matching grant form along with your membership donation (see article "Attention IBMers" in this newsletter for more information).

Thanks to all our 2014/2015 members!

Guy Vig, Treasurer



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2014-15 Triumvirate of Presidents :  
Ella VanLaningham, Deedee Odell,  
and Judy Kereakos (left to right)

### **Guild Membership Perks**, including....

- ~ SEMYO offers guild members a discount of \$2/single ticket or \$5/family ticket.
- ~Free admission to Lyra Baroque concerts
- ~Free educational Lunch & Learn (see p. 4)



## SEMAC Grant Awarded to RMG

In late Nov the good news was received that Rochester Music Guild had been approved for a grant through SEMAC to help finance the guild's annual scholarship competition. The grant was approved for the full amount requested - \$8,670! This could not have happened without a lot of hard work on the part of Julianne and Sharon Schmoll. Kudos to them for their hard work on this!

### **For the latest information on Rochester**



**Music Guild, check out our website:  
[rochestermusicguild.org](http://rochestermusicguild.org)**

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## **RMG awarded IBM Community Grant**

In October, Rochester Music Guild was awarded a grant of **\$2,000** from the **IBM Community Grant** program. The grant monies are being used to help cover expenses in 2014 for the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** and the **Lunch & Learn**.

## **Attention IBMers**

**Rochester Music Guild** recently was **approved** by IBM to participate in the **IBM Matching Grant Program**. If you are an active or retired IBM employee, you can complete an IBM matching grant form and send it along with your donation to Rochester Music Guild. IBM will match 1-to-1 (100%) of eligible donations by active IBM employees, or ½-to-1 (50%) for eligible donations by retired IBM employees.

Matching grant forms can be submitted for donations made in the past 12 months, so any eligible donations made in 2014 would qualify. Membership donations, as well as donations to Rochester Music Guild endowment funds, are eligible for IBM matching grants. Donations for fundraising events, such as Garden of Note vouchers or Herberger's coupon books, are not eligible.

If you need information on obtaining a blank IBM matching grant form or details on eligible donations you made in 2014, contact the RMG Treasurer, Guy Vig, by e-mail ([Guy.Vig@gmail.com](mailto:Guy.Vig@gmail.com)) or by phone (507-252-0317).



## Got Stock?

Do you own stock in a company like **IBM** or **Apple** or **Google**, where the current stock price is a lot higher than what you paid when you bought your shares? Or do you own shares in a company going through *inversion* like **Medtronic** or **Burger King**, where the inversion requires a stock sale and re-purchase that will be a taxable event. If you answered **YES** to either question, you could make a non-profit organization like Rochester Music Guild very happy and get a nice tax deduction for yourself by donating some of those shares.

Stock donations to Rochester Music Guild (RMG) can be made through Rochester Area Foundation (RAF). RAF will sell the stock and pass 100% of the stock sale proceeds to RMG. You will get a letter from RAF that shows the value of the shares on the day they were transferred to RAF, and you can take this amount as a charitable gift tax deduction.

For example, let's say you had the foresight or good fortune to buy 100 shares of Medtronic stock back when the share price was \$10. If you gave those shares to RMG by transferring the shares from your brokerage account to RAF on a day when the stock price is \$65 per share and the stock sale proceeds were \$6,500, you would be able to take a charitable gift tax deduction of \$6,500 and RMG would receive the stock sale proceeds of \$6,500.

Or maybe you bought IBM shares in the early Lou Gerstner years when the stock price (adjusted for stock splits) was \$20 and you donate 50 shares to Rochester Music Guild by transferring the shares to Rochester Area Foundation on a day the stock price is \$160. RAF would sell the shares and 100% of the stock sale proceeds (\$8,000 in this example) would go to Rochester Music Guild and you could take a charitable gift tax deduction of \$8,000.

If you would like more details on making a large or small donation of stock to Rochester Music Guild, contact the RMG Treasurer, Guy Vig, by e-mail ([Guy.Vig@gmail.com](mailto:Guy.Vig@gmail.com)) or by phone (507-252-0317).

