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Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, Performance—Today & Tomorrow

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Letter From Our President

Welcome to Rochester Music Guild's Fall Newsletter!

My name is Linda Edd, and I am delighted to be entrusted with the leadership of the Rochester Music Guild (RMG). Last year my role as President Elect allowed me to learn from our previous President and co-Presidents, as well as other members of our RMG Board. I have seen firsthand the extraordinary dedication and talent each board member brings to our organization.

As we enter into **our 53rd year**, I also want to express appreciation for all the work that our past and present board members, volunteers, and members have done to create and sustain such a vibrant organization in our community. Music has enriched the lives of many in our community and beyond. RMG is proud to continue our Mission: *Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, and Performance – Today and Tomorrow.*

I am excited for our wonderful and varied Lunch & Learn events! These free, noon-time program start off this year with the **Band of Praise: A Traditional Dixieland Brass Band** on Friday, September 30 (see p. 2) to be followed by the **World-Renowned Violinist Midori** on Friday, November 18 (see p. 5) and a sure to be fun **Caroling with Choral Arts Ensemble** Friday, December, 16. Details on scheduled Lunch & Learn events can also be found on our website. (see rochestermusicguild.org)

Continuing our Workshop series, that was initiated last year, we will have a **Jazz Workshop with the WSU Faculty Jazz Combo** on Sunday, October 9. A free

public concert is performed prior to the workshop. Please come and enjoy!

RMG provides modest financial support for area musical organizations. Grant awards are made based on an assessment of educational, youth, and overall community impact. In May, 2016, RMG provided grants to 9 music organizations.

Perhaps the centerpiece of the Guild's work has been the Scholarship Competition. (2016 winners listed on p. 2). This event combines the elements of music appreciation, education, and performance, each reflecting a strong commitment to the future. The guild is blessed with having generous donors who have funded endowments from which scholarships are made.

RMG maintains a rich website featuring a calendar of music events, listings of non-profit music organizations, a directory of music instructors and information regarding our Scholarship Competition. (see rochestermusicguild.org)

Just a reminder: Our **membership year** runs from **July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017**. If you haven't already done so, we urge you to renew your membership and invite others to join. Membership is the key to sustaining and expanding the work of the guild. RMG welcomes all people who love music!

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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*Welcome new board members

September Lunch & Learn

Band of Praise: A Traditional Dixieland Brass Band

Friday, September 30, 2016
Christ United Methodist Church
11:30 am – Lunch
12:00-12:45 pm – FREE program
\$10 catered lunch* – bag lunches welcome.

Founded in 2007 by two trombonists, Band of Praise brings the spirit of New Orleans brass bands and the jazz funeral tradition to Minnesota. At this *Lunch & Learn*, explore the exciting history of Dixieland jazz. *To purchase lunch, e-mail lunch@rochestermusicguild.org or call Carol Benson at 507-206-3283

Upcoming: World-Renowned Violinist Midori, Friday, Nov 18, details p. 5

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Garden of Note

Thank you to all who supported the Garden of Note sale this spring, including Sargent's Gardens. Based on the amount of vouchers sold, we're sure there were some splendid gardens throughout the community, including the homes of Music Guild members!

With the hard work of **21 volunteers**, we were able to sell **1208 vouchers**. The proceeds of the sales, combined with associated donations, brought in **\$6,014** to support local music. An additional \$530 in donations brought our **net** to **\$6,570**. This was a record-breaking final number for the guild.

The success of the sale is so dependent on the commitment of willing volunteer sellers. Please let us know if you would like to be on the seller contact list for next year's sale.

Contact garden@rochestermusicguild.org

Scholarship News

The 52nd Annual Scholarship Competition was held April 16-17, 2016. Eighty two young musicians competed. The Winners' Recital was held May 6. All events were held at Christ United Methodist Church. Scholarships totaling \$7,800 were awarded to the top three students in each category. In addition a \$1500 music camp scholarship and three \$150 scholarships to a senior from each of the public high schools (funded by the Carol and Sidney Suddendorf Scholarship and RMG). A grant we received, from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council, helped fund this event.

