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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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Music is a higher revelation
than all wisdom and
philosophy.

- Ludwig van Beethoven

Greetings and welcome to the 2016-2017 year for the Music Guild of New Mexico!

Congratulations to Denise Lemanski, the 2015-2016 BOD, and members of the MGNM for a successful year! Since we reorganized and adopted a new mission in 2011 we have granted over \$390,000 to non-profit music organizations that educate, enhance, engage and enrich the quality of our New Mexico community.

Thank you to the new Board of Directors! I'm very grateful that each of these members is committed to serving our community as we promote music in New Mexico. I look forward to working with each of you.

The Board is already planning a year filled with fun and gratifying events. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 25 for the second annual Pretty Purse Palooza, a fundraising event in which we auction new and gently used designer purses. This was such fun last year!

The Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings will be held on February 18, 2017. The winners of the competition will perform with the New Mexico Philharmonic on May 27, 2017 at the Rio Grande Zoo. Use your red pen to mark your calendar for these two dates.

Yvette Lyle is heading our Education Programs. Fun opportunities for volunteers are available for our Peter and the Wolf presentations as well as with the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo. Also needed are volunteers for the New Mexico Philharmonic's fourth and fifth grade concerts. Volunteers line the path and guide students from the school bus drop-off point to Popejoy Hall.

While you're adding to your calendar, reserve April 1, 2017 for the 60th Señorita Ball at Sandia Resort.

Our incredible WebManager, Lindsey Kirchhevel, is constantly updating our website. Check it out @ musicguildofnewmexico.org. Lindsey sends our Friday eBlasts.

Take advantage of one or more of our many volunteer opportunities! Please make time to attend some performances of our Grantees ...because Music Matters!

See you in September,

Suzanne Jacobi
President, Music Guild of NM





Señorita Ball 2016

The 59th Annual Señorita Ball was held Saturday April 2nd at Sandia Resort and Casino.

The class of 13 Señoritas were presented by their fathers at the Ball with Todd Kurtz from KOAT as the Master of Ceremonies.

The Ball was the culmination of a year of activities for the Señoritas that included life skills classes, community service, and team building activities. This was a way for girls to branch out and network and make connections with other girls in the Albuquerque community and other leaders in the community.

The Ball is the premiere fundraising event for the Music Guild each year. The proceeds from the Ball and the auction items, as well as generous donations from our Ball Sponsors serve to support non-profit musical organizations and music education throughout our state.

The Live Auction, with expert Auctioneer Jesse Staton, as well as the Silent Auction, chaired by Susan Rogers and Yvette Lyle, included varied items available for bidding. Each year the Auction committee asks for donations from businesses, artists and families to stock the auction.

The Ball Committee, headed by Gayle McCormick and

Carol Cooper-Skopil, worked throughout the year to plan and organize an evening that was not just special for the Señoritas and their families, but for all members of the Guild.

Planning for the 2017 Señorita Ball is underway. The Ball Committee will meet through the Fall and Spring to prepare for the April 1, 2017 Ball.

The Ball Committee is still looking for a chair for the Silent Auction as well as members who are willing to help with other planning details of the Ball. You can contact this year's Ball Chair, Carol Cooper-Skopil for information on joining the Ball Committee.



Membership Renewal

You should have received information on renewing your Guild Membership for the 2016-2017 season. It is our strong membership that keeps the Guild strong.

The membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Your dues must be paid by August 15 to be listed in the Membership Directory. You may complete your application and pay your dues on-line, or you may print a copy of the application to send with your check payable to the Music Guild of New Mexico.

Do you know someone who would enjoy being a member of the Guild?

Please send contact information to the Membership Committee for anyone you think would enjoy being part of the Guild or bring them to our next Luncheon.

Grace Note Award Paula Bradley

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 contributions 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.

This year's winner, Paula Bradley, has been a member since 2003. In addition to her job as Chair of the Jackie McGehee Young Artist's Competition, she's also our Compliance Officer. In the past, Paula has chaired the Ball's silent auction, served as Publicity Chair and has donated to the Guild's many projects.

The comments received with votes for Paula were so positive.

"She's very involved in quiet ways."

"She's always professional, kind and gracious in representing the Guild to the public and fostering music education in new Mexico."

"Her work on the JMYAC and her dedication to his event are more than admirable."

"Her untiring devotion, dedication and hard work have helped to make the JMYAC such a great success."

"She works tirelessly as the chair of the JMYAC - a huge job and so well done."

The Guild thanks Paula for her dedication to our organization and all of us extend our congratulations on receiving this well deserved award.



Incoming MGNM President, Suzanne Jacobi, congratulates Paula Bradley on receiving the Grace Note Award for 2016.

