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Happy 2015!



"Where words leave off, music begins."
— Heinrich Heine



I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. Thank you to all our members who tirelessly work to promote music and music education in New Mexico. Thank you to our Grantees. We appreciate you bringing your great music and music education programs to our state.

...because Music Matters!

As the New Year begins, our "Guild Year" is half over. Already!

Hold on to your hats; we have an exciting next six months.

Read your weekly E-Blasts. We want you, our members to be in the know. Not only with what we are doing with the Guild, but they let you have the opportunity to be the first to get the best seats at our Grantees' performances.

Mark your calendars and save the date for February 14th! The Music Guild of New Mexico will present the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings 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 this year we are thrilled to announce we have 23 applicants, a record for us since our inception. We always welcome our members to volunteer and support in underwriting this worthwhile event.

February continues to be exciting. Our

58th Annual Señorita Ball is on Saturday, February 28, at Sandia Resort and Casino. We will present 25 graduates from the Señorita life skills program. As in years past, we look to our members for support to make this year's ball a success. We will have a live and silent auction. Please consider a donation to either the live or silent auction or support our event as one of our underwriting partners.

On a parting note, I would like to thank Roz Cohen and Diana Whitehouse for creating a unique and special experience at the Weems Artfest with an "Instrument Petting Zoo." Young and old alike enjoyed this experience. We created a music memory! Also, for those who were able to join in on the holiday fun, our December Membership Meeting and Luncheon was fantastic. A special thank you to Teresa Edens and Carol Cooper-Skopil and their social committee. We enjoyed a beautiful meal, a jump-start on shopping, and a wonderful fashion show—compliments of Stein Mart. Teresa brought together the perfect blend of beautiful clothes and gorgeous models—Señoritas, their drop-dead gorgeous Moms, our Members, and former Presidents of the Music Guild. Be sure to look at the photos available on our website to get a virtual experience.

And last, but in no way least, a huge and heartfelt thank you to Rick Cohen. Rick

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MGNM Education Programs a Success

This fall has been a busy and exciting time for all of us involved in the MGNM Education Programs, with the beginning of a new initiative and the groundwork being laid for even more.

Popejoy Youth Concerts

In October, our eager volunteers were delighted to help out with the Fifth Grade Popejoy Youth Concerts. It's always so much fun to interact with these children, many of whom have never attended a classical concert, and the Popejoy volunteers are always so grateful for our assistance. We hope you will consider joining us to help out in May for the concerts for the fourth graders. More information will be in the next edition of *Keynotes* regarding dates and staffing needs.

The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo at the Weems Artfest in November was a resounding success, with accolades coming from not only our own people, but also the



Weems staff, who told us how many positive comments they got from patrons. Special thanks go to all the Guild members who took the time to demonstrate their musical talents.

Nearly two-dozen volunteers worked over the course of two days, with some working both days. This was truly a case of many hands making light work, as everyone pitched in wherever needed. All involved had a wonderful time and even had time to do a little holiday shopping. We could



not have done this without them.

There was no way we could keep count of our visitors, but suffice it to say that

we had participation by "children of all

ages," encompassing little babies all the way through advanced senior citizens, musicians and non-musicians alike, and some who returned several times.

One of our visitors was a lovely lady, who was one of the very first *Peter and the Wolf* docents. She spoke of making and coloring those early books and presenting



to multiple classes in school cafeterias.

Our raffles made \$154 (including some outright donations), and



one exhibiting artist, after hearing about our program from Linn Furnish, offered to donate some artwork to the Señorita Ball silent auction.

Our generous booth space was enhanced by performances and the involvement of four of our grantees, all of whom told us that they really enjoyed themselves. Hearty thanks go out to



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provides us with the over-the-top fantastic photos we treasure from all of our events. Rick attends and captures ALL of our fun and momentous moments on film digitally. These pictures provide our history, and Rick offers them to us without informal requests or official directives. All the photos in this newsletter are examples of his exemplary work. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Best regards,
Karen Hopkins, President

Rick Cohen, our fabulous photographer, is currently recovering from carotid artery surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Visit the Music Guild Website!

If you've never browsed around the Music Guild website, you're in for a pleasant surprise! Did you know you can get the latest information on Guild events, see what our wonderful Señoritas are doing in the community and beyond, and even download photos from our fabulous Guild luncheons?

