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Bravo! is the official newsletter of the Rochester Music Guild. It is published to inform members and friends about our activities, which support and encourage music, music, music...

Letter From Our President

Winter greetings! I am pleased to report that Rochester Music Guild and the mission it supports is thriving. Record membership contributions, successful fund raising events, and grants are making it possible for us to continue our support for excellence in the musical arts, and to extend the educational component of our mission in 2016. This spring, we are excited to pilot a Rochester Music Guild Master Class series with two events in April - one for brass and one for woodwinds. We hope these are well attended, and become something we can build on. Look for more details, on page 4, in this newsletter and in subsequent correspondence.

Thank you for all that you do to make these accomplishments possible. It is so very gratifying to know this community supports fine music!

Alan Hansen, RMG President

Reminder:

Our membership year runs from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

Scholarship News

The Rochester Music Guild is pleased to announce the dates of the upcoming 52nd Annual Scholarship Competition.

Online registration opened on January 4, 2016. The deadline for applications is February 20. Preliminary and Finals Rounds will be April 16-17, 2016 at Christ United Methodist Church.

Over \$8000 in scholarships will be awarded to students in Senior and Junior Divisions of piano, strings, brass/woodwinds and voice, including auditions for a music camp scholarship. We are excited to announce an increase in scholarship award amounts for all Senior Division winners in the competition this year as follows:

- 1st Place — \$600
- 2nd Place — \$500
- 3rd Place — \$400

This comes at the strong recommendation of our Treasurer due to the current positive financial position of the guild. Visit rochestermusicguild.org/scholarship-competition/ for details.

Mark your calendars now for the Winners' Recitals, Friday evening May 6, 2016.

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**Herberger's Community Days
~ follow-up Report**

We are very happy to report that the Herberger fundraiser, this past November, set a new record for us. Total sales were \$2,545 and with expenses of \$326.52 and a bonus from Herberger's of \$612.48 (received in January 2016, \$36.25 higher than last year), our net profit was \$2,830.96. This was an all-time high and exceeded last year's event by \$460. Of the total sold, \$440 was in donations. The booklets, represented by these donations, were given to nonprofits to distribute to their clients.

Many, many thanks to all who helped with selling shifts - Barbara Eakins, Linda Edd, Alan Hansen, April Horne, Judy Kereakos, Lynne Kirklín, Katie Livingood, Margo Stich and Ella VanLaningham, with Judy having the most outstanding results on Saturday, 12-2, selling 45 booklets.

Thanks also to Alan Hansen, Joyce Wood and Ella VanLaningham who prepared the mailing to members. Finally, special thanks to Joyce Lewis who received and deposited the money mailed in and recorded the amount sold and the number of booklets returned. Most of all, thank you to all our members who generously supported the fundraiser and made donations.

For those who missed the outstanding **2015 Scholarship Winners' Recitals** it may be viewed on the Rochester Music Guild **youtube** channel at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUlfZp_QX-Y and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wI13KHIXjw8>

Garden of Note

As the days are getting longer, we're starting to think about those bulbs and perennials hidden under the snow. The good folks at Sargeants are really busy, getting ready to help you paint your yard and gardens with color. Once again, Sargeants is supporting the Rochester Music Guild with the Garden of Note voucher sale. Each voucher costs \$25 and can be used to purchase \$25 of garden plants and merchandise at Sargeants. The best part? \$5 from each sale will be returned back to the Guild to "plow back" into growing local music! Voucher sales will launch March 12th at the Rochester Symphony Concert. If you do a lot of gardening, and have friends who do a lot of gardening, please consider being a sales coordinator. Our coordinators are the key to the success of this, our biggest fundraiser of the year. For more information, email garden@rochestermusicguild.org

Remembering past members:

The guild lost two longtime members recently. **Guy Whitehead** died Jan. 14, 2016. After being born and raised in Kentucky, Guy came joined Mayo Clinic staff in 1956 as an editor, serving in this position until retirement in 1984. He and his previously deceased wife, Almyra, had been dedicated and active member of RMG for many years. **Alice Elizabeth "Betty" Sande** passed away Jan. 10, 2016. She spent in life in North Dakota until attending Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and then University of MN where she received a master's in Library Science. She worked at the Rochester Public Library then in the Mayo Clinic library system (1972-1990). An appreciation for music was a gift she shared with others in the community.

