

Keynotes

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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Another beautiful Luncheon in December

Membership Committee went all out for a beautiful Holiday Luncheon at Los Poblanos.



Strategic Planning has a Knock-Out

Event at Boxing Bear Brewery, with entertainment by Sax Therapy, was a fun evening in late October.



Save the Date!

The Music Guild's largest Fundraising event, The Music Guild of New Mexico's Señorita Ball, is March 17th at Sandia Resort and Casino.



HaPpY NeW yEaR to you!

We are halfway through the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The next few months will be filled with fun and great work to be done together bringing music to our community.

2017 was a wonderful year ending with the Music Guild's Holiday Celebration at the lovely historic Los Poblanos. Thank you, Kelly Lawrence and Denise Lemanski. Nothing was left out of your plans...cranes and llamas, yummy food and drink, atmosphere, music, and lovely members to mix with. We are looking forward to the next luncheon, March 21. Thank you!

2018 will start with The Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition February 17th at Robertson and Sons Violin Shop Performance Hall, followed by the biggest fundraiser of the year, The Music Guild of NM Auction and Senorita Ball, March 17 at the Sandia Casino. Donations and items for the auction are a great way to support the MGNM fundraising to grant to the non-profit music organizations that bring music to all in New Mexico. A big thank you to the members that have already donated funds, time and energy for the love of music and to that we add the friendships found with the members of the MGNM.

Our 2017 Grantees have been including the MGNM in their programs and announcements at their performances. Guild members have enjoyed the concerts and it is always great to recognize each other coming and going. Be sure to check the Friday e-blasts for events to enjoy and share with your friends and family.

More information to follow... Read on!

Teena King and Pam Berg, Co-Presidents

JMYAC

Young Artists' Competition Celebrates 26 Years

The Music Guild of New Mexico will present the 26th Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Concerto Competition for Piano and Strings on Saturday, February 17, 2018, in the recital hall at Robertson & Sons, Violin Shop, Inc., 3201 Carlisle Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Admission is free, and the public is welcome. Musically-gifted young people from throughout the state are eligible to play in separate piano and strings competitions.

JMYAC winners represent the future of symphonic music, and the Music Guild's Young Artists' Competition 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." Several past winners are currently playing with orchestras around the world, and the 2011 winner, Josh Rupley, placed 4th in the

inaugural Olga Kern International Piano Competition in 2017.

The rigorous Competition application process requires an audition CD or DVD 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 or DVD twice to determine if an applicant can enter the Competition.

Eleven students have applied for the upcoming event; they were notified of the Committee's decision on January 12th.

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. 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 in strings also receive cash awards plus a scholarship to a music camp, and possible performance opportunities. Over the past 25 years, almost \$70,000.00 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 the recital hall. Some contestants have a volunteer monitor to guide them through the performance process. Volunteers also help with hospitality. A light breakfast for volunteers, judges, contestants and families may be provided. Volunteers provide food for the celebratory reception after the awards ceremony. Contact Linn Furnish (swimsew@comcast.net or 505-884-6626) if you have not volunteered for this event before and would like to join us this year.

Master Classes to be Held on February 18, 2018

Two Master Classes will be held as part of the Competition. What is a Master Class? It is one-on-one instruction by a seasoned professional musician that helps the student with the finer points of playing a piece of music. Two of the Competition judges, pianist and President of the Chicago Chopin Society Dr. Jaroslaw Golembiowski and violinist and Artistic Director of the Texas Strings Camp Dr. Pasha Sabouri will serve as the Masters for classes to be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at the New Mexico School of Music, courtesy of Tatiana Ventrinskaya, owner of the school.

Our volunteers are a vital part to this wonderful competition. Please considering joining us for the 2018 JMYAC - contact Linn Furnish: swimsew@comcast.net or 505-884-6626 for information.





Señoritas

It's been a year filled with activity, fun and friendship

The Señorita Program has been busy with many educational and fun-filled events. The girls are enjoying getting to know each other and establishing strong relationships. Participation at all events has been great.

September: Etiquette Dinner

On Sunday, September 17 the Señoritas met at the Albuquerque Country Club for the Etiquette Dinner. Our presenter was the very gracious Mr. Chip Hindi. The girls truly enjoyed this event. It allowed them to build strong relationships with their Auntie Mames and smaller groups. It was an elegant dinner, and we all learned something new about the art of etiquette.