SR. PIANO Division Douglas Family Memorial Scholarship

1st Place: Anna Chopp
2nd Place: Grace Cheng
3rd Place: Mary Hagan

JR. PIANO Division

Dr. Howard & Peggy Andersen Scholarship

1st Place: Michelle Mai
2nd Place: Tracy Zhang
3rd Place: Clara Xu

SR. STRINGS Division

Georgia Daniel Memorial Scholarship

1st Place: Nicholas Scheel (cello)
2nd Place: Natalie Tran (cello)
3rd Place: Enoch Kim (cello)

JR. STRINGS Division

Tom & Sue Spackman Scholarship

1st Place: Catherine Carson (violin)
2nd Place: Breanna Shen (violin)
3rd Place: Sophie Le Deley (cello)

SR. WINDS Division

Dr. Robert & Gloria Swanson Scholarship

1st Place: Annika Johnson (French horn)
2nd Place: Jiwon Kim (flute)
3rd Place: Stella Schram (clarinet)

JR. WINDS Division

Karsell Family Scholarship

1st Place: Sue Simha (flute)
2nd Place: Sidney Clarke (flute)
3rd Place: Christopher O'Driscoll (French horn)

SR. VOICE Division

Sally Duffy Memorial Scholarship

Dr. John Hamilton Edmonson Scholarship

1st Place: Isabel Kramlinger
2nd Place: Calli McCartan
3rd Place: Abigail Schneekloth

Music Camp Scholarship

Carl Schroedel Memorial Scholarship

- by the Judy & Jim Sloan Foundation

Winner: Anna Chopp (piano)

Membership

Have you renewed your membership with Rochester Music Guild for 2016-2017? Have you invited a friend to join the organization? If the answer is no, there is still time.

The membership application can be clipped from page four of this newsletter or downloaded from our website, rochestermusicguild.org and mailed to RMG with your payment.

We are excited about the upcoming season and what we can do to provide 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.

We sponsor a free educational series known as *Lunch & Learn*, featuring a variety of topics and musicians. For these programs, you can bring your own lunch or purchase lunch. You will also receive notices of special music events throughout our area.

Membership dues provide the base for all RMG activities. Please consider becoming a new member or renewing your membership which includes several perks, as listed below. Please share guild news and mission with others. Invite friends and neighbors to join Rochester Music Guild. Again, membership form can be found on page 4.

Website

Our online website provides a great resource for our members and the community. Our first webmaster was Dick O'Dell who set up our website as a volunteer in 2005 with the help of the MLT Group. He maintained it until Webmaster was added as a board position in 2007 and Richard Kiscaden took over. We kept the same basic structure until 2012 when a SEMAC grant enabled us to redo the website with the help of Mikell Ad & Design. At that time DeAnn Spencer became the webmaster.

Since the beginning, MLT Group has sponsored our website, donating the server space to host it. We pay them a small reimbursement for their out-of-pocket cost in re-registering our domain name. We thank MLT Group for their sponsorship. Online information includes our mission, history, organization leadership, membership information, archived newsletters, *Lunch & Learn* programs, workshops, calendar of music events, listing of nonprofit music organizations and listings of private music teachers and accompanists. Visit rochestermusicguild.org

Website hosting sponsored by



Perks for RMG Members (if you haven't joined yet ... join now!)

Members enjoy the satisfaction of knowing their donations are helping to support music education and performance through its own educational and scholarship offerings as well as the Guild's support of area nonprofit music organizations.

Member benefits include the following:

- ~ free admission to Lyra Baroque concerts,
- ~ discounts for Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale,
- ~ discounts to Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras performances,
- ~ discount on accessories at Welhaven Music,
- ~ updates on programs offered by the RMG and other area music organizations.

Educational Opportunities

Last year Rochester Music Guild expanded its educational offerings to include two inaugural events aimed at young musicians, their teachers, and professional musicians and hobbyists. Following the success of these, which were offered in addition to our traditional Lunch and Learn programs, we are continuing to do so in the year ahead. The music guild is delighted to welcome Scott Kruse to the board. He will be working along with Corey Henke in planning and overseeing these events.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend:

Sunday, October 9th, 2-4:30 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (1212 12th Ave NW), Education Series Event:
 Concert and Workshop with Winona State Faculty Jazz Combo, 2:00-2:45 pm — Free Public Concert
 3:00 – 4:30 pm — Jazz Workshop and Open Jam Session (open to musicians of all ages)

Details at <http://rochestermusicguild.org/education/workshops/>

Further questions, contact Corey Henke at 507-696-2023 or education@rochestermusicguild.org.



Do we have your e-mail address?

