

Welcome to the 2014-2015 Music Guild of New Mexico

**"Music can change the world
because it can change people."**

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*Greetings and welcome to
the Music Guild of New
Mexico's 2014-2015 year.*

First, thank you all for your
continued support and commitment to
music in New Mexico.

I truly love our mission and feel it
captures our combined efforts on stage, in
the classroom, in young women's lives, and
in our competition winner's future.

Because it is...

*for the love of music, the Music Guild of New
Mexico supports, promotes and encourages
non-profit musical organizations that will
educate, enhance, engage and enrich the
quality of our New Mexico community...*

and Because Music Matters!

I know I sound like a broken record,
however, we have good reason to be proud
of our efforts. Since we adopted our new
mission, we have donated \$230,000 and
thousands of volunteer hours to the music
community in New Mexico.

The Board is already working and has a
full and fun year in the works. Start by
marking your calendars for our fall
membership luncheon at the Marriott
Courtyard on Thursday, Sept. 11th and be
sure not to miss "Knight In The
Afternoon..." our JMYAC fundraiser
featuring Hyperion Knight at the Hiland
Theater on Sunday, Sept. 14th.

It is always great to see you all during
the year. I invite all of you to get involved

again this year. Sit on the Grant Selection
Committee and let your voice be heard in
our granting process. Get to know the
membership by helping the Membership
Committee with our quarterly luncheons.
See first hand, the talent and inspiration you
will receive from young artists as you help
with the Music Guild's Jackie McGehee
Young Artist's Competition. Experience the
joy on the faces of 1st Graders while you
bring *Peter and the Wolf* to their classroom.
Attend the 58th Señorita Ball! We have
almost thirty Señoritas already. Volunteer
for the Señorita Ball, our biggest fundraiser!
Or invite a friend to join the Music Guild.
We have something for everyone.

I look forward to this year as we
promote, support and encourage music in
New Mexico. I look forward to seeing each
and every one of you as we make our *MUSIC
GUILD OF NEW MEXICO* the best yet!

Karen Hopkins, President

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YOU ARE
KNIGHT
INVITED...

in the afternoon...

Dear Music Guild Members and Friends,

You are cordially invited to a post-concert dinner at Elaine's Restaurant following Hyperion Knight's performance at the "Knight in the Afternoon" fundraiser at the Hiland Theater on Sunday, September 14, 2014, from 3 - 5 p.m.

Hyperion will be our guest of honor, and proceeds from the dinner will also benefit the JMYAC. The dinner is \$100 per person including wine, with \$50 of the cost tax-deductible. Seating is limited to 50 people, and reservations will be accepted in the order received. Please RSVP to me as soon as possible.

Jackie McGehee

856-5283 or jackiesmcg@gmail.com

Plans for the Music Guild's JMYAC Well Underway

Mark your 2015 calendars now for the annual Music Guild's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings to be held on Saturday, February 14, at Keller Hall in the Center for Fine Arts on the UNM Campus. This competition for musically talented young men and women from New Mexico was founded in 1992 and now consists of separate piano and strings competitions. Carol Alexander is the event chair this year. The event is open to the public at no charge.

The application and repertoire for the 2015 competition have been revised and posted to the Guild website, distributed to local music stores, and will be emailed to all music teachers in New Mexico at the end of August.

Music Guild's JMYAC Fundraiser: Knight in the Afternoon

Piano Sensation Hyperion Knight to Perform
September 14th at the Hiland Theater.

by Marti Wolfe

"Immensely talented, friendly, warm and accessible" all describe guest artist **Hyperion Knight**, who on Sunday, September 14th will perform at a very special fundraiser at the historic Hiland Theater in support of the Music Guild of New Mexico's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings. The event, which is scheduled from 3-5 p.m., will raise funds to help support the annual competition that benefits talented young artists from throughout New Mexico.

A pianist with a romantic flair, Knight is equally at home with serious classics and popular standards. Known for the diversity of his repertoire, his recordings range from Beethoven to the Beatles. In addition to regular appearances with orchestras across the U.S., he has been a featured entertainer at Manhattan's Rainbow Room and Essex House. Knight is known for interacting casually with his audience prior to and while performing—a most engaging trait.

The Gershwin enthusiast recorded two CDs devoted to unique arrangements of Gershwin's music, and frequently performs both *Rhapsody in Blue* and the *Concerto in F*. Among his recent guest appearances are performances of the *Mozart Concerto #21* with the Utah Symphony, the *Warsaw Concerto* with the Maui Pops Orchestra, and the *Rachmaninoff Concerto #2* with the Kansas City Philharmonic and the Cleveland Philharmonic.

Born in Berkeley, California, Knight was graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music at age 19. By the age of 22, he received both Master's and Doctoral degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and was awarded the Arthur Loesser Prize upon graduation.

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This year marked the launch of his first program for Public Television. "Hyperion Plays Piano: The Great Keyboard Classics" is a 90-minute special for airing nationally.

