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

President's Note



It has been a wonderful year for me – being President of the Rochester Music Guild Board.

We have such an incredible group of volunteers, both on the Board and among the membership. Many thanks to all

who have helped to further our mission –Marg Carpenter and Barb Frogner for their enthusiastic leadership in decorating for the Rochester Orchestra & Chorale Christmas concerts over the years, Majel Hall for providing such competent backup as President-Elect, Nancy Kampmeier for her faithful and meticulous reporting in minutes of Board and annual meeting activities, Ione Schloegel and Virginia Anderson for so efficiently managing the many aspects of our annual scholarship competition, Gay Segar for pitching in to head up the Herberger's Community Day fundraiser in her first year on the Board, Sylvia Swede for her faithful ongoing work marketing our cookbook and cheerfully accepting additional responsibility for our beautiful notecards, Pauline Utzinger for the critical job of keeping up our history books for reference in future years, Glenn VanLaningham for his detailed and time-consuming financial record-keeping, Ruth Vigness for arranging some outstanding *Lunch & Learn events*, and Faye Waldo for so quietly and competently organizing the ushers for all symphony concerts. Thank you . . . thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with, or October. We made \$660 for Guild programs, to say nothing of the \$750/year we will be saving since we sold items we had paying to store for projects we no longer do. Special kudos to Malcolm Campbell, Marg and Paul Carpenter, Majel and Dick Hall, Nancy Kampmeier, Judy and Steve Kereakos, Carla Nelson, Ione Schloegel, Gay Segar, Ella and Glenn VanLaningham, Ruth Vigness and Faye

Waldo. And most especially to Shirley and John Edmonson who loaned their garage – not only putting up with us, but helping right along with everyone else.

In November, the Guild Board hosted a social at Realife Cooperative. We were awestruck by an incredible performance by Hannah Kuipers on harp, accompanied by Ian Shapinsky, and enjoyed some goodies and conversation.

Thanks to Majel Hall who chaired the event and Pauline Krieger who arranged for the space and helped with set-up.



At its last Board meeting, the Board committed to working on a new educational program for young people and included an amount in the budget as a symbol of that commitment. There were a number of ideas put forward, such as a mini-concert for children, scholarships for rental of musical instruments on a needs basis, and a grant program for music in the schools. We are currently seeking a chair for a committee that would research ideas and make recommendations to the Board. If you would consider helping with this effort, please give me a call (289-2668).

Thank you again to all!

Ella VanLaningham, President

HoNk*SQuEAK*ScRaTcH*BOOM!

On January 14, close to 400 potential band and orchestra players from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades came to try out various musical instruments at the invitation of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale. Resulting happy sounds were heard up and down the corridors of Mayo Civic Center from early morning until late afternoon. In all, an

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amazing 1900 mini-lessons were given – an all-time record total.

Great volunteers from the Rochester Music Guild once again helped at the event, gratefully acknowledged by the orchestra's Event Chair, Tom Miller. Our thanks go to Thurston Davini, Pat Friederichs, Jean Gutschenritter, Diane Hellie, Nancy Kampmeier, Carla Nelson, Esther Pfeifer, Joanne Schenck, Barb Seydel, Ruth VanVugt, Sarabeth Watson, Libby Witzeman, and Kathy Mayhew and her son, Nick, from SEMYO. A special thank-you goes to Carla Nelson and Sarabeth Watson who brought some coffee and treats for the volunteers. All worked very hard, but said it was fun. And what a great experience was provided for the young people!

Ella VanLaningham, President



Books! Books! Books!

The Rochester Music Guild cookbook, **Recipes of Note for Entertaining**, is still available for only \$6.00 each!

This is a great, inexpensive gift — perfect for hostess gifts, birthdays, and bridal showers or for other special occasions.

Rochester Music Guild notecards are also available (5 notecards for \$1.00). Another great gift option!

Call Sylvia Swede at 282-5132 to purchase either of these items.

Thanks to all who purchased books at the **Barnes and Noble Bookfair** November 14-19. We received \$200.52 for our music scholarship fund. Thanks to Barnes and Noble for providing this opportunity for non-profit organizations.

