

For the love of music, the Music Guild of New Mexico supports, promotes, and encourages nonprofit musical organizations that will educate, enhance, engage, and enrich the quality of our New Mexico community.

Letter from the Presidents

Congratulations to the Señorita Ball Chairs and the entire Ball Committee. Together you planned and implemented one of the best Señorita Balls. The décor, the presentations, the music, the auction, everything was wonderful, and from what I've been hearing, everyone had an incredibly enjoyable evening. The pictures from the evening are already posted online, so take a look at



www.musicguildofnewmexico.org.

We are excited to see this year's plans come to fruition, and at our April Board of Directors meeting, our Treasurer, Sue Brown, informed us we will be able to grant \$80,000 this year.



The Grant Selection Committee reviewed all the submitted applications and allotted funds to 16 nonprofit organizations. These organizations are being contacted and will receive their checks at the May Luncheon. Please join us at Tanoan Country Club for this incredibly joyful and fulfilling afternoon. You will soon be receiving your invitations.

Thank you all for joining us as we continue to grow and evolve as the Music Guild. We couldn't do this without you.

Your Presidents,
Dr. Jackie Tobias and Karen Hopkins

2014 CRESCENDO AWARD WINNER



Introducing our Crescendo Recipient, **Patrice Dell of Southwest Airlines**. Patrice has been with SWA for 21 years, and currently is a Center Support Leader for the SWA Albuquerque Customer Support and Services Center. In addition to her management position, she is charged with building and maintaining relationships within the state and community on behalf of SWA. Patrice interacts with community leaders, elected officials, opinion leaders and decision makers, providing a voice for SWA spanning from City Hall to Capitol Hill. Living in Albuquerque, she is in a position of knowing the community's pulse and having an increased awareness of important issues unique to our city and state.

Patrice loves her job and the variety of responsibilities it affords: developing leaders, interacting with people here in Albuquerque, and throughout the SWA system. Patrice is proud to represent SWA and cannot imagine a more wonderful company to be a part of than SWA, the LUV airline!

Patrice graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Journalism, moved to El Paso, married William Charles "Bill" Dell and worked as a news reporter before making Albuquerque her home in 1982. She and Bill have two sons.

SWA has been very generous to the Music Guild for over ten years, donating round trip tickets to the Señorita Ball auction and becoming a Sponsor of this event. We are delighted to have the support of SWA, and of the incredible Patrice Dell. We look forward to their continued involvement!

The Crescendo Award was introduced in 2003 to recognize the many people and organizations in our community that have supported the Music Guild of New Mexico. This award honors those who have upheld the mission of the Guild and increased their support, much like the volume in music. Whether the support is through financial, service or other means, the longevity and continuity of support is important in choosing the recipient of the Crescendo Award.

**Congratulations and thank you to Patrice Dell
and Southwest Airlines**



57th Annual Señorita Ball It Was A Ball!

What a grand evening at the Marriott Pyramid on March 29, 2014 for the over 400 in attendance! Lindy Gold started off the evening with upbeat piano music during our welcome reception. Fathers, Acompañantes, and Brother Acompañantes were all dressed in black tie apparel. Ladies were in long gowns or fabulous evening wear. Young adults were looking radiant in their bling, and our wonderful ball committee was busy providing support. After check-in, people began bidding on the 106 silent auction items and trying chances at the Wine Dart Board. Also, there were seven live auction items to review for bidding later in the evening (Dinner with astronaut Sid Gutierrez, three Winspire trips, Vintage Pendant, and Classic Series tickets for two with dinners included).

The ballroom doors opened with anticipation at 6:45 PM. Our program began with David Aubol singing, "Just The Way You Look Tonight". Jackie Tobias and Karen Hopkins, MGNM Presidents, presented each of our Junior Señoritas with a rose. They then presented Southwest Airlines and Patrice Dell with the Crescendo Award for Southwest Airlines' longstanding support of the Music Guild of New Mexico.

The emcee for the evening, Brent Stevens, of Classical KHFM, introduced each of the 35 beautiful Señorita in their splendid white gowns, which was the highlight of the evening. After dinner, we enjoyed a surprise "fun" dance by the Señorita, which was choreographed by Kathie Fishback Anthony. The Pink Flamingos provided our Entertainment and Dancing. The dance floor was filled until the very end of the evening!

