

January Keynotes

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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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Happy New Year from the Board of the Music Guild of New Mexico.

Happy New Year!

The world's most famous and popular language is music. Psy

I hope 2017 finds you well and ready to roll up your sleeves! This is the time of year that many of our projects go into overdrive. With these come many opportunities for you, our volunteers. As you read this newsletter, please consider committing time to one or several projects. It's very gratifying to work together for a common cause...

Because Music Matters!

Thank you to Rick Cohen for initiating the MGNM Concert and Lecture Series! I'm optimistic that this will grow into a very popular community series. I'm looking forward to the Mauldower's "Tin Pan Alley" presentation on January 14!

The pride of The Music Guild of New Mexico is the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings. The 25th annual competition will be February 18, 2017 at Keller Hall, in the Center for Fine Arts on the UNM Campus. You can be part of this competition as a volunteer or as an audience member. It's free to the public, and the musicians who are accepted to compete are very,

very talented. Come witness these up-and-coming stars perform! In the future, you will likely buy tickets to hear some of them!

Our 60th Annual Señorita Ball will be held on Saturday, April 15, at the Sandia Resort and Casino. Carol Cooper-Skopil is leading the Ball Committee to make this a most memorable event. This is our largest event and it takes everyone to make it work. We need volunteers for a wide variety of tasks from now until the day of the Ball. We need volunteers to set up and decorate the day of the Ball. We need you to put on your Ball gowns and tuxedos and show up on the evening of April 15! You'll be glad you did!

Karen Hopkins has conceived an exclusive new sisterhood of former Señoritas, the Señorita Circle. The premier Señorita Circle Social was held in December at Karen's home. Former Señoritas of all ages were in attendance. One came from Australia! There was even one from the very first Señorita Ball, 60 years ago! We hope to see all of them at the Ball.

The December General Membership Meeting and Luncheon was very special, thank you to Renee Grout and Karen Hopkins, as well as to Victoria Rice from Dillard's. Five of our present Señoritas gave us a sneak preview of the Ball by modeling their gowns. They were stunning! We were all thrilled by them! Dillard's provided 10 exquisite Ball gowns that were modeled by members Pam Reardon, Val Huelskamp, GERALYN Sanchez, Wendy Bedy, and Teresa Flusché.

Please keep up-to-date by reading our E-Blasts and visiting our website often! Thank you to Lindsey Kirchhevel for managing our website, and thank you, Roz and Rick, for documenting everything we do on digital film! Your extraordinary photos, including the ones in this newsletter, are invaluable to all of us!

I'm sincerely grateful for you, the members of the Music Guild of New Mexico, and for our Grantees who are committed to promoting music and music education programs in our communities. Thank you to our Board of Directors who usher us in this musical pursuit!

In gratitude,
Suzanne Jacobi, President

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Your Executive Team 1



Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday Season was celebrated in true Music Guild of New Mexico fashion at the Canyon Club on December 10th. Members were greeted with a holiday shopping faire and social hour. Beautiful and delicious items were presented for sale by Silk Road Connection, RA Designs NM, The Chocolate Cartel, Shoofly 505 and Greeting Cards by Donna Bauer. Judy and Michael Muldawer provided folk music during our social time. We were also provided a preview of the upcoming educational event where the Muldawers will perform tales and tunes from Tin Pan Alley. Suzanne Jacobi, President, welcomed all and the Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus began the luncheon with a joyous holiday music concert. These ladies rock! Our 60th year of Senioritas was celebrated by a preview of several Señoritas modeling their gowns. Wow, the Señoritas are spectacular and their gowns matched their beauty. Dillard's provided an exquisite fashion show where our members showed off a taste of the gorgeous gowns available for us to purchase to wear at the Señorita Ball.

Suzanne Jacobi, President, commenced our business meeting and

reports were presented by our Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs.

Yvette Lyle, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, reported on the work from the Committee and an education update was provided by Rick Cohen, VP Education.

Paula Bradley, VP Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition, announced the date and updates on applicants for the 25th Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition. The Competition will be held on Saturday Feb 18. On Sunday February 19th, an extraordinary evening of music will be celebrated with the classical pianist and 1997 Van Cliburn Piano Competition Gold Medalist, Jon Nakamatsu. Proceeds from this evening will benefit the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition.

Carol Cooper-Skopil, VP Señorita Ball provided Señorita Ball news, most notably the Ball date April 15. Pam Reardon, Future Señorita Committee Chair, reminded the membership about sponsoring future Senioritas. Pam is keeping a running list for sponsored young ladies of all ages.

Ann Jarrell, VP Grant Selection, provided an update on our upcoming Grant season.

Karen Hopkins, Co-VP Membership updated the group on Membership news and the efforts to obtain contact information on past Señoritas since 1957. A Señorita social will occur on December 23rd to celebrate our Senioritas over the past 60 years and reminded members of the new membership category, the Señorita Circle, open to all past Señoritas.