If you are not receiving this newsletter by e-mail and would be willing to, please provide a current address. Meanwhile we hope to keep you updated in various areas:

2016-17 area Musical Performances calendar, Reminders of Music Guild *Lunch & Learn* presentations, news of “late-breaking” musical opportunities, and more!

Please consider including your e-mail address on your membership renewal form or you can send an e-mail update to the guild through communications@rochestermusicguild.org



IBM Matching Grants for RMG

Starting in 2014, the Guild was approved to participate in the IBM Matching Grant Program. If you are an active or retired IBM'er, you can make your membership go further by filling out an IBM Matching Grant form, signing it and returning it along with your membership donation. IBM will match 100% of donations from active IBM employees and 50% of donations from retired IBM employees. RMG would like to thank IBM for the \$980 received in 2016 for matched donations to RMG in 2015. IBM matching grant forms received by Nov 30, 2016 will be submitted to IBM and will be paid by IBM in 2017. If you need an IBM matching grant form, send an e-mail to the RMG treasurer, Guy Vig, at treasurer@rochestermusicguild.org Thanks!

Our membership year runs July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music! If you have not yet sent in your membership dues, for the current year, please use this form to join us in nurturing music in the Community.

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): ___ \$5 Student
 ___ \$35 Basic ___ \$60 Contributor ___ \$100 Sustainer ___ \$350+ Patron

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



Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale*A note from Maestro Jere Lantz...*

Our first concert, **October 22nd & 23rd**, celebrates New York's unique contribution to music in the last century. We're calling it **West Side & Rhapsody**, after Leonard Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story* and George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. We will also offer a jazzy *Salute to the Big Apple* and *Duke Ellington*. Twin Cities piano man Dan Chouinard will schmooze us with his vocal and piano stylings.

On **November 19th**, the great violin virtuoso Midori Goto will join us to play the Beethoven Violin Concerto, known to many as the greatest concerto for any instrument. We'll warm up the audience with Brahms' *Tragic Overture* and *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*. You may recall that Midori had to cancel her performance with us in May 2015 due to illness; we're glad she could schedule us in so soon.

December 17th brings our annual **Sounds of the Season** concert with our Chorale joining the orchestra. Chorale Director Pat Anderson suggested we offer dramatic vignettes, so Amanda Pyfferoen, Chorale singer and theater talent, is putting together scenes from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, O. Henry's *Gift of the Magi*, and Valentine Davies' *Miracle on 34th Street*. Each drama will be surrounded by favorites from its era, giving us an historical as well as heart-tugging holiday experience.

Special note for kids: our opening and closing concerts (October and April) will have special free previews for kids and their families on the Friday evening of their concert weekends. And our November concert featuring Midori will be free to kids 18 and under.

We hope to see you at one or more of the three concerts which open our season as we carry out our new mission: **We Bring Great Music to Life.**

-Jere Lantz, RSOC Music Director

November Lunch & Learn**World-Renowned Violinist Midori**

Friday, November 18, 2016 11:30 am – Lunch 12:00-12:45 pm – FREE program
Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Avenue SW, Rochester)

The Rochester Music Guild is proud to welcome internationally acclaimed violinist and educator Midori. Midori will present on a topic of her choice and perform on the violin. Midori made her professional debut at the age of 11 with the New York Philharmonic and it's traditional New Year's Eve concert, on which occasion she received a standing ovation and the impetus to begin a major career. Today Midori is recognized as an extraordinary performer, a devoted and gifted educator, and an innovative community engagement activist. In addition to her extensive discography, Midori has performed with major orchestras throughout the world and was named a Messenger of Peace by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in honor of her community activism.



Hosted by Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras (SEMYO) and Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, Midori will be artist in residence from November 16-20 culminating in solo performances with both ensembles. For more information on Midori's residency please visit <http://semyo.org/>



**Herberger's Community Days
November 9-12, 2016**

With the arrival of fall the **HERBERGER'S COMMUNITY DAYS** is just around the corner. This simply fantastic fundraiser is one which any organization like ours could only hope for. First, some history.