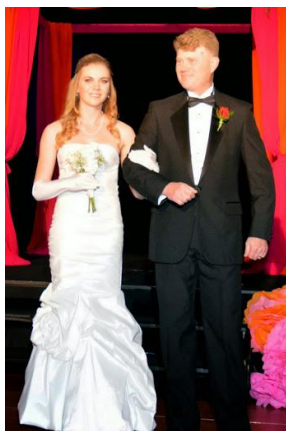
The success of the Ball goes to the generosity of our many sponsors. An enormous thank you to our monetary sponsors for their very generous donations—Frontier Restaurant & Golden Pride, National Electric & NICOR, LK Curtis Children's Foundation, Barbara Lebeck Broker & The Lebeck Company, Pam & Chuck Reardon, and Yvette & Robert Lyle; thank you to our in-kind sponsors—Heritage Audio Visual, Mille Fleur Floral, Starline Printing, Southwest Airlines, the Pink Flamingos, and Pennysmith Papers; and a huge thank you to the guests who helped make the 57th Señorita Ball a success! A grand evening it was to help us raise money to enrich the quality of music throughout New Mexico.

Lastly, we would like to give a big applause to the committee who worked very hard to make this one of the best balls ever. We all worked hard and had many good laughs. Work is already underway on the 58th Annual Señorita Ball under the guidance of Gayle McCormick. You don't want to miss out! We always welcome new people to help with the ball. Please do not hesitate to contact us if have an interest in joining the ball team.

Submitted by **Music Guild of New Mexico 2013-2014 Ball Chairs**

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Photography by Rick Cohen
These are just a few of the many wonderful photographs.
Go to the Music Guild website www.musicguildofnewmexico.org to view them all.



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Señorita Program

The 2013-2014 Señorita year has to come to an end. We had 35 wonderful young ladies participate in the Señorita program this year. The girls were able to meet girls from other high schools and reconnect with girls they had gone to elementary school with. The year ended with the Ball and each and every girl had a great time. The Pink Flamingos entertained and kept the girls on the dance floor most of the night, as well as many of the parents.

As we wrapped up the year it was hard to say good-bye to these lovely young ladies as well as some of the committee members as they take on new positions for the following year.

It was definitely a memorable year and we look forward to a new class of girls!

Submitted by 2013-2014 Señorita Chairs

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Junior Señoritas introduced at the Ball

The Junior Señoritas were introduced at this year's Señorita Ball. Nine Junior Señoritas participated in the program this year and they will go on to be Señoritas next year. The girls were involved in several activities throughout the program year, enough to whet their appetite for next year!

For more information about the Junior Señorita Program, contact Theresa Butterfield Maxey

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Junior Señoritas

Applications are now being taken for Junior Señoritas for 2014-2015. These Junior high school girls have a "prep" year to get ready for the Señoritas Program in their Senior year of high school. For more information about this exciting and worthwhile program, please contact

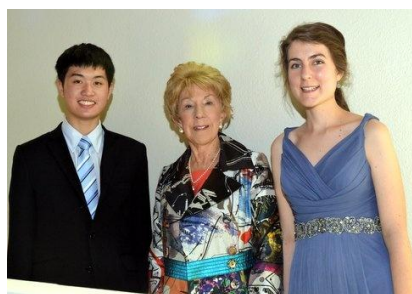
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The 2014 Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings Announces its Winners

On Saturday, February 15, the **Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition** held its twenty-first annual competition in Keller Hall on the UNM campus. Six winners were chosen, and two honorable mentions were awarded, out of a field of fifteen contestants. First-place winners were each presented with \$2,000. Second-place winners each received \$750, and third-place winners each received \$500. A multitude of thanks goes to our team of forty volunteers. Much gratitude goes to Fredric Cohen, JMYAC chair; Karla Bressan, donor chair; Carol Alexander, judge liaison; Teresa Edens, refreshments coordinator, and Linn Furnish, volunteer coordinator. We greatly appreciated assistance from Yvette Lyle and her team of Señorita. A round of applause, please, for Jackie McGehee for conceiving of the competition idea and overseeing its growth and development over the past twenty-one years.