2016 Music Guild Grantees \$42K granted to 16 Groups

In 2016, our fifth year of funding multiple organizations, \$42,000 was awarded to sixteen non-profit music organizations.

This year our grant applications truly reflect the multicultural and diverse nature of music available to New Mexicans, especially in Albuquerque.

Thanks to our members and the committee members and chairs who conduct our fundraisers that allow us to grant money to these deserving organizations.

We are thrilled to be able to support a multicultural variety of music ranging from folk music to jazz, various choral groups, orchestral groups, and more.

The Grant Selection Committee is an important group within the Music Guild of New Mexico. This group is the one that allows us to fulfill our mission of supporting non-profit music organizations in New Mexico. The committee is composed of nine members, two of whom are members of the Board. Members serve for two years, staggered terms, and must have no close relations with potential grantees.

The Committee meets in the spring for a few busy meetings as the grant requests begin to come in. Each committee member reviews and rates all of the required components of each submission. The committee then meets to discuss and

evaluate all of the submissions and scores.

Applications for the 2017 Grant Program will be available on the Guild website in November of 2016 and will have a submission deadline of mid-February 2017.

Any questions can be directed to the 2017 Grant Selection Committee Chair, Ann Jarrell.

See the Guild's website for a listing of the performances for our Grantees. These groups have performances through the year that are quite good.



1. Incoming President, Suzanne Jacobi visits with one of the grant recipients at the May Membership Luncheon. 2. Grant Selection Committee Chair, Marianne Kelly explains the Grant Selection process before the Grants are awarded at the May Membership Luncheon. 3. Denise Lamanski awards the grants to members of the organizations that made it through the Grant Selection Process. 4. The Albuquerque Gay Men's Chorus group, The Q Tones, was a 2016 Grant Recipient and performed at the May Membership Luncheon.

2016 Grant Recipients

Albuquerque Folk Festival	New Mexico Jazz Workshop
Chatter/Ensemble Music New Mexico	New Mexico Philharmonic
Festival Ballet	New Mexico Symphonic Chorus
Guitar New Mexico	Opera Southwest
High Desert Big Band	Rio Rancho Symphonic Band
Landmark Musicals	Southwest Pickers
Musical Theatre Southwest	Turquoise Trail
New Mexico Dulcimer Association	Performing Arts
	Valencia County
	Community Band

New Board Ready for 2017

The new Board of Directors for 2016-2017 were voted on and confirmed at the March meeting. The Board consists of members who have served in many different capacities in the past as well as members that are new to the Board and to the Guild.

The Board will be led by Suzanne Jacobi in the position of President.

If you are interested in joining any of the committees in the Guild, contact any member of the Board and they will get you in touch with the correct Committee Chair.

2016-2017 MGNM Board of Directors

President: Suzanne Jacobi
Presidents-Elect: Pam Berg & Teena King
Past President/Nominating: Denise Lemanski
Secretary: Roz Cohen

Treasurer: Gayle McCormick
VP of Communications: Mary Bunch
VP of Education: Yvette Lyle
VP of Grant Selection: Ann Jarrell
VP of the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition: Paula Bradley
VP of Membership: Renee Grout & Karen Hopkins
VP of the Seniorita Ball: Carol Cooper-Skopil
VP of the Seniorita Program: Susan Rogers & Missy Cramer-Glauch
Directors at Large: Carol Friedman & Kelly Lawrence
Parliamentarian: Karen Harmon
Compliance Officer: Paula Bradley
Volunteer Coordinator/WebManager: Lindsey Kirchhevel



Serenades by the Q-Tones

The MGNM luncheon and general meeting on May 18 began with a serenade by the Q-Tones, the a cappella group of the Gay Men's Chorus.

Their repertoire was very engaging and they received a standing ovation at the conclusion of their program. Bravo!



Pam Reardon and Yvette Lyle received the Jackie Guaderrama awards and Paula Bradley was honored with the Grace Note award. Paula very much deserved this award for her dedication over the years to the Guild.

The new Board of Directors was installed with Suzanne Jacobi as President. We look forward to the many things this Board will accomplish.



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Save the Date

2017 Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition

It's really early...but please mark your 2017 calendar on February 18th for the Music Guild of New Mexico's **Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings!** The Competition has been an educational project of the Music Guild since 1992 and will celebrate its 25th year in February. The goal is to support and encourage young artists in New Mexico and to provide the best experience for those who enter.