The luncheon concluded with the presentation of the Jackie Guadarrama Member Recognition Award to Pam Reardon for her Señorita recruitment efforts. The winners of our 5-item raffle were announced which earned another \$400 for our organization. The holiday centerpieces were another creative and one of a kind product by Teresa Edens. We sold the centerpieces for \$20 each which was a fraction of what we could purchase them at any florist. Thank you, Teresa for once again providing your talents to provide an over-the-top sophistication to each and every one of the luncheons you help with. We are looking forward to the upcoming Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition in February, followed by the Señorita Ball on April 15th. See you at the March Membership Meeting and Luncheon on March 17th.

Karen Hopkins & Renee Grout
Membership Chairs

Membership Update

2016-2017 Welcomes new Lifetime Members, Ann & David Stinchomb and Megan Babcock.

We also want to thank our Honorary Members for their commitment to the mission of the Music Guild of New Mexico. Our 2016-2017 Honorary Members include:

Kathie Fishback Anthony
Lindsey Kirchhevel
Jackie & Everett McGehee
Dorothy & Larry Rainosek

Membership totals are currently at ~185 members.

New Project: Strategic Planning

A Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to look at the way forward for the Music Guild in the coming few years.

When the Music Guild was remade after the NMSO dissolved, we needed to quickly define what we were going to do to ensure the viability of this longstanding organization. But after five years it is time, and necessary, to plan our continued longevity with a definite action plan.

We have an extraordinary group of thoughtful women partaking in this activity. They bring a combination of longevity to the Music Guild (or Symphony Guild) as well as newer involved members. They are: Nancy Blaugrund, Pam Berg, Teena King, Marian Ciepiela, Diane Fleming, Suzanne Jacobi, Sue Brown, and Yvette Lyle. If you see any of these women, please let them know some thoughts you might have towards future activities and direction.

We will try to have this action plan finished by May, but we would rather get it right than fast. As of now, we have "tweaked" the vision and mission statement and those small changes will need to go to the membership at the May Meeting.

We have also identified some changes that may be needed in light of the mission changes to the Grant Selection Committee. Ann Jarrell and Denise Lemanski will be attending our meetings as present and past chair of the Grant Selection Committee.

We felt it was very important to get their input.

Some areas that we have discussed are having multiple projects, fundraisers, and socials over the year. These would bring us income as well as having a social outreach to our members and the community.

We would like to partner in our bigger projects with community members. Retention of our members is a large challenge and of which many ideas have been discussed.

We hope to enlist Señorita Moms, after their daughter's year, to stay with us and work in very simple but fun activities.

Publicity has always been a problem. We are in the process of identifying areas that would solve this problem.

These are just a few of the many things we have discussed. As I said before, please feel free to contact any of us with your ideas.

Yvette Lyle
Strategic Planning Chair

Young Artists' Competition Celebrates 25 Years

The Music Guild of New Mexico will present the 25th Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings on Saturday, February 18, 2017, 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.

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.

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 "an extraordinarily gifted young artist," "hard-working, respectful, and very attentive to details" and "dedicated to music."

The rigorous Competition application process requires an audition CD by the applicant with a 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.

Ten students applied for the upcoming event: four in piano and six in strings, including viola, cello, bass and violin. Nine attend public or charter schools, and one is homeschooled. Four are returning contestants.

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, \$7,000.00 in cash prizes will be awarded, an increase of \$250 for the second-place winners. 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 \$62,500.00 in prize money has been awarded.

JMYAC relies on volunteers

The Competition needs Guild volunteers to support the many activities involved. Drivers transport judges to and from the airport, hotel and UNM campus. Some contestants have a volunteer monitor to guide them through the performance process. Volunteers help with hospitality.

The Guild provides a light breakfast for volunteers, judges, contestants and families. Volunteers provide food for the celebratory reception after the awards ceremony.

Contact Linn Furnish (swimsew@comcast.net or 505-884-6626) or Diana Whitehouse (dw747@comcast.net or 505-323-4239) to volunteer.



**Music Guild of New Mexico's
Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition
25th Anniversary Celebration**

The Jackie McGehee
Young Artists'
Competition

Join us for an extraordinary evening of music with
**classical pianist, recording artist and
1997 Van Cliburn Gold Medalist
Jon Nakamatsu**

Sunday, February 19, 2017 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.

To be held at a stunning new home in
Albuquerque's North Valley

Wine and Dinner included ∞ Limited Seating
\$150.00 per person

Fair market value of \$50.00 is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law,
Music Guild of New Mexico is a 501(c)3 organization

RSVP by January 25, 2017 to Jackie McGehee
jackiesmcg@gmail.com 505-856-5283 / 505-270-0897

Directions to the Musicale provided with a confirmed reservation

The Music Guild of New Mexico's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings was established in 1992. Young high school age musicians compete for cash prizes plus a prestigious solo performance opportunity with the New Mexico Philharmonic. To date, over \$60,000.00 in prize money has been awarded. JMYAC winners represent the future of symphonic music. Many participants continue their studies in music and other fields, including science, economics, finance, medicine, and engineering. Several past winners are currently playing with orchestras around the world and recently the 2011 winner placed fourth in the inaugural *Olga Kern International Piano Competition*.