You can find out what upcoming performances are in store from our grantees, and you can access the Guild directory to find member names, contact information and all kinds of interesting information about the Music Guild itself.

Want to see adorable pictures of our annual Instrument Petting Zoo? Would you like to read an issue of *Keynotes* from past years? It's all on the website! Go to www.musicguildofnewmexico.org and enjoy all that the Guild has to offer!

Lindsey Kirchhevel, WebManager

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the Festival Ballet Albuquerque, NM Dulcimer Association, Albuquerque Folk Festival, and Guitar New



Mexico. Out of this came an invitation to bring the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo to the Folk Festival at the Balloon

Museum on June 6th.

If you were not able to be with us, you can see for yourself just how much fun this all was, by checking out the pictures on the MGNM website. Judging by how busy we were, we are confident that our mission and message, "*because Music Matters*," certainly was spread to those who stopped by to play or just chat.



We cannot sufficiently thank the good people in charge of the Artfest for their generosity, help, support, and encouragement. We do hope this is the beginning of a wonderful annual tradition.



We are now exploring other ways of getting our music education message out to the public, including the

possibility of presenting *Peter and the Wolf* in the city's libraries. If you'd like to help us out on upcoming projects or can recommend any ideas or venues for *Peter and the Wolf* and the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo, we'd love to hear from you!

Roz Cohen and Diana Whitehouse
Co-Vice Presidents of Education

Twenty-Three Applicants to be Screened for the 2015 Young Artists' Competition

The Music Guild of New Mexico will present the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings on Saturday, February 14, 2015, in Keller Hall in the Center for Fine Arts on the UNM campus. Admission is free, and the public is welcome. Musically gifted young people from throughout the state will play in separate piano and strings competitions.

Who are our applicants?

Most of the young artists began playing at 3 to 5 years of age. They have studied under talented and experienced teachers for years, practiced for hours, and worked exceedingly hard to achieve their current level of play. Their teachers describe them as "extraordinarily gifted young artists," "hard-working, respectful, and very attentive to details" and "dedicated to music."

The rigorous Competition application process requires an audition CD by the young artist with a 5-minute segment of a concerto from an approved repertoire list, a biographical profile, a teacher recommendation, a photograph, and a \$50.00

application fee. The Auditions Committee reviews each CD twice to determine if an applicant can enter the Competition. Twenty-three students applied for the upcoming event: 11 in piano and 12 in strings, including viola, cello, and violin. Five of them are home-schooled, five attend public schools, and 13 attend



private or charter schools.

A panel of highly respected, unbiased, out-of-state professionals will judge the contestants and provide feedback on the performances.

As part of the upcoming Competition, \$6,500.00 in cash prizes will be awarded. First-place winners in each category will receive \$2,000.00, plus a prestigious solo performance opportunity with the New Mexico Philharmonic. Second- and third-prize winners also receive cash awards and possible performance opportunities. To date, over \$50,000 in

prize money has been awarded.

JMYAC winners represent the future of symphonic music, and JMYAC provides the venue to showcase their talents. Many participants continue their education in music and a variety of other fields including science, economics, finance, medicine, engineering, and physical therapy.

JMYAC relies on volunteers

The Competition needs many volunteers to support the numerous activities involved. Drivers are needed to transport judges to and from the airport, hotel and UNM campus. All contestants have a Volunteer Monitor to guide them through the performance process. Volunteers check music and help with hospitality. The Music Guild provides a light breakfast for volunteers, contestants, and families. Volunteers also provide food for the celebratory reception after the awards ceremony. Contact Linn Furnish (swimsew@comcast.net or 505-884-6626) to volunteer in any capacity.

Paula Bradley
Vice President JMYAC



Señoritas—Laughing, Learning, and Loving the Program



We had a busy fall getting to know the Señoritas. The girls have been involved in many Service projects with their Auntie Mame groups as well as the group as a whole. Many of the girls went to a food pantry and passed out food to the needy and the other group went to Joy Junction to host a Halloween party for the Children.

In November we had a life skills event. David DiLorenzo (past Señorita Dad) came with his Service Manager and gave a car care demonstration: how to change a tire and check your oil, and what emergency equipment to keep in your car.