Sylvia Swede, Book Sales Chair



Herberger's Community Day Saturday, March 4, 2006

***Double your money and support
RMG education and scholarship
funds at the same time!!***

Sound too good to be true? By purchasing a \$5.00 coupon book for Herberger's Community Day on March 4th, you will receive a coupon for **\$10.00**

off an item priced at \$10.00 or more. There's more: in addition to the \$10.00 coupon, there are **eight** additional coupons for 20% off. All coupons are good on most regular priced and sale items.

And the best part is that every penny of your \$5.00 donation goes *directly* to the Guild. In 2005, RMG received over \$875 from this program to help us support music in Rochester.

Not available on March 4th? Herberger's graciously allows presales for the four days preceding Community Day. The shopper selects the desired merchandise and leaves those purchases along with credit card information at one of the "At Your Service" desks. The merchandise is rung up as a sale on March 4th and can then be picked up anytime over the next few days following the sale.

To buy books in advance or to pick up several books to sell, please contact Gay Segar or any Board member. These make great gifts for friends and family. Please consider purchasing a book to support RMG's mission—we need your help!

Gay Segar, Member-at-Large

Meet RMG's Future President:



Majel Hall

Serving now as the President-Elect and soon to receive the baton from President Ella is Majel Hall. Majel will assume the presidency on July 1.

Majel came to Rochester in 1961 as a history teacher at John Marshall High School. She had completed a master's degree in European history at the University of South Dakota. Subsequently she taught both history and English at Mayo High and John Adams Junior High Schools.

Majel was a native Minnesotan, graduating from Concordia College at Moorhead. Her teaching career began at Aitkin, Minnesota.

She met Richard Hall, an IBM engineer, and they were married in 1966. They have three grown sons, all of whom were active in sports and music. She served her time as a hockey mom and even a soccer coach, although she admits she knew very little about the sport or coaching. Richard and

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Majel have both been active in Scouting, serving as Merit Badge counselors to Boy Scouts for many years.

Majel sang for several years in her church choir, and continues to be involved in many church activities. She was president of the local AAUW, served on the State Board of that organization and has been a member of the American foreign Policy Group for over 30 years. She also served on the Rochester Civic Theater Board and volunteered at Quarry Hill as a teacher.

Her personal hobbies are reading, cooking, and attending concerts and plays. She has been a member of a gourmet club since 1976 and remains active in an investment club.

Proud of the mission of RMG, Majel hopes to promote the symphony orchestra and programs to



encourage young musicians. With her charm, warmth and enthusiasm, RMG will do well under her leadership.

Glenn VanLaningham



Rochester Music Guild Annual Luncheon Meeting

You are invited to the forty-second annual luncheon meeting of the Rochester Music Guild:

Saturday, May 6, 2006
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 3rd Avenue SW.

You will have an opportunity not only to hear a mini-recital by the 2006 RMG scholarship winners, but also to help determine the direction of our group. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please reply by April 30th to:

Majel Ann Hall 282-7085
or majelann@charter.net

You may pay at the door or send checks to:

Majel A. Hall, 559 21st Street NE
Rochester, MN 55906

Majel Hall, President-Elect

In memoriam: Karen Petitt



Karen H. Petitt, a past president of the Rochester Music Guild, died Friday, January 20, in Naples, Florida, following a brief illness. A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 29, at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester.

Karen Petitt served as president of the Rochester Music Guild in 1990-1991. She was very active for many years in Rochester civic affairs, and was especially dedicated to the cause of classical music in Rochester. She and her husband, Dr. Robert M. Petitt (known to his friends as "Monty"), both served on the board of Rochester Civic Music. Three years ago, they joined Maestro Jere Lantz and other ROC supporters on the Prague to Istanbul tour, and again last summer they joined the Waterways of the Czars tour (Moscow to St. Petersburg).

Karen will be missed by her many friends in the Rochester Music Guild.

Joyce Lewis, Publications

Guild Scholarships Supporting Young Musicians

The Music Guild Scholarship Competition on February 4 is bringing 41 young talented musicians to the Rochester Community and Technical College to compete for \$4600.00 in scholarship funds.