What you need to Know

Contestants

Eligible contestants will be students (ages 13 to seniors in high school), who have worked to achieve extraordinary musical capabilities. They will prepare one movement of a concerto from the 2016-17 repertoire, and with an accompanist on the piano perform from memory for the judges and audience. Six out-of-state judges (three for piano and three for strings) will determine the first, second, and third-place winners in each category. Why spend money on out-of-state judges? They eliminate any possibility of local conflict of interest.

Prizes and Performance Opportunities

The first-place winner in each category will receive \$2000 in cash and performance opportunities at the Guild Membership Luncheon in March

2017 and at a concert sponsored by the Music Guild of New Mexico with the New Mexico Philharmonic in May.

The second-place winners will receive \$1000 in cash, increased this year from \$750 due to the generosity of two donors, and possible performance opportunities.

The third-place winners will receive \$500 in cash.

In addition, JMYAC has been guaranteed acceptance of the first-place winner in piano if he or she is 18 years or older into the Olga Kern International Piano Competition sponsored by the New Mexico Philharmonic. Contestants who are high school seniors are also eligible for the Larry McGehee music scholarship in piano or strings at New Mexico State University.

Jackie McGehee with 2016 Strings winner Maggie King.

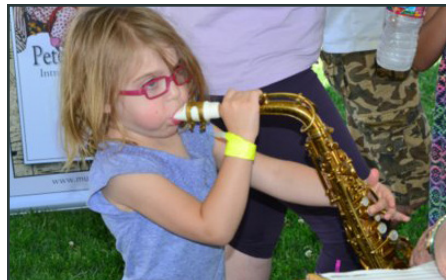


Summer Activity

What has the JMYAC Committee been up to this summer? After 24 years of producing the Competition, a timeline is in place for year-round activities. We have updated the application and repertoire to post on the Music Guild's website and to mail/email to previous eligible contestants and music teachers throughout the state. We have also negotiated a contract with Keller Hall for the performance space and a sponsorship with the New Mexico Philharmonic for the winners' concert.

December 9, 2016, is the deadline for applications. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than January 6, 2017.





A Musical Petting Zoo

The Education arm of the Guild set up a successful Musical Instrument Petting Zoo in a booth at the Folk Festival on June 4, 2016 at the Balloon Park. We had a large tent in a high traffic location, donated by the Folk Festival.

The tent was filled with six stringed instruments, a trombone,



a French Horn, a saxophone, bells, a drum pad, a triangle, autoharps, a cowbell, and free classical CD's. All were invited to pick up an instrument and give it a hands-on squawk or squeak, or try to get a note out of a violin.

Participants learned the proper way to hold and play a musical

instrument thanks to Rick Cohen, our music instructor. Young children delighted in having a musical instrument respond to their attempts to play it. Parents were thrilled to see their children try out instruments.

Adults who have not played an instrument in a while discovered that the ability to make a beautiful sound from the instrument is still present. A young band teacher came to our booth and stayed almost an hour and tuned up all of the brass instruments. Two young boys made a couple of visits throughout the day and provided mini-concerts



on stringed instruments for everyone.

Barry Simon gave a presentation of "Peter and the Wolf" to sixty people in the Storytelling Tent. His ability to tell a story about a day in "Peter's" life and weave in an introduction of instruments, the orchestra, and music was enjoyed by all.

Music is such an important part of everyone's life. It was satisfying to see all the smiles and laughter in our booth. It was satisfying to know the Music Guild helped contribute to the community's appreciation of music. I know the flyers we passed out at this event will let people know who we are and spark an interest in joining us to make music a part of their lives.

These events require the help of many Music Guild volunteers. As always, it was a joy to talk with Guild members while we worked and had fun together. Thank-you to all of the volunteers who helped with this event, because music matters!

Pretty Purse Palooza 2

Popular fundraiser will make a return for Fall of 2016

Pretty Purse Palooza was a fundraiser that made its debut in the fall of 2015, and will be back for 2016.

The committee will begin taking donations of new and "like new" designer purses in July. Contact any of the committee members to arrange dropping off any donations.

The purses will be auctioned off at the event on Sunday, September 25th at the home of Kelly Lawrence.

The committee members are Sue Brown, Roz Cohen, Carol Friedman, Suzanne Jacobi, Yvette Lyle, Gayle McCormick and Denise Lemanski.

Denise Lamanski
Chair, Pretty Purse Palooza 2
Past President

If You Go -

Sunday September 25

2 pm - 4 pm

Kelly Lawrence's Home

11131 Inverness Ct NE



Sue Brown and Rosalyn Cohen take care of collecting donations at Pretty Purse Palooza 2015.

New Membership Levels Introduced for 2017

Membership and Renewal Applications are on the website and mailed. Please take a moment to join the Music Guild of New Mexico or renew your membership. The membership forms are easily accessed on the website for on-line applications/renewals or to print the form to submit by mail. To be included in this year's directory, please submit your form by August 15th.

