

April 2015

Spring

Is Here & Music is in the Air!



February was a busy Music Guild of New Mexico month and the ramp up to and the actual events kept all our members busy, busy, busy!

We began 2015 with our MGNM's *Peter & the Wolf* Library Outreach Initiative. So far, we have presented *Peter & the Wolf* three times with an audience ranging from 50-80 attendees of ALL ages. Roz Cohen and Diana Whitehouse, with the help of a strong volunteer base, have truly pushed this program up to the next level. Thank you all for this!

The MGNM's Jackie McGehee Young Artist Competition for Piano and Strings celebrated its 23rd year on February 14th. Once again our competitors and winners are inspirational. Bravo! To Jackie McGehee, Paula Bradley and ALL of the committee members for a tremendous effort and success.

After the snow fell on February 28th, the MGNM presented 25 Señoritas at Sandia Resort & Casino. The ballroom was decorated with jaw-dropping skill, lovely flowers, and an auction worthy of a shocking credit card bill, and the Señoritas were a pleasure to behold. Cheers! To Pam Berg, Pam Reardon and the Señorita Committee for bringing these wonderful young women to us, and to Gayle McCormick and her committee for making ball night a truly unique lifetime experience that Señoritas, Parents, Grandparents, Family,

and Friends will always remember.

The March Membership Meeting and Luncheon was held at The Saucy Italian Bistro on March 19th. This intimate setting with great food and lovely tulips made for a successful Annual Meeting where we voted in our Slate of Officers for 2015-2016 and made a slight bylaw change. Thank you to Teresa Edens and Carol Cooper-Skopil who made all the arrangements for another enjoyable lunch.

Congrats to Theresa Butterfield Maxey, our March Jackie Guaderrama Notable Member. Theresa was recognized for all of her tireless efforts recruiting Señoritas.

Our year is not done yet! A major component of our mission work will begin this month—the Granting Process. Sharen Hart, V.P of Grant Selection, let us know, "We have been found!" Yes, we have 30 grant applications. I cannot wait to report to you at the May Membership Luncheon Meeting the grant results.

Remember to visit our website at musicguildofnewmexico.org for updated info & Rick's pictures. Read your Friday E-Blast, with timely info, too!

Best regards,

Karen Hopkins, President

A Busy Spring for our Education Volunteers

Peter and the Wolf enjoyed the beginning of its revival with presentations at three area libraries: Taylor Ranch Library, the downtown Main Library, and Erna Fergusson Library. It was a very new and happy experience for our *Peter and the Wolf* docents as audience numbers ranged from the 40's to about 80 in attendance, and ages ranged from infants to 12-year olds and adults, who were just as



enthusiastic as the youngsters. The toddlers were a joy to watch as they became very involved

with the music, dancing and clapping along. Young parents brought little babies in carriers just to be exposed to music, while the older children were delighted to be able to answer our questions. Everybody enjoyed being able to hear instruments played and experience the joy of making music for themselves on instruments they could try. Feedback has been very positive, and we look forward to continuing this



collaboration with the city's libraries and perhaps expanding into other venues as the year progresses now that we can present year 'round.

Many thanks to MGNM member Jackie Tobias and Nicole White of the library system for helping to get this new initiative off the ground.

Next on the schedule are the fourth grade Popejoy Youth Concerts on May 12th and 14th. We invite you to volunteer for this annual



event and enjoy a free New Mexico Philharmonic concert developed especially for the children of Albuquerque. It's always lots of fun to watch the students as they arrive all dressed up in their concert best. The Popejoy volunteers are always most grateful for all

the assistance we provide.

We are excited to be staging our Musical Instrument Petting Zoo at the Albuquerque Folk Festival on June 6th at the Balloon Museum. We had great fun and success with this program at the Weems Artfest in November and look forward to sharing our love of music with all who attend in

June.

If anybody has any suggestions as to where we might present *Peter and the Wolf* and/or

the Petting Zoo any time during the year, we'd love to hear from you. We are always happy to chat with new or prospective volunteers to tell all about what being an education docent involves and to answer any questions.

Please contact Roz Cohen at mroboe@hotmail.com or Diana Whitehouse at dwhitehouse03@comcast.net.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Roz Cohen and Diana Whitehouse
Vice-Presidents of Education

Vote for the 2015 Grace Note Award Winner by April 30th!



A grace note is a musical note which adds an embellishment to a musical selection. This award is given to a Music Guild member whose contribution of time and effort to the Guild is singularly outstanding. The criteria to be considered are: longevity of service, variety of service, and promotion of the MGNM in the community.

Who comes to mind? We asked membership to consider whom they would recommend for this award and email those recommendations (including names and description of their contributions to MGNM) to Karen Hopkins at karenhopkins@comcast.net. We described these members at our March Luncheon and put them in the March 20th E-blast. However, if the member you want to vote for was not described at the luncheon or in the E-blast and is not listed below, no worries; you can still vote for him or her by emailing Denise Lemanski @ deniselemanski@gmail.com.