**The 25th Anniversary celebration of the Music Guild's
Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings
continues with a musical evening featuring**

Jon Nakamatsu

Sunday, February 19, 2017 4:00 until 7:00 p.m

American pianist Jon Nakamatsu gained immediate international attention when he was awarded the 1997 Gold Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. His playing combines elegance, clarity, and electrifying power. He has performed with major orchestras in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center, and in Paris, London, and Milan. To date he has recorded 13 CDs under the *harmonia mundi (usa)* label. Jon is a friend of the JMYAC serving as a judge in 2017 and is generously performing this Musicale in support of the competition.





Señoritas' Holiday Celebration

The Señoritas and their mothers gathered on Sunday, December 18 at the home of Lisa Curtis and her daughter, Señorita Alexandra Vigil, for the Holiday Mother-Daughter Tea. Again, we had 90% participation which has been consistent for all events in 2016.

We enjoyed each other's company so very much and collected 22 coats for the KOATS for Kids program which Action 7 News sponsors.

The mothers enjoyed a cookie exchange and this interactive part of the tea helped to build friendships between the mothers. We had a group picture taken of all the Señoritas and then had individual mother-daughter pictures taken which everyone really enjoyed.

Missy Glauch
Susan Rogers
Señorita Coordinators



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the MGNM's ball which is scheduled for **April 15th**. WE need helpers now, and the day of the ball, from 2 hours to many hours. Please call Carol Cooper-Skopil to volunteer your time for our largest fund raiser of each year. No amount of time is too small, we appreciate all of your efforts. **505-710-6432**



Carol Cooper-Skopil
Ball Chair

Education & Lecture Series: Tin Pan Alley Concert

On January 14th, the Music Guild of New Mexico enjoyed sponsoring the performance of "Tin Pan Alley-Tales and Tunes, presented by Judy and Michael Muldawer.

Their show featured tunes and tales from the era at the end of the Nineteenth Century into the middle of the Twentieth. It centered around an area in Manhattan where many music publishers and composers played into the night creating such cacophony that it

sounded like many tin pans banging together. Thus the name, "Tin Pan Alley."

We are now looking forward to helping out at the Popejoy Youth Concerts in May, along with the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo's annual appearance at the Albuquerque Folk Festival on June 3rd at Balloon Fiesta Park. We invite our many volunteers to join us for both of these special events.



Rick Cohen
VP of Education

A Few Words . . .

My husband and I went to the first day of the Olga Kern International piano Competition here in town and we were blown away!

We were excited to go, as a past winner of "our" Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition, Joshua Rupley, was one of the competitors!

We went the first day, at Popejoy Hall in the morning, and when it was over, my husband said that we needed to grab lunch and "get back" to hear more, and to go back the next day.

The musicians were absolutely out of this world! They were from all over the world and

the whole experience was just food for the soul. The NM Phil will sponsor this competition every three years- and I will try never to miss it!

P.S. Joshua came in fourth!

Carol Friedman
Board Member

March Membership Meeting & Luncheon

The March Membership Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 17th at Tanoan Country Club.

This meeting is your front row seat to hear the winners of the **Music Guild of New Mexico's 25th Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition.**

We will begin our lunch with a social hour at 11 am. Also, the March Meeting is typically when any amendments to our by-laws are presented to the membership for approval.

Our Slate of Officers for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors will be presented and provided for your vote at the March Membership Meeting as well. This is truly a luncheon not to be missed. See you there!

Karen Hopkins
Renee Grout
Membership Co-Chairs

First Señorita Circle Social

All Señoritas from the past 60 years were invited to join the Music Guild of New Mexico's Board of Directors for the First Señorita Circle Social held at Karen Hopkins' home on December 23rd. December 23rd is a busy day for all with its proximity to Christmas, however, we felt this day would be optimal for Señoritas in town for the holidays.

Our hopes panned out. Judy Mullen's daughter was able to join us from Australia! This was a fun event, and the first of many, where Señoritas can share stories and memories from their Señorita year and

re-connect with old friends.

There were so many memories shared; the year the ball gowns were gingham, to slips, trips, and falls on the presentation stage.

Most important was the shared bond of the time honored Señorita tradition.

We are looking for address updates and hope to have a validated database of Señorita contact information. If you know a past Señorita or Doñita of the Symphony, please contact Karen Hopkins at karenhopkins@comcast.net.



Grant Applications Available

Nonprofit organizations supporting music and/or music education in New Mexico are invited to apply for 2017 MGNM funds.

The deadline for submitting your application is February 15, 2017.

Please visit our website for details.

<http://www.musicguildofnewmexico.org/grantprogram2016.html>



Ann Jerrell

Grant Selection Committee

The Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus performed a portion of their holiday program at the December Guild Luncheon. The Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus is one of the 16 groups that received a grant from the Music Guild in 2016.



The Music Guild of New Mexico's 60th Annual Ball Presenting the 2017 Señoritas

Please join us at **Sandia Resort & Casino** for an evening of dancing and entertainment by the **Pink Flamingos**.

Invitations to follow

Save the Date
Saturday, April 15, 2017
At 5:30pm
Sandia Resort & Casino

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