Funds are awarded in four categories: piano, strings, voice, and instrumental. The 1st place awards in the Voice and Strings categories honor Sally Duffy and Georgia Daniel. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in each category are \$400, \$300, and \$200 respectively.

Judges will also determine the winner of the Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship (\$500), which is awarded based on a combination of the performance score and the score on an essay written by each applicant (reviewed and scored by the Douglas family).

And finally, judges will select the winner of the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation Scholarship, a \$500 Summer Camp Scholarship.

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Please see the following articles for complete information about the special sponsored scholarship awards.

Currently, the funds for all scholarships, except the camp scholarship, are invested with the Rochester Area Foundation. The Rochester Music Guild Scholarship is used to fund second and third place Vocal and String winners in the annual competition and all winners in the Wind Instruments and Piano categories.

Continuing donations are added to the principals of all funds as received. You are welcome to send a contribution directly to the Rochester Area Foundation or to the Rochester Music Guild to benefit any of the funds.

Ione Schloegel, Scholarship Chair

Georgia Daniel Memorial Scholarship

Teaching Young Musicians ... A Link to the Future



The Georgia Daniel Memorial Scholarship was established in 2000 and is awarded to the 1st place winner in the strings category of the Rochester Music Guild annual competition at a current level of \$400. Georgia's cousin, Virginia Amundsen, was instrumental in the development of this fund, honoring Georgia for over 22 years of dedication, teaching strings and directing orchestras in the Rochester Public Schools.

Georgia was always willing to share her knowledge with other teachers in the school system, and volunteered to document guidelines and standards for the teaching of stringed instruments in the Rochester Public Schools.

Many of Georgia's students competed successfully for concertmaster/concertmistress positions in the nation's top university music programs, and went on to become professional musicians.

Suddendorf Memorial Scholarship

A Musical Heritage

In addition to the scholarships awarded at our annual scholarship competition, the Rochester Music Guild awards three \$100 scholarships each year to students chosen by each of the three Rochester high school music departments. The Mayo and John Marshall students each receive a **Suddendorf Memorial Scholarship Award**.

These awards honor Sid Suddendorf and his wife Carol, who were prominent members of the Rochester musical community for many years.

Sidney Suddendorf began his career with the Rochester Public Schools in 1946 as a music teacher. He taught music at the junior high, senior high, and junior college levels. When John Marshall opened, he became its first Choral Teacher. In 1966 he became the first Choral Teacher at Mayo High School. After several years at Mayo he became the District Music Consultant, a position he held until his retirement in 1979. Sid died in 1986. With money contributed to the family in his honor, the memorial scholarship was started.

Sid's wife, Carol, was a prominent vocal soloist, performing under Orvis Ross and on occasion with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra. She was Choral Director at Bethel Lutheran Church for 15 years. After she died in 1998, contributions in her memory from friends and family were added to the Suddendorf Award. Both Suddendorf daughters, Anne Judisch and Kathie Balfour, continue their parents' dedication to music, playing in the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and involved in other musical efforts in the community.

In 2005 the Rochester Music Guild established an additional scholarship award, currently \$100, to honor an outstanding music student at Century High School as a match to the Suddendorf Memorial Scholarship.

Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship

The Gift You Have Received . . . Give as a Gift



Carter Douglas was born in 1965 in Rochester where she and her twin sister, Cathy, grew up. Carter was spontaneous, creative, caring, athletic and very musical. Her introduction to piano was through the skilled teaching of Evangeline Mitchell, with whom she studied for nine

years. Practice was never a chore; it could go on for hours because it brought joy and release and a growing skill. She competed in local competitions, sharing a musical recital evening at the Rochester Art Center with two young performers, Frances Go and Nora O'Sullivan. While a student at Rochester Community College she continued her piano studies with Mrs. Rantapas in St. Paul and at the MacPhail Center for the Arts. During this period she participated in a summer program for young musicians at Brevard, North Carolina. Her varied experiences opened new doors to her at each turn and she would return, full of enthusiasm and energy. Those who knew her often recall hearing her play on a summer night, with the windows open and Bach and some of her own compositions pouring forth . . . music was in her head and in her heart. Following her untimely death, family and friends from this community and across the country worked to establish a scholarship fund that, thru an annual award (currently \$500), would enable other young high-school-age musicians to share in a new musical experience that would help to broaden and deepen their musical understanding and maturity. Contestants for this annual award are judged both on a performance of musical skills and an essay to be written on a subject related to music as selected by the Guild each year. Members of the Douglas family participate in the selection of essay topics and grading of essays submitted where possible.