October: Father-Daughter Bowling

On Sunday, October 22, the Señoritas and their fathers met at Silva Lanes for a bowling extravaganza. It was such a fun time. We broke into 2 teams per lane for some friendly bowling competition. Teams were jumping up and down and high-fiving each other for a ball well-bowled. Fathers really enjoyed spending the time with their daughters. Most of the father-daughter pairs dressed up in look-a-like outfits; the engagement was contagious. With life so busy, it was a great excuse to spend time with dads and new friends.

The Señoritas had a great time learning from instructors at Self-Defense for Warriors gym. They learned blocking, kicking and even how to get away when you are grabbed by your pony-tail.



November: Life Skill Events

The Life Skills event took place on November 19. This year we switched it up a bit and had a two-part program. The first part was actual self-defense training at Training for Warriors. The girls arrived dressed and ready for hands-on self-defense instruction. Vincente Alvarado, a former APD officer and owner of the Training for Warriors workout and training studio, led the discussion with two other officers who are current APD officers. Mr. Alvarado spoke on the importance of personal safety and how it begins with an attitude of awareness and responsibility. The girls took part in actual self-defense moves with the officers that they can utilize if needed. The girls practiced these techniques with a partner and really had a fun time doing this.

The second part was at the home of Annette Arrigoni where our guest speaker Katie Snapp, author of **Skirt Strategies**, spoke to the girls about leadership as a woman and shared some of her savvy tips from one of her books. Katie Snapp is a coach and trainer for women in leadership and author of 2 books for women of influence. The girls had the opportunity to ask questions of Katie and were given a copy of her book, **Skirt Strategies**.



December

Mother-Daughter Holiday Tea

The Señoritas and their mothers gathered on Sunday, December 17 at the home of Emily Benak and her daughter, Señorita Isabel Benak, for the Holiday Mother-Daughter Tea. It was great to celebrate the season with a mother-daughter event. The Señoritas enjoyed a gift exchange, which helped to further build relationships between the girls. Some very beautiful gifts were exchanged and lots of fun was had by all. While the girls had their gift exchange the mothers enjoyed a cookie exchange with some of the most creative cookies we have ever seen. The mothers enjoyed getting to know each other. What we cherish about this program is that it is not just about the girls but about **FAMILY**.

We are looking forward to the last few months together prior to The Ball. It has been a **GREAT** year.



Membership

An Elegant Way to Ring in the Holiday Season

The Music Guild of New Mexico Christmas luncheon was held on December 7th. This year we held the luncheon at Los Poblanos, which was beautifully decked out for the holidays.

Guests were welcomed just outside the Library, with delicious appetizers before the meal, and a bar was placed in the back of the room for anyone who wanted to have a holiday beverage.

Our vendors were placed just opposite of the Library and included Pennysmith's, Linda Reyes-Alicea of R-A Designs (Silver and gemstone jewelry), the Albuquerque Olive Oil Company, Photos by DB (photo note cards by Guild member Donna Bauer) and Silk Road Connection.

The Ball Room opened at 12:00 with a lovely Mexican buffet meal that Included red and green enchiladas, posole, salad and biscochitos. While the members were eating, we were serenaded with Christmas Carols by the Enchanted Mesa Show Chorus. The beautiful ballroom was filled with Holiday Joy!

President Pam Berg opened the General Meeting. A few business items were discussed, and the meeting came to a quick ending. The luncheon had 3 donors to help defer the costs. These donors were Renee Grout, President Teena King and an anonymous donor. The raffle items were: Pilates package worth \$250.00, a necklace from Lilly Barack donated by Yvette Lyle, a beautiful designer outfit girls size 10, donated by Kelly Lawrence and a wine basket donated by Suzanne Jacobi. Carol Friedman was our raffle ticket seller.

A huge debt of gratitude to everyone who contributed to this luncheon. Happy Holidays!!!



Education

Mark your Calendars for Volunteer Opportunities

The MGNM Education Committee will be focusing on three events over the next six months. The first being the May 16th, 17th, and 18th fourth-grade concerts at Popejoy Hall, performed by the New Mexico Philharmonic. Secondly, we hope to participate in the Albuquerque Folk Festival on Saturday, June 2nd. Our Musical Instrument

Petting Zoo is always a crowd-pleaser and lots of fun for our volunteers. Please put these dates on your calendar and consider volunteering to help us out. To conclude the year, we hope to sponsor a concert by a local group, at a suitable venue. In the coming weeks the Executive Board will be canvassing possible venues for this concert.