The two top award winners, Ryan Downs on violin, and Ken Lien on piano, performed their winning concerti on Sunday, March 16th, at 3:00 pm, with the New Mexico Philharmonic at Central United Methodist Church. They were rewarded with standing ovations from a delighted full house and made us even prouder of our wonderful competition. The concert was followed by a reception, sponsored by the New Mexico Philharmonic. They will also perform for Guild members at the May 7 luncheon and again with the NM Philharmonic on Saturday, May 24, at the Rio Grande Zoo Concert – Here's to the Heroes. 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets on line at www.nmphil.org



Ken Lien, Jackie McGehee and Ryan Downs
Thanks to Rick Cohen for the photograph

Ryan Downs, daughter of Jeffrey and Edith Downs of Albuquerque, performed the first movement, "Vorspiel: Allegro Moderato," from the Concerto No. 1 in G minor For Violin and Orchestra, op. 26, by Max Bruch. Ryan is a home-schooled senior, and her violin teacher is Kathie Jarrett.

Ken Lien, son of Ivan and Jennifer Lien, performed the first movement, "Allegro Maestoso," from the Concerto No. 1 in E minor for Piano and Orchestra, op. 11, by Frederic Chopin. Ken is a sophomore at Southwest Learning Center. His piano teacher is Marylene Dosse.

Our other winners were: On Strings:

Second Place went to **Abigail Herrick** on Violin, daughter of Randy and Marna Herrick of Albuquerque. She performed the first movement "Vorspiel: Allegro Moderato," from the Concerto No. 1 for Violin and Orchestra, op. 26, by Max Bruch. Abigail is a freshman at Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School, and her Violin teacher is Kathie Jarrett.

Third Place was awarded to **Ivan Aidun** on Double Bass, son of John Aidun and Joan Harris of Albuquerque. He performed the first movement, "Allegro Alla Breve," from the Concerto in F# minor for Double Bass and Piano, op. 3, by Serge Koussevitsky. Ivan is a junior at Albuquerque High School, and his Double Bass teacher is Mark Tatum.

On Piano: Second Place was awarded to **Stephanie Yang**, daughter of Chengyan Zhou and Yiming Yang of Albuquerque. She performed the first movement "Allegro con Brio," from the Concerto No. 1 in C major for Piano and Orchestra, op. 15, by Ludwig Van Beethoven. Stephanie is a junior at Albuquerque Academy, and her Piano teacher is Lawrence Blind.

Third Place was awarded to **Dennis Huang**, son of Leihua Ni and Donhong Huang of Albuquerque. He performed the first movement "Andante Sostenuto," from the Concerto No. 2 in G minor for Piano and Orchestra, op. 22, by Camille Saint-Saens. Dennis is a senior at La Cueva High School and his Piano teacher is Lawrence Blind.

Two Honorable Mentions were awarded to the following pianists: **Joseph Seth Zamora** is the son of Kevin and Nickie Zamora of Tularosa. He performed the third movement, "Allegro ma non Troppo," from the Concerto No. 3 in C major for Piano and Orchestra, op. 26, by Sergei Prokofiev. Joseph is a senior at Tularosa High School, and his Piano teacher is Esequiel Meza. And **Gavin Laur**, the son of Paul and Ruth Laur of Santa Fe. He performed the first movement, "Allegro con Brio," from the Concerto No. 3 in C minor for Piano and Orchestra, op. 37, by Ludwig Van Beethoven. Gavin is a sophomore at the New Mexico School for the Arts, and his Piano teacher is Jacquelyn Helin.

Every one of our piano contestants was subsequently invited by judge Tali Margolis of the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston to participate in this June's Piano Institute, part of the Texas Music Festival at the school.

At this point, we are thrilled to announce a total of approximately \$26,000 in donations to this year's JMYAC, including proceeds from the Doug Montgomery concert last September. The Music Guild of New Mexico is establishing a fund to ensure the future of this remarkable program.

Please mark your calendar for next year's competition at Keller Hall, to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Do consider joining us as a volunteer on that day. It's always a memorable event, with such amazing student talent. It was so very heartwarming to hear from our judges that ours was the most organized and pleasurable competition they had ever participated in!

Peter and the Wolf

This school year's *Peter and the Wolf* program closes with three presentations during the month of April. We are most grateful to our stalwart docents, those who are new to the program and those who are veterans. Without them, we would not be able to bring music to the first-graders in APS. This program is even more crucial, as each year, only half of the elementary schools in APS have the gift of a music teacher. Our mission is to bring music into these schools, providing the teachers with printed guides and all student materials. The teachers who invite us into their classrooms are so very appreciative of what we do, and we, in turn, are equally appreciative of their participation in the program. Evaluations continue to be so very positive and complimentary, and our docents are often rewarded with personal notes from the classes. There are some wonderful new aspects to the program in the works for next school year (Watch your fall *Keynotes* for updates), and we invite you to help us continue to spread the joy of music throughout the first-grade classrooms of the city. All training and materials are provided, free of charge. It's easy and fun, and once you try it, you will be hooked!