Carter's musicianship was a gift and a joy, both for her and those around her. It is only fitting that the gift be shared and continue on forever in today's young musicians.

Sally Duffy Memorial Vocal Scholarship

Devoted to the Human Voice



The Sally Duffy Memorial Vocal Scholarship is awarded to the 1st place winner in the vocal category of the Rochester Music Guild Scholarship competition each year, currently at a level of \$400. Joe Duffy made a contribution in memory of his wife, Sally, shortly after her death from cancer in July 1994. He placed no stipulations on the donation – he simply wanted to honor Sally in memory of her devotion to music and the human voice. He was delighted when the Rochester Music Guild (at that time named the Rochester Civic Music Guild) elected to place the money in a designated fund to be used for an annual vocal scholarship in her name.

Sally was a two-time President of the Guild, 1978-1979 and 1987-1988, and ardent supporter of the Guild's mission. She had a passion for the arts in general and for music in particular, especially choral music. She sang in a choir at the National Cathedral in Washington prior to her marriage to Joe in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1975. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Rochester where she sang in the choir at Calvary Episcopal Church and in the Rochester Symphony Chorale.

In Rochester, she was very involved in helping numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Guild. She could be found working hard for the major fundraising event, the Party at Apache, and helping prepare for various symphony concerts (even Joe was drawn into decorating tables for Yulefest and serving ice cream in the park for summer concerts).

Thank you, Joe, for helping us remember Sally.

Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation Scholarship

Supporting Youth in the Musical Arts

For a number of years, the Rochester Music Guild has awarded a \$500 Summer Camp Scholarship to a winner selected by the judges from among applicants participating in the annual Scholarship Competition. In 2005, the Judy and Jim Sloan

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Foundation graciously offered to take over sponsorship of this award.

Judy and Jim Sloan are long-time members of the community and are known for their generous support of many worthwhile charitable causes through their Foundation. Among these, they were enthusiastic about supporting youth programs that encourage participation in music. Last year, a grant from the Sloan Foundation also helped make possible the Rochester Music Guild educational play/concert about Clara Schumann's life, *Clara's Visitor*. Thank you, Judy and Jim, for your support of the musical development of youth.

Scholarship Winners Recital Sunday, February 19, 2006

1:00 pm

First Unitarian Universalist Church

Enjoy hearing these talented young musicians.

The public is invited to the recital and a reception following the performance.

Please put this on your calendar and come to enjoy the artistry of our young people.

Ione Schloegel, Scholarship Chair

Rochester Orchestra & Chorale

We are looking forward to an exciting series of ROC events this winter and spring:

February 4, 2006, at 7:30 pm, in the Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall:

The Suitest Dancing

Featuring the James Sewell Ballet

Sponsored by Charter House and Carlson Capital Management

Selections will include:

Corelli: Concerto Grosso

Bach: Suite No. 2 for Flute & Orchestra

Warlock: Capriol Suite

Stravinsky: Pulcinella Suite

March 4, 2006 at 2:00 pm (Family) & 7:30 pm, at the Rochester Assembly of God Church

Beethoven Pastorale

Sponsored by the Olmsted Medical Center and US Bank

Selections will include:

Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 (Pastoral)

Debussy: Dances Sacree

Strauss: Serenade for Winds, Op. 7

Stravinsky: Suite from The Firebird

March 18-19, 2006

ROC's **Radiothon 2006**, held live in KNXR's beautiful studios, will be on KNXR 97.5 FM. Enjoy live music, special guests and great conversation. When you call 28-MUSIC with your pledge of financial support you will be entered in the drawing for fabulous hourly prizes. Do listen and join us!

April 1, 2006 at 7:30 pm, at the Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall

Fool me Once!

