

Keynotes

July 2017

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.



MGNM BOARD RETREAT @ HUMMINGBIRD MUSIC CAMP

The board of the exquisite Music Guild of New Mexico has planned a two day retreat in August at Hummingbird Music Camp. The retreat is to continue the strategic planning for 2017-2018 and to review past years' successes to support the passion of the many decades of loyal members. We are looking forward to delicious potluck meals and Hummingbird is hosting in the beautiful Jemez Mountains. Thank you to the MGNM membership for your loyalty and support of the love of music and New Mexico.



2017 Grantees Announced

The Grant Selection Committee announced the 2017 Grantees at the May Membership Luncheon.



2018 Señoritas ready to go!

The Señoritas began the year's activities with a trip to the Santa Fe Opera.



Petting Zoo travels to Abiquiu

The Cohens took the Musical Petting Zoo to the Abiquiu Library.



Presidents' Message

Thank you for your commitment to music and the Music Guild of New Mexico. We are very grateful for your countless hours and dedication to our projects:

- The Señorita program provides young women with educational, social, and volunteer opportunities that focus on personal growth and preparation for college and adult life.
- The Señorita Ball is always magical as our remarkable Señoritas are presented and celebrated. The Ball is our biggest fundraiser of the year.
- Our instrument Petting Zoo and Peter and the Wolf programs are entertaining educational tools to bring music to our community.
- Our fundraiser last year, Pretty Purse Palooza, was well attended. We increased revenue over the previous year and had a great time doing it! Look for other pop-up fundraisers to enjoy this year.
- Our Grant Selection Committee determines which nonprofit musical organizations will benefit from our donations. Since 2012, when we adopted our new mission, we have granted \$392,000.
- The Membership Committee plans four luncheons during the year; it is a great time to bring your friends and introduce them to the Music Guild.
- The pride of the Music Guild is the Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition. This prestigious, nationally recognized competition for young talent brings enormous cachet to our organization.

Please renew your membership and we invite you to volunteer for one or more of our fabulous projects.

We look forward to working with you

... because Music Matters!

Pam Berg & Teena King

Grant Selection Committee

Grants for 2017 Awarded at May Luncheon

This is our 6th year of awarding grants to deserving musical organizations in the State of New Mexico. To date, the Music Guild of New Mexico has awarded \$357,000.

Thank you to the Guild members, committee members and fundraising chairmen who allow us to fulfill our mission of supporting deserving nonprofit music organizations in New Mexico.

The Grant Selection Committee is a vital group within the Music Guild of New Mexico. The committee is comprised of nine members who make a 3 year commitment to the committee. The composition of the committee allows for a broad and thoughtful assessment of the applications. We appreciate the time they took in carefully evaluating each and every one of the 29 applications we received this year. So, thank you to the following Guild members who served on this year's committee: Ann Jarrell, chairman, Ginger Grossetete, Sharen Hart, Shelley Koffler, Yvette Lyle, Donna Nicholas, Kathy Preonas, Sam Sherman, and Suzanne Jacobi. Each of these ladies reviewed and rated all of the required components of each application through the Guild's fine tuned evaluation process. The committee then met several times to discuss and evaluate all of the applications and each member's scores. There are so many wonderful musical organizations in New Mexico, so we appreciate their time immensely!

This year, we are thrilled to be able to support a multicultural variety of music ranging from opera, choral and orchestral groups to the youth who participate in the South Valley Band Project, the Rico Music Enrichment Program, Horizons Albuquerque, and the NM Philharmonic and Albuquerque Public Schools' Youth Concerts. You will hear more about these groups, their performances and their projects in the Keynotes.

Applications for the 2018 Grant Program will be available on the Guild website in November 2017. The submission deadline will be mid-February 2018. Any questions can be directed to the 2018 Grant Selection Committee Chairman, Ann Jarrell.



The Grantees for each year go through a rigorous application process to be considered to receive a grant from the Guild. Each group must give specific information on how their organization will use the money if selected.

As the Chair of the Grant Selection Committee, Ann Jarrell has the pleasure of announcing the recipients of the 2017 Grants at the May Membership Luncheon.

2017 Grant Recipients

Amy Biehl High School Foundation

Ensemble Music New Mexico-Chatter

Horizons Albuquerque

New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus

New Mexico Jazz Workshop

New Mexico Philharmonic

Opera Southwest

Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico





2017-2018 Board Members: Denise Lemanski, Mary Bunch, Rick Cohen, Roz Cohen, Gayle McCormick, Tenna King, Ann Jarrell, Renee Grout, Suzanne Jacobi and Pam Berg.