Strategic Planning

Member Social at Boxing Bear

This was a wonderful event, and well-attended. The Strategic Planning Committee is to be thanked for this fun evening. It is our intent to provide more social opportunities for our membership throughout the year.

Karen Hopkins received Jackie Guaderrama Award at our December Luncheon

This woman is definitely an energizer bunny, she always has a warm smile, is anxious to help and offers great ideas. She's a past President, works full time and sits on the Strategic Planning Committee. Karen Hopkins is the recipient of this quarter's Jackie Guaderrama Award.



Grant Selection

Horizons Albuquerque

The Horizons Albuquerque program – started in 2013 – is the only program in New Mexico that is entirely tuition-free and offers a six-week summer school session as well as year-round programming for students whose families qualify for the National Lunch Program. Once a student is enrolled in his/her first summer as a rising first grader, he/she continues with the Horizons Albuquerque program each summer until high school graduation.

For six weeks each summer, Horizons Albuquerque students spend six hours a day on-site. Four of those hours are focused on reading, math, and STEM-related lessons. Other activities include swimming lessons, tennis instruction, yoga, and guitar lessons. During the school year, students and families meet for additional educational programming and students receive free tutoring when possible.

The Horizons Albuquerque program works intensively with young children to not only prepare them academically, but to boost their confidence in their ability to achieve. An important component for ongoing growth is for the students to build their confidence, interact with peers in new ways, and be exposed to the visual and performing arts. To that end, Horizons Albuquerque emphasizes dance and guitar to help ignite in students a love of the art and for them to see themselves as artists and see dance and music as a way to express themselves.

Horizons Albuquerque believes that it is not enough to provide only the academic tools the students need to succeed, even greater is the need to instill confidence and make learning joyful. By teaching elementary school students how to play music that is both culturally relevant and accessible, the program instills a

love of culture through music, demonstrates that everyone can play an instrument, and exposes them to an instrument that can become a lifelong passion.

During the summer session, each day begins with music. The students play guitar and sing at the same time. It is heart-stirring!

In 2017, the MGNM granted funds to purchase four guitars for the Horizons Albuquerque program.

The Amy Biehl High School Foundation takes an unusual approach to music education with their Rico Music program. Upon entering the program, students are given surveys to identify their areas of interest in music and gauge their level of experience with instruments. Bands and duos are then formed based on musical genre interests. Students select an instrument, are given a set of music, and are expected to demonstrate their progress through musical performances. Students must work both individually in learning their instrument, and collaboratively in learning to play their music together as a group.

The overall goal of Rico Music is to allow students to take their interest and love for music and turn it into a skill that can be shared with the community. Several students of Rico Music perform for the community at different locations around Albuquerque including coffee shops and the Outpost Performance Space.

The MGNM gave a grant in 2017 to support Rico Music at the Amy Biehl High School.

Please visit the MGNM website! Links to our Grantees' websites can be found there. Please explore their upcoming events and support them by attending some of their events!

2017 Grant Recipients

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Amy Biehl High School Foundation
Chatter/Ensemble Music New Mexico
Horizons Albuquerque
New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus
New Mexico Jazz Workshop
New Mexico Philharmonic
Opera Southwest
Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico

Nonprofit organizations supporting music and/or music education in New Mexico are invited to apply for 2018 MGNM funds.

The deadline for submitting your application is February 16, 2018.

Calling All Music Guild Members to attend the Music Guild of New Mexico's Senorita Ball March 17, 2018, at Sandia Resort & Spa.

What if - You celebrate St. Patrick's Day at "The Ball?"

What if - You buy a table?

What if - You bring many friends?

What if - You dance the night away to the Pink Flamingos?

What if - You so enjoy seeing the beautiful Señoritas that you "remember when"

*What if - You buy one of the winning raffle tickets for a piece of jewelry from ABQ Gold & Silver Exchange
from the Treasure Chest?*

What if – You win the bid for a trip to California with Air Fare and Hotel?

What if – You win the bid for a Spa Treatment and Hotel stay at Sandia Resort?

What if – You meet a new friend at "The Ball"?

What if – You reacquaint yourself with old friends?

What if - You knew that your support of "The Ball" provides funding for so many needy artists in New Mexico?



Let's keep in touch

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