Sponsored by the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation

Selections will include:

Peter Schickele: Eine Kleine Nichtmusik

Haydn: Symphony No. 45 (Farewell)

Will supplement with ensembles from the orchestra & chorale (hilarious in nature)

April 29, 2006 at 7:30 pm, at the Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall

Carmina Burana

Selections will include:

Sponsored by the Kahler Grand Hotel

Carmina Burana with Chorale and Boy Choir

Debussy Nocturnes

Orff: Carmina Burana

Tony Sertich, ROC Executive Director

Lunch & Learn

March 31 and April 24, 2006

On March 31, we will be entertained (and educated on *The Art of the Art Song*) by Jon Strommen Campbell, tenor. Please join us at the First Presbyterian Social Hall (512 Third Street SW) at 11:30 for a soup and salad buffet followed by the program.

On April 24, Maestro Jere Lantz will once again join us for a peek at the April 29 Rochester Orchestra & Chorale concert *Carmina Burana*.

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A soup and salad buffet will be served at Charter House at 11:30 and followed by the program.

The cost is \$8.50. Bring a friend. To be on the list to receive a flyer or to make a reservation, contact Ruth Vigness at 282-1788.

Ruth Vigness, Chair

Garden Of Note Benefit April 2-June 2

Rochester Music Guild will once again give you an opportunity to support our music scholarship program and pledge to the Rochester Orchestra and Chorale by using our Garden of Note vouchers to purchase garden products from Sargent's Garden Center and Landscape Nurseries.

Rochester Music Guild volunteers will be selling \$25 vouchers (\$5 tax deductible) redeemable at both Sargent's locations beginning April 2. The vouchers expire June 2 and can be used for almost all items sold at both locations. Think Prom, Mother's Day, and of course your gardening needs (exceptions include weddings and landscape design).

We are looking for RMG members to sell vouchers. Sellers will call former buyers and new customers. The vouchers will be available at the April 1 Rochester Orchestra & Chorale concert and by calling Carla Nelson, 288-2159 (carlanelson@carlanelson.org) or Barbara Eakins, 288-8700 (eakinsbf@aol.com).

Contact Barbara or Carla if you can help sell vouchers. This is a great way to support the Rochester Music Guild.

Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins, Co-Chairs

Winds of Christmastide II

The Rochester Orchestra and Chorale presented the *Winds of Christmastide II* concert on December 17, 2005, bringing more joy to music-lovers this Holiday Season.

Did you notice how the Holiday Decorations helped make this event sparkle? The beautiful trees in the lobby were borrowed from Hobby Lobby where manager Mike Carney was amazingly generous to let us use whatever we needed.

Thank you, Mike — your generosity is wonderful (and you run a great store, too!).

Interfaith Hospitality Network was the recipient of the hats, mittens, and scarves displayed on the "mitten tree." Ione Schloegel worked with the Rochester Youth Commission of Olmsted County to collect these items, and some came from Wal-Mart North.

Thank you Ione, Youth Commissioners, and Wal-Mart for the generous donations. They are greatly appreciated by the folks who received them.

It is always fun to put together a crew in mid-December and make the auditorium look gorgeous. It was even more fun this year with such an enthusiastic group of volunteers who came to help on the Friday morning before the concert and/or helped take things down Saturday night.

Thanks go to Guild volunteers Majel and Dick Hall, Carol Schroedel, Richard Bedard, Judy and Steve Kereakos, Joyce Sharp, Dave and Barb Frogner, Ella and Glenn VanLaningham, and Marg and Paul Carpenter.

The job was done in half the time this year so I guess we're getting pretty good at it!

*Barb Frogner and Marg Carpenter,
Members-at-Large*

Thank You, Members

Many many thanks to all of you for your contributions which support our many endeavors. At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors approved a new budget to include support of educational programs, such as our *Lunch & Learn* series and the recital series, *Young Musicians of Southeast Minnesota*, co-sponsored with the Rochester Area Keyboard Club, Southeastern Minnesota Suzuki Association, the annual scholarship competition and the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale. None of this would be possible without your generosity.

In late November, a *Directory* was sent to 176 members. Since that time, Steve Riederer joined his wife, Marilyn, as a new member and we have added ten more new and renewing members. Please welcome these additional members and add their names to your *2005-2006 Rochester Music Guild Directory*.

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