Membership

Have you invited a friend to join the organization? If the answer is no, we welcome new members.

The membership application can be found below or downloaded from our website, rochestermusicguild.org and mailed to RMG with your payment.

We are committed to providing support for music in the Rochester community. Our organization continues to provide both volunteers and financial support for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. Our annual scholarship competition awards multiple scholarships to area students. Additionally, we grant funds to non-profit organizations for the promotion of music appreciation through education and performance.

Our free educational series, known as *Lunch & Learn*, features a variety of topics and musicians. These programs are seeing increased attendance in the past year. Bring your own lunch or RSVP in advance to purchase lunch. Membership dues provide the base for all of these activities.



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 amazon.com 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 smile.amazon.com, you will be asked to sign in to your amazon.com 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**.

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.

Interested in guild membership!

Name(s) _____
Print your name(s) as you would like it printed in the programs

Address _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip** _____ **Home Phone** _____

E-Mail _____
Your e-mail address is kept confidential and used only for periodic notices of special music events.

Membership (tax deductible)
 \$35 Single \$50 Joint \$60 Contributing \$100+ Sustaining
Your membership dues directly support Rochester Music Guild Scholarships, Rochester Symphony and Chorale, *Lunch & Learn*, and community educational programs.

I may be able to assist with a Rochester Music Guild activity:
 Mailings Events Ushering Board Committees Any/Other

Please return this form with your check payable to:
 Rochester Music Guild P.O. Box 5802 Rochester, MN 55903-5802

REVOLUTIONS IN MUSIC**Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale**

Saturday | Feb 6 | 7:30 pm

Sunday | Feb 7 | 2:00 pm

Lourdes High School

Jere Lantz, director and CEO, will lead the orchestra in "**Revolutions in Music**" concerts Feb. 6 and 7 at Lourdes High School. Programming includes pieces by Beethoven and Franz Liszt, as well as by contemporary composer Jennifer Higdon. Those familiar with the work of **Beethoven** can relate to this composer's accomplishments and works which, when composed, were viewed as "revolutionary music". The orchestra will honor his revolutionary ideas by playing the Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica"). **Liszt**, the Hungarian composer/pianist, revolutionized modern symphonic music with his so-called symphonic poems, of which the orchestra will perform "Les Preludes." At the time this was written (1854) it was something entirely new – "a new kind of music."

The concert opens with "Blue Cathedral" by **Higdon**, a composer who would not automatically be thought of as a revolutionary by some critics. Higdon's "Blue Cathedral" was written in reaction to the death of her brother. In the middle of writing this piece, her brother was dying of skin cancer. Jere Lantz director notes how she put her grief into the music. He adds, "The idea is to put her whole feeling about her brother, his death, where he might be now, and the mystery of that, into the music. That's what is revolutionary to me." Indeed, this promises to be an exciting concert you will not want to miss!

GLORIA!**Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale**

Saturday | Mar 12 | 7:30 pm

Sunday | Mar 13 | 2:00 pm

Lourdes High School

The orchestra opens with **Britten's** opera for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the RSO Chorale joins in for **Vivaldi's** most famous choral work and **Poulenc's** inauguration tribute to JFK. The concert ends with a brand new RSOC commission by Emmy Award-winning composer Garth **Neustadter**. Glory takes on all forms for this celebration of musical greatness.



New! Concert opportunity and master classes for aspiring, and accomplished, musicians of all ages and abilities.

Sunday, April 10th: **Compass Rose Brass Ensemble** presents a free concert from 2-3 pm followed by free individual workshops from 3-4 pm for musicians on trumpet, horn, trombone, and tuba/euphonium. Middle and High School students of all ages and ability who play a brass instrument are invited to attend as are adult musicians and teachers. All are encouraged to bring their instruments. Location to be determined.