Herberger's is a department store, under the Bon Ton conglomerate, that is vitally interested in and supportive of the community it serves. Annually they prepare a coupon book, containing terrific bargains, for this pre-Christmas sale. As the event draws closer, the Guild will mail you an encouraging note, two coupon books, and a directive sheet for you to indicate your wishes—whether you purchase one, both, or neither (**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN THEM TO US**), or **MANY**. Every last dollar, from the \$5 purchase of each book, goes directly back to the Guild. If we sell 100 books we bank \$500. Sometimes people send an additional donation along with, or instead of buying, coupon books. The Guild very much appreciates every penny it gets from every donor. However there is yet another "**bonus**" in all this!

Herberger's offers a "bonus donation" to participating organizations, which is based on sales receipts for the total sale period. RMG's bonus is based on the percentage of books we sell compared to the total number of books sold by all participating organizations. In other words, **THE MORE BOOKS WE SELL, THE BIGGER OUR PIECE OF BONUS PIE.**

With the bonus in mind, the Guild has agreed that any donations received will be counted as books "purchased" and those books taken to a nonprofit organization for distribution to lower-income families. This way, we can have a win-win scenario: Herberger's sales are increased, and people choosing to send donations will be enhancing their donation by adding to our bonus.

*Brock Besse, chairperson
Ella VanLaningham, assistant*

Mark Your Calendar for Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale (RSOC) programming in the New Year. More information to follow:

February 4 & 5 will feature pianist Andrew Staupé returning to play not one but two virtuoso showpieces by Franz Liszt.

March 11 & 12 bring **An Opera Affair** with orchestra, chorale and several soloists doing Mozart, Verdi, Wagner, Copland and more of that music that is best at telling a story.

The season closes on **April 21 & 22** with **Journey Through Space**, with a 100th anniversary performance of Holst's *The Planets*, a 40th birthday offering of John Williams' immortal score from *Star Wars*, and music of Nielson (*Helios Overture*) and Debussy (*Clair de Lune*).

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**New location:** as of this past July the **RSOC office** has moved to its new location at *1530 Greenview Dr SW, Suite 120, Rochester*

**Upcoming Events (in Rochester unless noted)**

**Fri, Sept 30, 11:30 am** – Christ United Methodist Church, FREE, **Lunch & Learn: Band of Praise: A Traditional Dixieland Brass Band** – *details pg. 2*

**Sat, Oct 22, 7:30 pm and Sun, Oct 23, 2 pm** — Lourdes High School, **Rochester Symphony Orchestra West Side & Rhapsody**—*details pg. 5*

**Mon, Oct 31, 12:10-1:00 pm** – Lips Atrium, Mayo Clinic, FREE, **Harmony for Mayo: Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester \***

**Fri, Nov 4, 7:00 pm and Sat Nov 5, 7:00 pm** – Dover-Eyota High School – \$10 adults/free for students, **SE MN a Cappella: Festival Capstone Concerts**

**Mon, Nov 14, 12:10-1:00 pm** – Lips Atrium, Mayo Clinic, FREE, **Harmony for Mayo: The George Maurer Trio**

**Fri, Nov 18, 11:30 am** – Christ United Methodist Church, FREE, **Lunch & Learn: World-Renowned Violinist Midori** – *details pg. 5*

**Fri, Nov 18, 7:30 pm** – Mount Olive Lutheran Church – \$25, \$20, \$10, free for RMG members, **Lyra Baroque Orchestra: The Real Bach**

**Sat, Nov 19, 7:30 pm**—John Marshall High School, **Midori Plays Beethoven with RSOC** – *details pg. 5*

**Sat, Nov 19, 7:30 pm** – State Theatre, Zumbrota – \$28, \$32 at the door, **Crossings Concert: Bridge Over Troubled Water: A Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel**

**Sat, Nov 26, 7:30 pm** – Crossings at Carnegie, Zumbrota – \$22, \$25 at the door, **Crossings Concert: Michael Johnson**

**Sat, Dec 3, 7:30 pm** – State Theatre, Zumbrota – \$26, \$29 at the door, **Crossings Concert: Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin**

**Sun, Dec 4 – 3:00 and 5:00 pm**— Bethel Lutheran Church, \$10, \$14 & \$20, **Honors Choirs: Glad Tidings featuring all five Honors Choirs ensembles.**

**Fri, Dec 9 – 7:30 pm**—Assisi Heights – \$20, \$30, \$5 (student), **Choral Arts Ensemble: Christmas at Assisi**

See [rochestermusicguild.org](http://rochestermusicguild.org) for more events & info including weekly Harmony For Mayo programming and links to those music organizations listed above, as well as others.