Host for "Knight in the Afternoon" is Brent Stevens, general manager and on-air host of the 6 – 10 a.m. morning slot at Classical 95.5 KHFM. Born and raised in Albuquerque, Stevens has been in show business since he was 11 years old. Brent is a theatrical sound designer and recording engineer who has engineered commercial CDs for the former New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, the New Mexico Philharmonic, New Mexico Symphonic Chorus, Opera Southwest and The Albuquerque Youth Symphony. Classical 95.5 KHFM will be a supporter of the event.

Pianist Josh Rupley, former winner of the Young Artists' Competition, will also perform at the fundraiser. He is currently studying music in Germany and will return to the U.S. for this performance.

Since 1992, the Guild held an annual concerto competition for young musicians that has become one of the premier competitions in our state and provides monetary awards for the winners and opportunities to perform with the New Mexico Philharmonic. Many nationally known musicians traveled to Albuquerque from all over the U.S. to adjudicate this competition.

This event is named for Jackie McGehee, long-time NMSG/MGNM member and past president of the New Mexico Symphony Guild, who spearheaded the event at its beginning and continues to be involved in the MGNM's underwriting of the program. The competition is open to New Mexico high school-aged students in grades 9–12.

Currently, the first place winner in each division (piano and strings) receives a cash award of \$2,000 plus a solo performance with the New Mexico Philharmonic, a significant expense that is made possible in great part by the annual fundraiser. Second and third place winners also receive cash awards and a possible performance opportunity. In 2014, a total of \$6,500 was awarded to all recipients in the two categories.

The September 14th fundraiser, "Knight in the Afternoon," will provide resources to help this competition continue recognizing the truly incredible talents of our best and brightest young musicians as they prepare for a successful future.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$60 per person and are available online at <http://holdmyticket.com/event/176728> or by calling Hold My Ticket at 505-886-1251. A discounted rate of \$50 per person is available for groups purchasing 10 tickets. If seats are still available on the day of the performance, beginning at 2:30 p.m., \$15 tickets will be offered to students with a valid ID.

SPONSORS SOUGHT

The organizers are actively seeking sponsors for the event, with available sponsorships ranging from \$5000 (one position) to \$500 (seven positions). Sponsorship packages offer many benefits, with inclusion in promotions, tickets to the event, and for some, tickets to a more intimate dinner at Elaine's following the concert that includes the opportunity to visit with Hyperion Knight. Those interested in learning more about sponsorships may contact committee chair Mary Sue Warner at 505-797-2048.

The MGNM 2014-2015 Board of Directors



From left: Donna Nicholas, Karen Harmon, Pam Berg, Teresa Edens, Diana Waterhouse, Roz Cohen, Yvette Lyle, Jackie Tobias, Teri Fahs, Suzanne Jacobi, Denise Lemanski, and Karen Hopkins. Not pictured: Sharen Hart, Pam Reardon, and Carol Cooper-Skopil.

MGNM Spring Luncheon Celebration at Tanoan Country Club

Our May luncheon was a whirl of activity. Before lunch was served, attendees were pleasantly entertained on the piano and violin by our 2014 JMYAC winners, Ken Lien and Ryan Downs, respectively.

After lunch, our wonderful Grantees were honored collectively with checks



totaling \$80,000. A fond farewell was given to the outgoing President, Jackie Tobias, and the new, 2014-2015 MGNM Board Members were introduced. Karen Hopkins received her presidential gavel, and Jackie McGhee graciously accepted the Grace Note Award.

Thank you to our members who generously donated 13 items to the raffle. Items included a framed print, CDs, musically inspired jewelry and paraphernalia, a hand painted bowl, painting classes, a wine basket, and a massage and cosmetics. Raffle ticket sales netted

\$815.

Thanks to the Social Committee, Janet McDonald, Valerie Huelskamp, and Chris Lee, without whom none of this could have happened.

We now all look forward to new beginnings with our September luncheon this fall.

Peggy Way



Social Committee from left: Janet McDonald, Peggy Way, Valerie Huelskamp, and Chris Lee.

MGNM Educational Programs



The Conservatory of Music in China

We are looking forward to a new season of assisting the Popejoy volunteers with the New Mexico

Philharmonic's Youth Concerts. The concerts for APS fifth graders will

be Tuesday, September 16th, and Thursday, September 18th, with performances on both days at 10:00 and noon. MGNM volunteers help from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Please join us on either or both days, and have a good time watching the children as they enjoy this annual special

event. Plus, we volunteers have the added bonus of attending a wonderful Philharmonic concert absolutely free! For further information and/or to sign up, please contact Roz Cohen at mroboe@hotmail.com or Diana Whitehouse at dwhitehouse03@comcast.net. We can't wait to hear from you.

Details are being finalized for our other education programs. More information will be forthcoming at the September luncheon and in weekly e-blasts. Please stay tuned for updates, and we do hope you will become involved in our education programs.