We had a short seminar with Jessica Wood who discussed how to start early financial planning and the value of putting money aside for a rainy day or maybe a spring break trip.

The Ball is a little over two months away and the girls have their gowns and are busy taking photos for the Ball program.



Our annual Mother-Daughter Holiday Social was a dandy party! On Sunday, [December 7](#), Ed and Jane Leighton, along with their Señorita daughter, Courtney, hosted our annual Holiday gift and cookie exchange—a euphemism for the Grabbing Santa Game - hilarious! We did a cookie exchange, had Secret Santa gifts, and donated to Koats Kids. The girls and the moms had a blast, and the weather was very cooperative...in fact, balmy.



The Leightons treated us to yummy treats and punch and everyone left with boxes of cookies filled to the brim! The cookie exchange is always a hit! The ball is around the corner, and we are so excited to show "our girls" off to you all. They are outstanding!

Pam Reardon and Pam Berg
Co-Vice President Señoritas

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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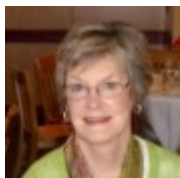
Holiday Luncheon, Meeting, and Shopping Fun for All

MGNM'S Holiday Luncheon and General Meeting was held on Saturday, **December 13th**, at the Albuquerque Country Club. Seventy-five guests filled the tables to near-capacity, and all who attended enjoyed the delicious meal featuring chicken crepes, along with a fashion show, a raffle, and an opportunity to do some holiday shopping in our vendors' area.



Guests and new members were welcomed and introduced, and those in attendance were brought up to date on Guild events.

The Jackie Guaderrama award for many years of service to the Guild was presented to Paula Bradley, our current Vice President of JMYAC. Congratulations Paula!



The luncheon's highlight was a fashion show put on by Stein Mart, with clothing



modeled. Many thanks to our willing models and to Teresa Edens, Carol Cooper-Skopil, and Karla Bressan for arranging and assisting with the show. Our vendors had a busy day of sales. They were Silk Road, Now We're Cooking, Pampered Chef, Linda Reyes-Alicea of R.A. Designs New Mexico (handmade jewelry), Marla Hursig of Beauty Control, and Elixir Boutique Chocolates.

Many thanks to those who donated our beautiful raffle prizes, which drew much interest netting \$378 in ticket sales!

We were also honored to have some of our grantees attend the luncheon as well, including Paul Garson of the New Mexico Gay Men's

modeled by Guild members, Señoritas, and Señorita moms. Silk Road's accessories were also



Chorus, Renato Estacio of the Albuquerque Civic Chorus, Rick Cohen of the Rio Rancho Symphonic Band, and Paul Nielsen of Guitar New Mexico. One of Paul's students, Martin Ly, who is a student at UNM, provided lovely guitar music during the social hour before lunch.



A big thank you goes to Teresa Edens and the membership committee for the beautiful centerpieces everyone enjoyed.

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Luncheon and General Meeting on Thursday, March 19th, at Nick and Jimmy's Restaurant. We also look forward to seeing you at our end-of-the year Luncheon and General Meeting on Wednesday, May 13th at the Ranchers' Club, at which time you will meet the 2015 class of grantees and hear the winners of the JMYAC competition perform.

Roz Cohen

Membership Committee

See more photos on our website.

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

Music is a higher
revelation than all wisdom
and philosophy.

Ludwig van Beethoven

Without music, life would
be a mistake.

Friedrich Nietzsche

After silence, that which
comes nearest to
expressing the
inexpressible is music.

Aldous Huxley



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.

*The Ball is
Coming! The Ball
is Coming!*

We Need Volunteers
Nobody can do everything, but
everyone can do something.
~Author Unknown

Mark your calendars. The Ball is scheduled for February 28 this year at Sandia Resort and Casino and preparations are almost complete.

Donations for the silent auction are still needed and monetary donations are always welcome. We are also welcoming new volunteers. If you have an item for the auction or just want to spend some time helping with the set-up, please contact Gayle McCormick at 294-0349.



Upcoming Events:

February 14

Grant Application Deadline
Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition

February 28

Señorita Ball at Sandia Resort and Casino

March 19

Luncheon and Election of Officers at Nick and Jimmy's Restaurant

March 21

NM Philharmonic/JMYAC Winners' Neighborhood



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