Popejoy Youth Concerts - May 13th, 14th, and 15th

Once again, we are assisting the New Mexico Philharmonic with their spring Youth Concerts, this May encompassing three days of concerts. The concerts at 10:00 and noon on Tuesday, May 13th and Thursday, May 15th will be performed for the fourth-grade students in APS. The concerts on Wednesday will feature a performance especially designed for a select group of special needs students from APS in the morning (along with an instrument petting zoo for them) and another concert at noon for home-schooled students and some out-of-town school districts. We invite you to join us to help out on any or all of these dates. Dress is casual - wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and a hat! A light brunch "meet and greet" for all volunteers starts the morning at 9:15, and we are finished at noon. It's always a lot of fun watching the children in their best concert finery enjoy the magic of music as presented by the orchestra just for them. An added bonus is the opportunity to enjoy a Philharmonic concert absolutely free! For more information and/or to sign up to help out, please contact Diana Whitehouse at dwhitehouse03@comcast.net. Diana looks forward to hearing from you!





JMYAC NEWS - notes from past winners

Rachel Gallegos, 2013 JMYAC string winner and her new violin have been accepted into Northwestern University, class of 2018. Her teacher is world renown Madam Vamos.

Maria Vigil, 2013 JMYAC piano winner and 2014 Señorita, has been accepted to the University of Notre Dame, class of 2018. Her majors are piano and biology. We are so proud of these two young women (who discovered they were cousins during the competition).

Ivan Aidun, 2013 and 2014 double bass strings JMYAC winner, was selected to perform with the **National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America**. Each summer, Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute brings together 120 of the brightest young players from across the country to form the orchestra. Following a two-week training residency with leading professional orchestra musicians, these remarkable teenagers embark on a tour to some of the great music capitals of the world and serve as dynamic musical ambassadors. The members of NYO-USA spend the first two weeks of each season on the campus of Purchase College, SUNY. Located in Westchester County just north of New York City, Purchase College has outstanding rehearsal, performance, and residential facilities, including a highly regarded performing arts center that will be the center of musical activities during the residency. The residency includes sectional and full orchestral rehearsals, workshops on musical and non-musical topics designed to complement the focus on tour repertoire, and social/recreational activities, capped by a performance in the concert hall. The tour begins with a performance at the Performing Arts Center in Purchase, NY, followed by the orchestra's Carnegie Hall debut in New York City. The tour continues with performances at Tanglewood; Boone, North Carolina; Millennium Park, Chicago; Teton Village, Wyoming; then on the Rohnert Park CA and the tour culminates at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

AN UPDATE from Josh Rupley (2011 JMYAC piano winner) to Mrs. McGehee,

I meant to write a lot sooner, but I kept getting distracted. How are things in Albuquerque! It was sad to have to miss the JMYAC this year, but I heard that it was great. \$2,000 first prize, right? That's really wonderful to see so many people stepping up to sponsor and support young musicians like that. I would have loved to see the performances. When I think back on it, it's amazing how far I have come since 2011, especially thanks to the support of the Guild.

My time over here in Europe has been amazing to say the least. I am so impressed with the level of playing at my school and am challenged daily to stretch my boundaries and strive for higher and higher goals. I am starting to feel like I have a chance to make a career out of playing the piano and conducting. My piano teacher studied with Alfred Brendel and Rudolf Buchbinder among others, my chamber music teacher holds a degree from the Vienna Conservatory and studied under Murray Perahia for five years, my conducting teacher was one of the foremost students of Sergiu Celibidache, and a mentor of mine studied with Olivier Messiaen's wife, Yvonne Loriod, and is one of his generation's most successful pianists in Europe. I have also taken courses with some of Europe's finest piano teachers such as Andrej Jasinski (Krystian Zimerman's teacher) and Markus Schirmer, who has a quite active concert career in the US. I am also taking advantage of the incredible selection of world-class concerts all within a day trip of Würzburg, where I live.