The Board of Directors would like to share with you our first-hand knowledge of members' contributions and open up the dialogue to the membership as well. This is **not** a ballot—only recommendations from our members. Remember, you can vote for ANYONE of your choice.

Here are the members recommended so far (in alphabetical order):

Paula Bradley. Paula is the current VP of JMYAC and past co-chair. She assisted at several JMYAC competitions and is a very active member of the fundraising committee that put on fundraiser concerts for the JMYAC the two years they've been held. Paula has been Secretary, editor or co-editor of the newsletter, and publicity/public relations contact/chair. She served on the Social Committee, the Nominating Committee (more than once), and assisted with several recognition dinners when the Symphony

Guild provided dinners for the musicians, chorus, and staff. Paula has been very active in the Guild. Give her a job to do, and she quietly stays in the background and very capably and efficiently does it. She also takes initiative in seeing things that need to be done.

Rick Cohen. Rick has been stellar in his unofficial title of HISTORIAN! I am always amazed to see Rick at things with which he is not even directly involved! He shows up EVERYWHERE with his camera and tirelessly takes pictures, often during long evenings, and then is kind enough to post them for all to see. Rick has volunteered for positions when it is difficult to prod people to do things! He has often hosted events at his home. He teaches *Peter and the Wolf* more than most, and Rick was the Chair of the JMYAC for three years.

Roz Cohen. Roz is everywhere at once and is such a pleasant and giving volunteer. She is VP of Education (and has been for three years), she is on the ball committee, and always volunteers at JMYAC fundraisers and the Ball—you name it, she's there.

Yvette Lyle. Yvette has been past president while simultaneously co-chairing the ball, and has always been eager to volunteer for whatever she is asked to do. Even last year when she broke her leg, she did everything she could to uphold her commitments. She has been active in almost every capacity and is always pleasant and easy to work with. She is a good leader. Add to her list of accomplishments education projects volunteer, overseeing Junior Senorita activities and being in charge of Ball Sponsorships. I believe she has also served on the grant committee.

Email votes to Denise Lemanski at deniselemanski@gmail.com. **Happy voting!**

Two 13 Year-Old Musicians Win the 2015 Music Guild's JMYAC

The Music Guild of New Mexico presented the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings on a beautiful, spring-like Saturday, February 14, 2015, in Keller Hall (piano) in the Center for Fine Arts, and in a Student Union Building ballroom on the UNM campus. Musically gifted young people from throughout New Mexico played in separate piano and strings competitions. Twenty-two contestants competed: 10 in piano and 12 in strings, including viola, cello and violin, and the competition was fierce. Six highly respected, unbiased, out-of-state professionals judged the contestants and provided written, constructive feedback on the performances.

The winners of the competition, now in its 23rd year, will perform with a full professional orchestra, the New Mexico Philharmonic, on Saturday, March 21st at 6 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, followed by a reception to honor the young artists. See <http://musicguildofnewmexico.org/youngartistscompetition.html> for complete ticket information.

Winner of the Piano Competition, Ishan Loomba, will perform Mozart's Concerto No. 17 in G Major, K 453, I. Allegro with the orchestra. An Albuquerque resident, Ishan is



Ishan Loomba

Phoenix Avalon

in the 8th grade at Desert Willow Family School in Albuquerque. Now 13 years old, he discovered his love of music at a very young age, picking up familiar tunes at his toy piano and listening to everything from Celtic to Classical music.

Composition Competition, and first place in the New Mexico Central District Honors Audition (2001 and 2012). Ishan is a student of Dr. Carol Leone at Southern Methodist University. He also studies music theory and composition with Dr. Jose Luis Hurtado at UNM.

Winner of the Strings Competition, violinist Phoenix Avalon, will perform the Saint-Saëns Introduction and Rondo capriccioso in A minor, op. 28. He is beginning his second decade of violin obsession. Phoenix has soloed twice with the Boulder Symphony and Performance Santa Fe, and has performed

numerous times with Pro Music CHAMPS, Canticum Novum, Seranata of Santa Fe,

Santa Fe Youth

Symphony's Jazz Ensembles, and in solo concerts. He is the three-time recipient of the PSF's Davis Award, as well as a two-year recipient of Starling Foundation Grants for study at Meadowmount School of Music. In 2014 he received the Lynn Harrell competition honorable mention and the MTNA Southwest Division Alternate. Phoenix studies with Carmelo de los Santos and Jan Mark



Photo by Mike Furnish

Ishan began piano lessons in 2007 and gave his debut solo piano recital in 2009, playing compositions by Bach, Chopin, and Haydn. In February 2013 he was guest soloist with the New Mexico Philharmonic performing Beethoven's Concerto No. 1 in C major. Ishan won several prizes at competitions including first place in his age category at the 2014 Institute for Young Pianists at Southern Methodist University, first place in the 2009 New Mexico Hey Mozart!