Nominating Committee

Music Guild 2017-2018 Board is Installed

The Board Members for the 2017-2018 Year were installed at the May Membership Luncheon.

Board members for the 2017-2018 Guild Year are:

Co-Presidents: Pam Berg & Teena King	VP of Membership: Kelly Lawrence & Denise Lemanski
Presidents-Elect: Renee Grout & Teena King	VP of Señoritas: Susan Rogers & Missy Cramer-Glauch
Past President/Nominating: Suzanne Jacobi	VP of Señorita Ball: Dana Wilson
Secretary: Roz Cohen	VP of JMYAC: Paula Bradley
Treasurer: Gayle McCormick	VP of Grant Selection: Ann Jarrell
VP of Communications: Mary Bunch	VP of Strategic Planning: Yvette Lyle
VP of Education: Rick Cohen	Directors at Large: Lisa Curtis & Lisa Galante



As outgoing President, Suzanne Jacobi was given a Nambe platter inscribed with a Thank-you for her dedication and service to the Guild over the past year.

Membership Committee

May Luncheon Celebrates 2017 Grantees

Our May Luncheon was held at the Albuquerque Country Club on May 19th. The Membership Committee put together a beautiful luncheon with a Wine Raffle and a display of some of the instruments from the Guild's Musical Petting Zoo.



Information on our 2017-2018 Membership Luncheons will be coming soon. Watch the Guild email updates for more information.

Señorita Committee

Activities Have Begun for 2018 Señoritas

A small group of the 2018 Señoritas traveled to the Santa Fe Opera for their first event of the year to see Strauss' Die Fledermaus.

We are off to a great start for the 2017-2018 Señorita Program. On Sunday, June 25 Pam Reardon graciously hosted the Señorita Informational Tea at the Albuquerque Country Club where the girls learned more about the program and even tried on several donated ball gowns.

We have commitments from 20 girls, 4 of them are paid in full and 1 has paid 33%. This is great news.

Our goal is to have a total of 25 girls for the 2017–2018 Señorita Program year. We really need your help to engage 5 more girls. Please send all ideas to Pam Reardon so she can contact them.

We very much appreciate your assistance as we have a GREAT year planned and we want to continue the success from last year.

Next Event: August 27: Scavenger Hunt and Ice Cream Social for the girls and Informational Session for the mothers



The first event on the Señoritas' calendar each year is the Informational Tea. The event gave the girls and their mothers a chance to learn more about the program.



A Night at the Opera

Summer is a busy time for families and high school girls. Eight of the 2018 Señoritas and three of this year's Auntie Mames were able to travel to Santa Fe to see Die Fledermaus. The Opera is a comedy and this production was sung in English. The staging and costumes were beautiful and the girls really enjoyed the experience. It was a great evening that provided a time for the girls and Auntie Mames to get to know each other a little bit.

Education Committee

A Busy Time for the Education Program

With Popejoy Youth Concerts, Albuquerque Folk Festival and traveling with the Musical Petting Zoo the Education Committee has been working hard.

Many many thanks to all of the MGNM volunteers who gave their time and energy to the May Popejoy Youth Concerts and the June Musical Instrument Petting Zoos at both the Albuquerque Folk Festival and the Abiquiu Public Library.

It's always a lot of fun at Popejoy, ushering all of the youngsters from their buses to the hall and then witnessing their delight in the orchestra's music and Festival Ballet Albuquerque's presentation of "Peter and the Wolf."

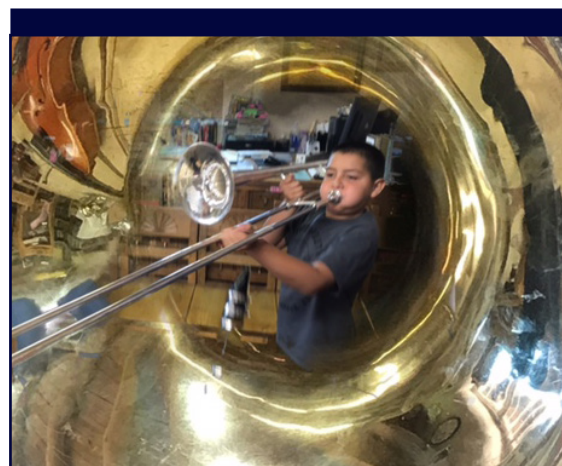
The traveling petting zoo is always busy from opening to closing times, and the recent presentations were no exceptions. The young and young-at-heart

always enjoy trying their hands at our broad array of string, brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments.

