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

## ROCHESTER MUSIC GUILD NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022/2023

The nights have turned colder and darkness comes early. The Choral Arts Ensemble, Rochester Male Chorus, Bella Voce, the Rochester Symphony and Chorale and other groups have wrapped up their holiday season concerts. Maestro Jere Lantz has received a rousing send-off after 42 years with the Rochester Symphony. We were treated to a Tuba Christmas, Irish Christmas music, Christmas with Cantus, holiday music from the Compass Rose Brass Ensemble and other special performances.

The Rochester Music Guild wishes you a joyful and harmonious holiday season and we hope that you will enter the New Year inspired and renewed by the return of live music concerts and celebrations to continue your commitment to music appreciation, education, and performance by renewing your Guild membership. A membership form is attached to this mini-newsletter.

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



My name is Linda Edd, and I am delighted to once again be entrusted with the leadership of the Rochester Music Guild (RMG). I have enjoyed multiple positions on the RMG Board including President-Elect, President, Past President and Scholarship Co-Chair. I have seen firsthand the extraordinary dedication and talent each board member brings to our organization.

As we continue our 2022/23 season, I 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 vital and vibrant organization in our community.

Music has enriched the lives of many in our community and beyond, and RMG is proud to continue our Mission: *Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, and Performance – Today and Tomorrow*. We are also grateful for the grant support from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC).

I'm excited for our wonderful and varied Listen & Learn events! Each month, musicians perform a free, noontime program in Rochester. A complete listing of the scheduled Listen & Learn events can be found on our website.

Rochester Music Guild provides modest financial support for area musical organizations. Grant awards are made based on an assessment of educational, youth, and overall community impact. RMG is pleased to continue this tradition of supporting local music organizations. Perhaps the centerpiece of the Guild's work has been the Scholarship Competition. This event combines the elements of music appreciation, education, and performance, and reflects a strong commitment to the future. The Guild is blessed with generous donors who have funded endowments from which scholarships are made.

RMG maintains a rich website at [rochestermusicguild.org](http://rochestermusicguild.org) featuring a calendar of music events, the history and mission of the Rochester Music Guild, listings of non-profit music organizations, a directory of music instructors, and information regarding our Scholarship Competition.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to renew your membership and invite others to join as well. Membership is the key to sustaining and expanding the work of the Guild.

The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

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

Be well and create a joyful noise!

Linda Edd

Rochester Music Guild President

## WEBSITE WOES AND SCAM ALERT

You may have noticed that our website was down for a period of time this Fall. Our website company, MLT, and our wonderful volunteer webmaster, Jon Davis, have worked diligently to get us back online and restore content.

Some private music instructors listed in our online directory have reported that less-than-honorable individuals have contacted them trying to set up a scam. Be on the alert for a request which doesn't seem quite right and asks for gift cards. Gift card requests are a tipoff. The best response is to ignore the request and let RMG know.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Guild will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 and needs to attract volunteers who will help continue the good work of the past. We need 1) a secretary, 2) a communications chair/newsletter editor, 3) someone to take over the very important scholarship competition, and 3) someone willing to serve as President Elect. It's common knowledge that volunteerism is much reduced over the last decades, leaving the structure and function of many organizations facing grave challenges. If you have some time and effort which you'd like to offer to the Guild, please let us know. An email to: [pres@rochestermusicguild.org](mailto:pres@rochestermusicguild.org) could get you involved.

## THANK YOU

To Andy Good, arts organizations volunteer and board member extraordinaire. Andy has volunteered with and held leadership positions in several local organizations, including having held multiple positions on the RMG Board over the years. Although Andy has moved on to work with other organizations, he provided much of the content for this newsletter. Thank you, Andy!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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