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Sloman. Phoenix plays on an Amati Bros. violin c1617, generously loaned by Kenneth Warren and Son Ltd. He has also composed his first string quartet under the tutelage of Dr. Andrew Thomas, Professor Emeritus, Julliard Pre-College. Phoenix is honored to mentor the St. Michael's High School Orchestra, led by Chase Morrison. He will solo again this year with the Boulder Symphony.

Second- and third-place winners in the piano category were Stephanie Wang, who placed second in 2014, and Jessica Lien, sister of Ken Lien, our 2014 winner. In the strings competition, Maggie King, violin, and Sam Barrett, cello, placed second and third. For a complete list of the contestants, visit our website:

http://musicguildofnewmexico.org/images/JMYAC_contestants_2015.pdf

Cash prizes totaling \$6500 were awarded. Ishan and Phoenix each received \$2,000. Second- and third-prize winners received cash awards and possible performance opportunities. To date, over \$50,000 in prize money has been awarded.

Paula Bradley, VP JMYAC

Thank You JMYAC Volunteers

Where would we be without our many volunteers who supported the numerous activities involved in the competition? They registered contestants, checked music, monitored and timed warm-ups and rehearsals, ushered, took photographs and helped with hospitality. They transported judges to and from the airport, hotel, and UNM campus. They provided a light breakfast for volunteers, contestants, and families, helped with the awards ceremony, and celebrated the day with a closing reception.

Kathryn Arnt
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We Had a Ball!!!!

These and many more photos by Rick and Roz Cohen can be viewed on our website
(<http://www.musicguildofnewmexico.org/2015se241oritaball.html>).





Señoritas 2015

Referrals are now being accepted for the 2015 - 2016 class of Señoritas! Do you know a family that has a high school age daughter? If so, now is the time to get her name on my contact list.

- If a girl will be a **Junior** in high school fall 2015, she can be invited to join the Junior Señorita Program.
- If a girl will be **Senior** in high school fall 2015, she can be invited to join the Señorita Program.
- If a girl of **any age** had a sister that was a previous Señorita, or is a current Señorita, please set me know and I will put her on my legacy list.

Please contact, Theresa Butterfield Maxey, Future Señoritas Chair, for referrals.
(505) 259-1983 or tbmaxey@comcast.net.

See more about the Señorita Programs at www.musicguildofnewmexico.org.

Viva Italy! March Luncheon and Annual Meeting



Delicious food and an intimate setting made for a very enjoyable afternoon at the MGNM Annual Meeting and

Luncheon held March 19 at Saucy's Italian Bistro. Attending members approved a small bylaw change and the 2015-2016 Slate of Officers.

Many of the Vice Presidents presented updates to keep members abreast of the latest news, and Karen Hopkins announced the newest recipient of the Jackie Guaderrama Notable Member Award. Karen then presented information about the 2015 Grace Note Ballots.

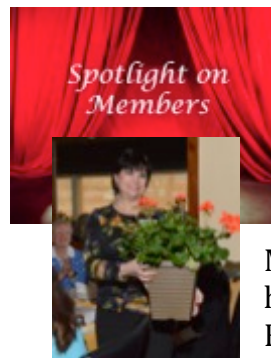
Karen Hopkins read the names and descriptions of the few members who



received email nominations for the 2015 Grace Note Award, and reminded everyone to vote for ANYONE who has been an active member, not just the ones who received email nominations.

At the end of the luncheon, one lucky individual at each table took home the table decoration, beautiful yellow and red tulips.


Jackie Tobias & Carol Cooper-Scopil



Congratulations to Theresa Butterfield Maxey, this quarter's winner of the Jackie Guaderrama Notable Member Award for all her work with the Future Señoritas.

Only a Few Auction Items Left!

There are only a few items left from this year's Señorita Ball Silent Auction. We have jewelry, art, gift certificates, spa treatments, and even dance classes, all at amazing prices! Your purchase will help fund the Music Guild's grant program which supports music in New Mexico. Contact Amy Lavender at amlavender@goadelante.org to purchase.

Item	Donor	Price	Value
\$75 Worth of Dance Classes at Dance Theatre Southwest	Dance Theatre Southwest	\$25	\$75
\$50 Toward Botox plus Microdermabrasion Treatment	AluraDerm	\$40	\$175
1 Hour Consultation with Interior Designer	Arteriors	\$30	\$150
Certificate for a Limited Edition 12" Fine Art Print	Sea Glass Fine Art	\$50	\$495
 Original Pastel Painting by Joe Barnes	Pamela & Don Michaelis	\$60	\$450
 Love Your Smile Kor Whitening System Gift Basket	Academy Dental Care	\$100	\$1000
 MINU Jewels Tiger Eye & Citrine Necklace	Karen Hopkins	\$40	\$165

Upcoming Events:



May 12 & 14
Fourth Grade Concerts at Popejoy



May 13
Luncheon & Installation of Officers at Rancher's Club
JMYAC Winners Perform and Grantees Receive Checks

June 1
2015-2016 Officers Begin Their Terms