Saturday, April 30th: The Rochester Music Guild and SEMYO will host master classes with five musicians from the **Minnesota Orchestra**. There will be a performance and demonstration, 10-10:45 am, followed by master classes from 11-noon on clarinet, oboe, bassoon, flute, and horn. Students, teachers, and hobbyists are encouraged to attend. Students interested in performing for the MN Orchestra musicians should check the Rochester Music Guild website after February 8th to apply. This event will be held at Century High School.

Upcoming Events (in Rochester unless noted)**Lunch and Learn**

Friday, February 5 11:30 am lunch*, noon program
Charter House in the Northview Room (211 2nd ST NW)

Please join us for our first Lunch & Learn event of 2016 featuring Jere Lantz, President/CEO and Artistic Director of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. Maestro Lantz will examine three revolutionary works of music: Beethoven's *Eroica Symphony*, Liszt's *Les Preludes*, and Jennifer Higdon's Pulitzer Prize winning work *Blue Cathedral*. In addition to providing an in-depth analysis of each work, Maestro Lantz will play audio samples of the pieces and invite questions from the audience.

The option \$10 catered lunch to include salad, savory beef with mushroom sauce over rice pilaf, squash, fresh fruit, dessert, and coffee. Reservations required to Carol Benson at 507-206-3283.

Save the following dates....watch for more information....

Lunch & Learn with **Classical Guitarist Benjamin Gateno** -
Friday, February 26th - 11:30 lunch* and noon program -
 Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW)

Lunch & Learn with **Baritone Alan Dunbar and Pianist Deanne Mohr** - **Friday, March 18th** - 11:30 lunch* and noon program - Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW)

Optional \$10 catered lunch is available starting at 11:30 am.
Reservation required for meal to Carol Benson at 507-206-3283.
 Bag lunches are always welcome!

**Do we have your e-mail address?**

The Rochester Music Guild continues to find e-mail a convenient way to send members interesting and pertinent arts-related information. If you are not receiving this newsletter by e-mail and wish to, please provide a current address. And, remember to notify us of any changes. Meanwhile we hope to keep you updated in various areas:

2015-16 Rochester Musical Performances calendar,
 Reminders of Music Guild *Lunch & Learn* presentations,
 News of "late-breaking" musical opportunities,
 And more!

Email your information to communications@rochestermusicguild.org
 or call Margo Stich at 507-288-5319 We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks!

Sun, Jan 31, 4 pm, 1st Presbyterian Church,
Festival of Music Series: Luther College Nordic Choir (freewill offering)

Fri, Feb 5, noon, Charter House, **Lunch and Learn**,
 presents *Revolutions in Music* with Jere Lantz,
 President/CEO and Artistic Director of the Rochester
 Symphony Orchestra & Chorale, details on left.

Sat, Feb 6, 9-noon, Dad's Belgian Waffles, a **fund-
 raiser to support SEMYO**, event being held at Cen-
 tury High School (2525 Viola Road NE), see
<http://semyo.org/event/waffle-breakfast/>

Sat, Feb 6, 7:30 pm, Rochester Symphony Orches-
 tra presents *Revolutions in Music*, Lourdes High
 School, , details p. 4.

Sun, Feb 7, 2:00 pm, repeat of above

Saturday, Feb 13, 6:00 pm – Rochester Interna-
 tional Event, Rochester, Choral Arts Ensemble: *A
 Singing Valentine*, details on their website at
<http://choralartsensemble.org/>

Sunday, Feb 21, 3 pm, Mayo High School, **Roches-
 ter Pops Orchestra: In Concert with Jenn Bostic**

Sunday, Feb 21, 4 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church,
 Honors Choirs of Southeast Minnesota: **VOICES
 Concert**, featuring all four Honors Choirs ensembles

Fri, Feb 26, noon, Christ United Methodist
 Church, **Lunch and Learn**, details on left.

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 updates on the activities of the Rochester
 Music Guild, check out our website:
 rochestermusicguild.org*

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