## Recipe of Note!

History gets recorded, in a variety of formats, and evokes various images. Dear to many guild members, and others, are the recipes found in each of the two cookbooks compiled in past years by the guild. Names of contributors remind us of those that are no longer part of our life these days; events noted remind us of memorable times shared with others. Here is one such recipe which might bring memories and/or add to the memories made at your table this holiday season.

## Gift of the Magi Bread

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup chopped dates
- 1 cup mashed banana
- 1 (11 oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 (6 oz) pkg semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 2/3 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries

Cream the butter and sugar together. Add eggs. Beat well. Add vanilla. Sift together the dry ingredients. Stir into creamed mixture just to incorporate. Stir in the rest of ingredients, reserving 1/3 cup of the almonds. Turn batter into two greased and floured 7x3-inch loaf pans. Place reserved almonds on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-70 minutes or until tests done with a toothpick. When cooled, sprinkle with confectioner's sugar, if desired. Yield 2 loaves.

## RSOC's Aspiring Conductor Contest

Things are in full swing with a lovely variety of stand-up Rochester citizens. This year's line-up includes Dr. Andy Good, Larry Guse, Sheila Kiscaden, Justin McNeilus and Chef Pasquale Presa. Support your favorite candidate today and they'll get to conduct at the March concerts!

Donating is easy!

Visit the Aspiring Conductor page at [www.rochestersymphony.org](http://www.rochestersymphony.org)  
After following the link to donate, be sure to "dedicate this donation" to your favorite candidate.

Donations can also be sent directly to the RSOC offices at 400 S Broadway, Suite 302, Rochester, MN 55904.  
Be sure to note your candidate's name with your donation.



## Lunch & Learn

The 2014-2015 Lunch & Learn programs hosted two successful programs this past Fall! If you missed these now is the time to mark your 2015 calendar for the remaining three this season. Watch our next newsletter for more detail (or visit <http://rochestermusicguild.org/lunch-learn/>)!

**Monday, February 2, 2015** - 11:30 am at Charter House (211 2nd St NW, Rochester), a concert preview presented by Maestro Jere Lantz—a special celebration of “everything Beethoven”.

**Thursday, February 26, 2015** —11:30 am at Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW, Rochester), “A French Affair”, featuring the Murasaki Duo (Eric Kutz, cello and Miko Kominami, piano).

**Friday, March 27, 2015**—Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW, Rochester) , “J.S. Bach’s Masterpiece: The Goldberg Variations”, featuring Pianist Deanne Mohr.

**\*Important Reminder:** application **deadline** for the guild’s **Scholarship Competition** is **Saturday, January 17, 2015**. See [next page](#) for more information. Visit <http://rochestermusicguild.org/scholarship-competition/>

**Saturday, December 20th, 2014 — 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm — Mayo Civic Auditorium,  
Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale, The Nutcracker Ballet**

The Nutcracker again? You bet! Actually, the RSOC does not have a long history with Tchaikovsky’s holiday gift to us all. Yes, in years past we’ve done excerpts from favorite dances found mostly in the popular “Nutcracker Suite.” However we have presented an “essentially complete” version only a couple times.

The last time was two seasons ago, and it was a revelation. The slant taken by the Allegro Dance Company and School was breathtaking. The costumes and sets were topnotch and the choreography was full of new ideas and thoughtful touches that made the entire show a joy.

A joy, too, was the number of young faces in the audience. We’ve worked hard to attract youngsters to more of our events. We saw a gratifying number at the Sunday matinee of our film music opener in October. And we’re planning a special Halloween concert for youngsters next season. Yet The Nutcracker remains our top attraction for youth, in part, no doubt, because many of them are related to the dancers on stage.