At the Albuquerque Folk Festival, Erika Gerety presented the program with one of Gary Libman's clarinets, so that future musicians may continue to be inspired to play. Many thanks, Erika, and also to Barry Simon, for his entertaining introduction to the orchestra in the Storytelling Tent.

If you have a lonely (and portable) musical instrument looking for a loving home, do think about making a tax-deductible donation of it to this program. You can be assured it will be put to good use and greatly appreciated.

Rick and Roz Cohen took the Musical Petting Zoo to the Abiquiu Public Library in June. The event is part of a project to bring local musicians together with children interested in learning to play an instrument.



Musical Petting Zoo in Abiquiu

The Abiquiu presentation was especially rewarding, as the librarians there are hoping to establish a program of instrumental lessons given by people in that area. For many of the nearly forty children there, it was their first time seeing and getting to play instruments. We were joined by members of their library Board of Directors, who happily lent a hand.



Please consider being an Education volunteer this upcoming year. You'll have as much fun as the kids!



JMYAC Committee

JMYAC 2018 Preparing for 26th Year

*Please mark your calendar! **February 17, 2018.** The Music Guild of New Mexico will present the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings! The Competition has been an educational project of the Music Guild since 1992. The goal is to support and encourage young artists in New Mexico and to provide the best experience for those who enter.*

Contestants will be students, ages 13 to 18, who have worked very hard to achieve extraordinary musical capabilities. They will prepare one movement of a concerto from the 2017-18 repertoire, and, with an accompanist on the piano, perform from memory that movement for the judges and audience. Six (three for piano and three for strings) out-of state judges will determine the first, second, and third-place winners in each category. Out-of-state judges eliminate any possibility of a local conflict of interest.

The application and repertoire have been posted on the Music Guild's website and emailed to previous eligible contestants and



Accompanied by the New Mexico Philharmonic, Sophie Yang performs Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor Op. 16 III Allegro moderato molto e marcato at the Rio Grande Zoo Memorial Day Weekend.

music teachers throughout New Mexico. Contracts with Keller Hall for the performance space and a sponsorship with the New Mexico Philharmonic for the winners' concert have been signed.

December 8, 2017, is the deadline for applications. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than January 12, 2018.

Prizes and Performance Opportunities for JMYAC winners

The first-place winner in each category will receive \$2000 in cash and performance opportunities at the Guild membership luncheon in March 2018 and at a concert sponsored by the Music Guild of New Mexico with the New Mexico Philharmonic on May 26, 2018. The second-place winners will receive \$1000 in cash and possible performance opportunities. The third-place winners will receive \$500 in cash.

In addition, the 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.

The first-place winner in strings will also receive a scholarship to the Texas Strings Camp and Festival (June 2018) in Austin, TX, courtesy of Pasha Sabouri, violinist and Artistic Director of the Camp.

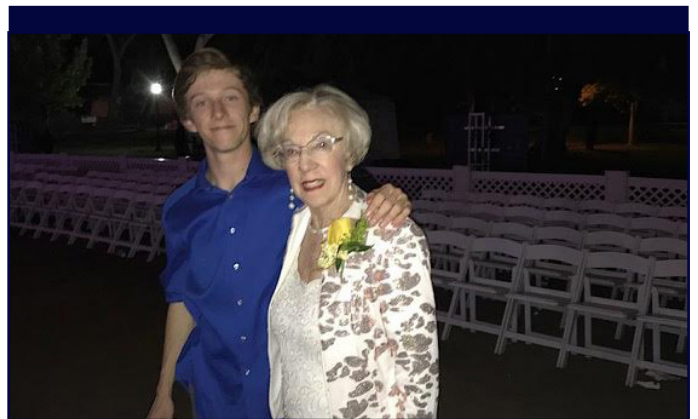
Contestants who are high school seniors are eligible for the Larry McGehee music scholarship in piano or strings at New Mexico State University.

Stars & Stripes Forever

Jackie McGehee had the honor of directing the New Mexico Philharmonic at the Rio Grande Zoo on Memorial Day Weekend. Earlier in the program, the 2017 winners of the Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition performed their winning pieces with the NM Philharmonic as part of their prize for winning the JMYAC.



As part of the prize package for winning the JMYAC, Sam Barrett performs Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme at the Rio Grande Zoo Memorial Day Weekend with the New Mexico Philharmonic Orchestra.