Renee Grout and I are Membership Co-Vice President's this year and we look forward to greeting our new and returning members. We are actively planning membership luncheons and other activities. A "Save the Date" eBlast (suitable for printing and refrigerator magnets) will come out soon.

This year is a noteworthy one, as the Music Guild celebrates 25 years of the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition, as well as 60 years of the Señorita Program.

To celebrate the 60th year of the Señorita Program, we have created a very special membership category, **The Señorita Circle**. The Señorita Circle is open to all past Señoritas and Donitas. This is a social membership (even though we would love past Señorita participation in our events and fundraisers). The membership dues are only \$25. We will have a Señorita Circle social event in December where we can all get together.

These special ladies will be acknowledged and presented at the 60th Señorita Ball on April 1, 2017. All members should not miss this celebration. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend.

If you are, or know, a past Señorita or Donita, please email contact information (as little as an email address will work) to senoritacircle@musicguildofnewmexico.org

Watch your eBlasts and check in on the MGNM website for Membership events and updates. Renee and I look forward to a great year and seeing you in September.

Karen Hopkins
VP of Membership

Señorita Sponsors

The Señorita Program and Ball are the premiere fund-raisers for the Music Guild of New Mexico.

Our Señoritas are selected by a sponsorship by a Music Guild Member. We need you to be our eyes and ears to help us choose the perfect young ladies for this program.

The Señorita Program focuses on personal growth and community service to prepare young women for college and adult life.

The Señoritas are presented to the community at the annual Señorita Ball.

We are building an extensive, long term data base of future Señoritas beginning with girls presently eligible and as young as 4th grade girls who will graduate from high school in 2024.

If you know of a young lady who would be a good fit for this program please contact Pam Reardon, our Future Señoritas Chair. 505.228.2260



On July 12th the Señorita program held a mid-summer trip to the Santa Fe Opera to see Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette." Ten of the girls attended with their Auntie Mames and other Guild members.



Señorita Tea

2017 Group off to a lovely start with Mother - Daughter Tea at Albuquerque Country Club

The new Señorita Group met for the first time on June 5th to meet Auntie Mames, get a schedule for the year, and answer questions about what the program has in store for them.

Eighteen of the expected 20 Señoritas attended with their mothers. Susan Rogers and Missy Glauch, the 2017 Señorita Program Chairs shared details for an exciting year that will include a trip to the Santa Fe Opera, the annual Etiquette Dinner as well as Community Service.

Señorita Program Highlights

Romeo & Juliet @ Santa Fe Opera
Etiquette Dinner
Joy Junction
Father-Daughter Bowling
Life Skills Class
Mother-Daughter Holiday Lunch
Dressing for all Occasions @ Anthropologie and MAC
Painting with Kelli Jo
Father-Daughter Waltz Lessons



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Summer Volunteers needed

We need you to join our team!

We have four Peter and the Wolf presentations/mini musical petting zoo at our Public Libraries. These are part of their Summer Reading Program!

6-29-16	10:30 AM	Erna Fergusson
7-6-16	10:15 AM	Tony Hillerman
7-8-16	10:30 AM	Main Library
7-15-16	10:30 AM	Los Griegos

- Presenters of Peter and the Wolf - 45 minute presentation
- Assist Presenter and crowd control - We need at least 2 people at each event
- Help with Mini Musical Petting Zoo

Join Our Music Education Team

If you have any questions about what it takes to assist the Music Education Committee or to set up a time for training, Please contact Diana Whitehouse at dw747@comcast.net or 505.850.0324

A Whole New Look

I am happy to be taking on the position of VP of Communication for the Music Guild of New Mexico. This will be a challenging position, but one that will be a fun outlet for me.

I hope you like the new look for the Keynotes Quarterly Newsletter. It has a different look and I hope lots of content that will keep the membership of the Guild up to date on what is happening as well as excite you and renew your desire to volunteer for one of the many dynamic and wonderful programs that the Guild is hosting throughout the Albuquerque Community.

The Newsletter will be published in July, October, January and April. If there is

anything you would like to see included in the newsletter please submit it to me at MusicGuildCommunications@gmail.com.

I need to have information/articles/photos (must be high resolution photos) submitted by the 5th of the month to be included. If you are planning to submit something, a short "heads-up" email letting me know would be great so that I can plan the space.

I would like to thank Rick and Rosalyn Cohen for their unending supply of beautiful photographs of all of the Guild's events. I would be at a loss without their contributions to this newsletter.



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Mary Bunch
VP Communications

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