The nature here is not nearly as beautiful as in New Mexico, but the support for classical music is certainly exciting. It's also exciting to see audiences who listen to music beyond Schumann and Beethoven and Chopin and Mozart with great interest. I have seen concerts of new music sell out time and again, and that is also very encouraging. I am inspired and motivated to head back to Albuquerque and try to encourage the same kind of interest and love in New Mexicans.

Anyway, if you have a chance to respond, I love hearing from you. I am interested in what the Guild is doing in New Mexico and how things are going there in general! Have a great Sunday.



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Spring luncheon held at Seasons Restaurant on March 19, 2014

Spring was definitely in the air at this past luncheon, held at Seasons Restaurant on March 19th. There were 6 lovely raffle baskets, which netted \$430 for the Guild. Thanks to all who so generously donated them!

Our next luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Tanoan country Club from 11:00 to 2:00pm. The JMYAC winners will be featured, as well as the presentation of Grants to this year's recipients. The Grace note will also be presented. **Please contact Peggy Way at 856-1428 to make your reservation.**
- submitted by Peggy Way, Vice-President of Membership



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More luncheon photos on the Music Guild website www.musicguildofnewmexico.org

Señorita Ball Planning Meeting for 2015

Riding on the enthusiasm generated by the success of this year's Señorita Ball, we would like to get started right away with our plans for next year!

There have been some great suggestions made which necessitate this early first meeting date. If you would like to be involved, **please attend the meeting on Wednesday, May 14th, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the home of Gayle McCormick, 5011 Silas Ct. NE, Albuquerque 87111.** If you would like to be part of the committee but cannot attend, please call Gayle at 294-0349 or email her at McCordg5@aol.com.

We are so fortunate that many of you are staying on, and we always WELCOME new members to join us. This is a busy committee, but a great way to immerse yourself into the MGNM, as well as, a means to having fun and making new friendships.





PERSONAL NOTES

Denise and Larry Lemanski welcomed **granddaughter, Addison Grace Lendman** February 14, 2014. She weighed in at 6 lbs 6 oz and 19 inches long. Addison was born at Northwestern Prentiss Hospital in Chicago.

Sarah Furnish, daughter of Linn and Mike Furnish and 2007 Señorita is visiting for six weeks as she works to raise her financial and prayer support to work full time in college ministry with Cru, the US ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Linn says "it is wonderful to have her home for this period, and to be able to help her connect with people who are excited to hear about how God's love is reaching college students".

Wedding Bells will chime on Saturday, May 10, 2014, for **Jamie Fanning and Travis Edens**. Jamie is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Fanning and the late Dr. James Fanning. Travis is the son of Jim and Teresa Edens.



Please be sure to send any info you would like mentioned in the Personal Notes section to Gayle McCormick at mccord5@aol.com

Coming Attractions!

Volunteer opportunities and events you will not want to miss!

Wednesday, May 7, 2014
Luncheon & Induction of Officers for 2014-2015

JMYAC winners to perform
Grace Note will be presented
2014 Grants will be announced

Tanoan Country Club

11:00am Social

JMYAC winners play at 11:40am & Lunch at 12:00

For info call Peggy Way **856-1423**
or pegretiredway@comcast.net

May 13, 14, 15, 2014
Fourth Grade Youth Concerts at Popejoy Hall 9:00am to noon

To volunteer e-mail

Diana Whitehouse at

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Wednesday, May 14, 2014
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Señorita Ball Committee Meeting for 2015 (yes, you read that correctly!) at the home of Gayle McCormick, If you would like to be part of the committee but cannot attend, please call Gayle at 294-0349 or email her at McCordg5@aol.com.

May 22, 2014

High Tea for Past Presidents

Watch for your invitation

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May 24, 2014

New Mexico Philharmonic

Rio Grande Zoo Concert

"Here's to the Heroes"

Featuring the **JMYAC winners,**

Ken Lien and Ryan Downs

Ticket info at www.NMphil.org

**Annual Luncheon with Induction of Officers
and
Performance by JMYAC Winners**

**Tanoan Country Club
May 7, 2014**

Social hour at 11:00am with JMYAC winners, Ken Lien on piano and Ryan Downs on violin at 11:40am. You do not want to miss these talented young musicians! 2014 Grant Recipients will be announced and the Grace Note will be presented.

Lunch will be served at 12:00.

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Watch your Friday e-blast for additional information. See you there!

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