Still, a lot of us who are far removed from the dancers who perform the ballet remain captivated by its fabulous music, magical story and huggable characters. I look forward to The Nutcracker every time I’m able to do it. And each time, when I bury my head in the score once again, I am reminded of how wonderful and how difficult it is. Tchaikovsky was a master at creating music that sounds simple but beneath the surface teems with notes, rhythms and gestures that remain eternally challenging.

The Nutcracker again? You bet! Call it sheer joy.

~ concert notes courtesy of Maestro Jere Lantz



**HoNk\*SqUeAk\*ScRaTcH\*BoOm**January 10, 2015 ... *great opportunity!*

Mayo Civic Center

9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm.

No pre-registration required.

Free of charge! Students must be accompanied by an adult.

RSOC invites 4th–6th grade students to try orchestra and band instruments under the guidance of professional musicians of RSOC.

**Playing With the Pros****January 24-25, 2015****Rochester Community & Technical College**

For advanced music students! A multifaceted program, which guide young musicians through the process of preparing to solo with an orchestra. Students, selected through an audition process, receive individual coaching sessions with an accompanist and RSOC Music Director Jere Lantz followed by a master class performance with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra. *Note:* Rochester Music Guild is a financial supporter of this event.

**Upcoming Concert Programming (Rochester Locations)**

December 12, 7:30 pm – Zumbro Lutheran Church – **Lyra Baroque Orchestra: *Christmas in the Baroque*** (free for RMG members)

December 12 & 13, 7:30 pm – Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights, **Choral Arts Ensemble: *Christmas at Assisi featuring Messiah pt 1***

December 14, 4:00 pm – Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights, **Choral Arts Ensemble: *Christmas at Assisi featuring Messiah pt 1***

December 20, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm – Mayo Civic Center Auditorium, **Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale: *The Nutcracker Ballet***

December 21, 3:00 P.M. – Mount Olive Lutheran Church, **Rochester Pops Orchestra: *Christmas Concert*** (free will offering)

January 10, 7:30 pm – Christ United Methodist Church – **Rochester Chamber Music Society: *Bass/Baritone*** (*Brad Jungwirth, Jan Matson & Michael Van Ryn*) (free)

January 16, 7:00 pm – First Unitarian Universalist Church – **Young Musicians of SE Minnesota: *Recital featuring teenage classical musicians*** (free)

January 18, 3:00 pm – The Congregational Church UCC - **Concert Series: *Kalliope String Trio*** (*Michaela Sandness, Violin; Kathleen Lamb, Viola; Rachel Ryan Dahlgren, Cello*) (free will offering)

Just outside the city of Rochester, **Crossings at Carnegie**, in Zumbrota, is offering a wonderful line-up of concerts this holiday and into the New Year:

December 13, 7:30 pm – ***A Winter's Tale***December 19, 7:30 pm – ***Songs for the Winter Solstice***December 22 & 23, 7:00 pm – ***George Winston***January 3, 7:30 pm – ***Bill and Kate Isles***January 9, 7:30 pm – ***John Gorka***January 17, 7:30 pm – ***Accordion-O-Rama***January 23, 7:30 pm – ***Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet***January 31, 7:30 pm – concert at the State Theatre (Zumbrota), ***Peter Ostroushko with Dean Magraw***

For a complete list of events visit  
[www.http://rochestermusicguild.org/](http://rochestermusicguild.org/)

**Important Reminder.....**

**Application deadline** for the guild's **Scholarship Competition**, to be held March 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>, is **Saturday, January 17, 2015**. A \$15 late fee must be added if postmarked after January 17 and before January 31, 2015. **No applications accepted after January 31, 2015**. Complete information can be found at <http://rochestermusicguild.org/scholarship-competition/>



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Our membership year runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.  
The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

If you have not yet sent in your membership dues for 2014-2015 please use the form below to join us in nurturing music throughout the community of Rochester Minnesota. Thank you!



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your membership dues directly support Rochester Music Guild Scholarships, Rochester Symphony and Chorale, *Lunch & Learn*, and community educational programs.

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