Fulfilling Our Mission:

\$80,000 Awarded this year to 16 Organizations

Thank you Guild members for making this possible!

The Grant Selection Committee is a very important committee within the Music Guild of New Mexico as they fulfill our mission statement of supporting non-profit music organizations in New Mexico. The committee is composed of nine members, of which two are members of the Board. Members serve for two years, staggered terms, and must have no close relations with potential grantees.

The Committee meets mainly in the spring for a few busy meetings when the grant requests come in. Each committee member reviews and rates each required component on every submission. Then they meet as a group to discuss and evaluate all the submissions and their scores.

In the last three years since we became the Music Guild of New Mexico, we have granted over \$230,000. This money seriously impacts the non-profits whose requests we fulfill as they are generally functioning on very small budgets.

If any member is interested in joining this committee in the future, please contact Sharon Hart, sharenhart@yahoo.com, or Karen Hopkins, karenhopkins@comcast.net.

"Creativity is the serene wind that sails through our minds, carrying the embers of life."

...Anjan Katta

2014 MGNM Grant Recipients

Adelante Development Center, Inc.
 Albuquerque Civic Chorus
 Albuquerque Folk Festival
 Ensemble New Mexico/Chatter
 Festival Ballet Albuquerque
 Landmark Musicals
 New Mexico Dulcimer Association
 New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus
 New Mexico Philharmonic
 New Mexico Symphonic Chorus
 NM Jazz Workshop
 Opera Southwest
 Rio Rancho Symphonic Band
 Southwest Pickers
 Summer Guitar Workshop
 Valencia County Community Band



The Junior Señorita Program Continues to Grow

The Junior Señorita program will begin on August 24th with our Mother-Daughter Information Tea at Tanoan Country Club. We expect approximately twelve "Junioritas." The Junior Señorita Program, now in its third year, is gaining momentum.

The Junior Señoritas will attend an activity with the Señoritas in October at Joy Junction, and will go to the St. James Tea Room in November where a "mini etiquette" class will be offered. In the spring, the Junioritas will be introduced at the Ball. It is our hope and intention to have these girls make new friends as they approach their Señorita year.

A large part of the success of this program is due to Theresa Butterfield Maxey in recruiting for the future Junior Señoritas Program. She spends countless hours in recruitment in the program as well as for the Señorita program. Thank you.

Yvette Lyle

Membership Committee Working to Finalize Luncheon Details

The Membership Committee started the year with great success and to the enjoyment of everyone at the Summer Celebration held at Denise Lemanski's home (see "Summer Fun article," p. 7). We may want that to make this an annual tradition.

In August, look for the **Save the Date** Card with the MGNM Luncheon dates for the year. The first luncheon will be on Thursday, September 11th at the Courtyard by Marriott on Jefferson. More detailed information will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

If you haven't renewed your membership by now, it is never too late. Just go to our website. It is easy to join using the site. Just follow the prompts.

Our great Membership Committee is working to make all this year's events wonderful for everyone. Thank you Yvette Lyle, Karen Harmon, Sharon Hart, Julie Silverman, and Teresa Edens.

Teri Fahs

Try something new—send us your membership renewal directly from our website:
musicguildofnewmexico.org/membership.html

VISION STATEMENT

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.

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Señorita Program in Full Swing

The Señorita Program's Vice-Presidents are happy to report we are getting ready to have our August orientation and are thrilled to meet the girls. We have 28 confirmed Señoritas and are expecting a couple more to trickle in over the next few weeks.

We had an icebreaker event at the BioPark that was an absolute riot! These girls are adorable and flexible, as they enjoyed playing games when we were rained out of the concert and the scavenger hunt. Twenty girls attended and they all left knowing each other's names!

Stay tuned for lots of updates as they go from new shy acquaintances to friends!

The Pams



Summer Fun

The Music Guild of New Mexico kicked off the new season with a social gathering on July 17th at the home of Denise Lemanski. The weather was perfect. After months of quiet, nearly 40 members and Grant recipients enjoyed wine and appetizers provided by the Membership Committee. Many thanks to the hard working Social Committee for helping make this event such a success. See more photos on our website.

Stay tuned for more fun and gatherings in the near future!!



We're Going to Have a Ball!

The Ball committee has been on hiatus this summer, but much has been accomplished already. We have a date - **February 28th, 2015**, and a venue - Sandia Resort, and a band - *The Pink Flamingos*, and a GREAT committee!!

If you would like to be part of the excitement, please let Gayle McCormick know, 294-0349 or mccordg5@aol.com.

There are still lots of opportunities to help.

Gayle McCormick

Upcoming Events:

August 15

New member and member renewals' last day to get your name in the MGNM Directory

September 11

MGNM Luncheon and General Meeting - at the Courtyard by Marriott

September 14

KNIGHT in the afternoon Concert

September 16 and 18

Philharmonic Youth Concerts at Popejoy (Fifth Graders)



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