After the concert, Sam Barrett and Jackie McGehee. Sam was the 2nd place winner in the 2016 JMYAC and the First Place winner in 2017.



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Opera Southwest

The MGNM supports the Apprentice Artist Program of the Opera Southwest. Tickets are available now for their upcoming year. A link to their website is available from our website.

William Tell
Rossini
October 22-29, 2017

Bless Me Ultima
Armienta
February 18-25, 2018

Norma
Bellini
April 8-15, 2018

Horizons Albuquerque

Horizons Albuquerque is a nationally-recognized academic enrichment program that addresses the achievement gap and summer learning loss for public school students from families that qualify under the federal income guidelines for free or reduced lunch. The program is grounded in a six-week summer school session and is supplemented with family engagement workshops, and after-school tutoring throughout the school year. Horizons blends academics with arts, sports, and cultural enrichment as well as confidence-building activities, particularly swimming, guitar, and tennis. They use our grant to purchase four guitars for the summer program. Students who succeed in the summer guitar program are allowed to keep their guitars at the end of the program. A link to their website is available from our website.

Grant Selection Committee

What you need to know about our Grantees

We are very proud of our Grantees! Here is some information about some of their in-progress programs and events in the not-too-distant future.

Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico

The MGNM is supporting Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico with their Summer Sunday Sings as well as their Festival of Christmas. The Summer Sunday Sings will happen on Sunday August 27 from 1:00-3:00 at the Cathedral of St John, 318 Silver Ave. SW. Doors open at 12:15. \$10 per person, score provided. Yes, that means we can all sing with them! Life begins at the edge of your comfort zone. Let's do this! Please meet me there! www.polyphonymn.com.

Photo from Polyphonymn.com



Ensemble Music New Mexico - Chatter

Chatter/Ensemble Music New Mexico revolutionizes the audience experience of classical music at intimate, informal venues in 60+ unique concerts each year — with coffee (Sunday) or wine (Cabaret)! Chatter Sunday \$15 - reg., \$9 – under 30 & students, and \$5- under 13. Cabaret is infrequent on Sunday afternoons. Sunday morning events are 50 weeks a year - welcoming, invigorating, and eccentric! Performances take place at Las Puertas at 1512 1st Street NW in Albuquerque. Chatter weaves together traditional and contemporary chamber music in often-surprising programs that include a reading by our poet/speaker of the morning and a two-minute celebration of silence. For tickets and more information, visit their website, www.chatterabq.org. A link to their website is available from our website.



Amy Biehl HS Foundation Rico Enrichment Program

The Amy Biehl High School Foundation is using our grant to support their Rico Music Enrichment program that allows students of all talent levels to learn about music composition and performance. More information will be coming in a future Keynotes. <https://amybiehlhighschool.org/>

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New Mexico Philharmonic

The New Mexico Philharmonic is using our grant for the youth concerts at Popejoy Hall in the spring and the fall. Their 2017-2018 schedule begins in October. Tickets are on sale now. Please see their website, nmphil.org for details and tickets. A link to their website is available from our website.



The New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus

The New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus is using our grant to add a small 20-player orchestra to their performances this year. The exact dates are yet to be determined, but they're planning Holiday concerts in December 2017, Spring Concerts in April 2018, and Pride Concerts in June 2018. The date of their Decades Gala annual fundraiser is yet to be determined. I am predicting that the decade will be the 1960's. I hope it's the sixties! I was a teenager in the sixties and I have my gogo boots ready! I need a date who can rock bell bottoms and a tie dye or paisley shirt! A link to their website is available from our website.



New Mexico Jazz Workshop South Valley Band Project

The MGNM is supporting the New Mexico Jazz Workshop's South Valley Band Project. More information about this project will come in a future Keynotes. The New Mexico Jazz Workshop has many events during the summer months. Check their website, www.nmjazz.org, for information on the jazz, salsa, and blues concerts nearly every Friday and Saturday evening all summer at the Albuquerque Museum's amphitheater. Hey, let's dance! A link to their website is available from our website.

Information on Grantees and how they will use their Grant money was provided by Suzanne Jacobi. For more information on the Music Guild of New Mexico's Grant Program for nonprofit music organizations see our website at www.musicguildofnewmexico.org.



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Save the Date

Music Guild of New Mexico Señorita Ball 2018

Saturday March 17, 2018
Sandia Resort & Casino



Photo courtesy of Frank Frost Photography



Let's keep in touch

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