

We Had a Ball!!! Notes from the Presidents



As we think about bringing this year to a close, we are happy with the progress we've made in just two years. While we've been around for more than half a century, this is only our second year as the Music Guild of New Mexico. We are pleased to have held a successful Señorita Ball, our biggest fundraiser, where we presented thirty beautiful Señoritas. Everything was lovely, and music and laughter was heard throughout the ballroom. Our fundraising numbers are very close to last year's and we are able to grant \$75,000 again this year. We are excited to announce the nineteen nonprofit music organizations receiving grants this year (see Grants article for details).

The Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition was a roaring success, and some very talented, young musicians won First, Second, and Third places. We even had an Honorary Mention this year. Details can be read in the following article and on our website.

During the General Meeting at the March luncheon, before having a wonderful lunch, Music Guild Officers and Chairs presented reports about the Ball and the Auction. The new Slate of Officers was approved and Grace Award Ballots were distributed and collected. The Grace Note Award winner was announced at the May luncheon (see page 2) where we also bid

Yvette Lyle a fond farewell and gave her a huge thank you for her two years as Co-President.



Our fiscal year ends May 31st, and our new slate of officers will begin their duties June 1st. Everyone is very excited about the coming year as we continue to discuss the possibility of exciting new fundraisers, new ways to complete membership renewals online, and an endowment for the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition. We thank all of you for your continued support and hope you will continue to work with us to assure music will forever be part of our New Mexico culture.

Yvette Lyle and Jackie Tobias, Co-Presidents



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MGNM Education Programs

Our *Peter and the Wolf* presentations to the first grade classrooms in both the

Albuquerque and Rio Rancho Public Schools continue to work their magic—introducing little ones to instruments of the orchestra using a multi-media

approach. Teachers have been so very complimentary, helpful, and encouraging and appreciate what we do so much.

This program, now in its fourth decade and on its third generation of children, provides each teacher with ready-to-use materials and activities and a teacher's guide. More and more, as we



go into the schools, we hear from teachers and staff about how they first learned about the

orchestra from "Peter." We have made a tremendous impact over the years, one child at a time.

The Guild is proud to partner with

the Fine Arts departments in both districts to ensure this program is aligned with the Common Core Standards which are part of our state's curriculum. But we cannot do this alone, and we go into approximately three hundred classrooms each school year. Our need for new docents is great, in order to ensure that each and every classroom

scheduled is able to have its own docent presentation.

We ask that you seriously consider joining us for the next school year if you can give us a couple of morning hours or more each month to share with some of our youngest citizens. One never knows what will come up in a discussion with first graders. Sometimes it seems as if we are the ones being entertained instead of the other way around! No musical or teaching background is necessary, and all materials and training are provided. If you would like to see what the program is all about, we invite you to "shadow" a presentation that is being given. Contact Roz Cohen at mroboe@hotmail.com or at 505-892-2911 for more information.

2013 Grace Note Recipient



Congratulations Gayle McCormick

Youth Concerts at Popejoy Hall

The New Mexico Philharmonic again presented the Youth Concerts for Fourth Graders on Tuesday, **May 7th** and **Thursday, May 9th** at 10 a.m. and 12 noon on both days. It is amazing to see over thirty busloads of students, parents, and chaperones arrive and fill the hall for *each* concert, and enjoy a program created specifically for them.

This tradition, begun by the New Mexico Symphony, continues, and we are proud to help out by making sure the students get safely from their buses to Popejoy Hall. Volunteers are always welcome (on one or both days), and it is great way to hear the Philharmonic for free and enjoy a complementary breakfast before the buses arrive.

Please let Roz Cohen (mroboe@hotmail.com or 505-892-2911)

MGNM Social Committee

Hosted the March Luncheon and General Meeting at Pelican's Restaurant

Pelican's Restaurant provided the setting for our March 6, 2013, luncheon and general meeting. We had the whole restaurant to ourselves, which provided a nice venue to see one another and meet new members. Fifty-two members were able to attend.

Gayle McCormick updated us on the fabulous upcoming Ball March 16 and encouraged all of us to attend. Jackie McGehee shared her excitement about the winners of the *Young Artists Competition*, and informed us that the winners will play for us at the May 8th luncheon at the Tanoan Country Club.



Diana Whitehouse, Marian Ciepiela, Jackie Tobias, Denise Lemanski, Yvette Lyle



Laura Mortimer, Cynthia Weiss, Terri Pribyl, & Diane Fleming

During the luncheon, raffle tickets were drawn with the following results: Jean Leonard won the St. Patrick's Gift Basket & More, Kathy Preonas won the Hummingbird "Goodies" bag, Nancy Lutje won the Evening Concert with *The Music of ABBA*, Rick Cohen won The Placitas Artists Series *Music and Art in the Foothills*, and Karen Hopkins won the Landmark Musicals Production of *Hello Dolly*. Terri Pribyl and Agnes Brown were the lucky winners of the

door prizes. Congratulations to all of you and thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets.



Chris Lee, Social Committee Chair

Fundraising News

We are excited to report on the money made at the Chico's stores shopping day. On December 14, 2012, both Chico store locations donated to the Music Guild 10% of their sales between 12



Kay Dahl, Birdella Hurst, and Pat Russell



Brooks McIntyre and Jean Leonard

noon & 4 p.m. The Academy Chico store donated \$384.00 and the Uptown store donated \$329.00.

The Silk Road Connection also

participated in the December 14, 2012, shopping day and donated \$117.00. They also donated \$175.00 which was 10% of the sales received at the December 8, 2012, luncheon at Savoy Restaurant.

When you shop in either of these stores, please thank them from the Guild!



Geri Jones and Sonya Thompson

Chris Lee, Social Committee Chair

The 56th Annual Señorita Ball



Señorita Ball



The 56th Annual Señorita Ball was held Saturday night, March 16th, at the Sandia Resort and Casino. Along with a dinner of filet and wild mushroom risotto with a decadent chocolate dessert, the Señoritas and their friends and families danced to the *Hit Squad*. The Auctions, both live and silent, were full of wonderful items.

We also had a wine raffle for the first time, and our traditional Key Sales for prizes in the Treasure Chest. The amount raised for funding our own educational programs



and the many nonprofit applicants has not been finalized, but we look forward to being able to spread the profits throughout our community.

Gayle McCormick, Ball Chair

Señorita Program

The 56th class of Señoritas finished up a very full year culminating with the Señorita Ball on **March 16**. The girls were very active in the community, having been involved in several community service events around Albuquerque benefiting the Blue Star Mothers, the Animal Humane Society, the Rio Grande Arts and Craft Festival, and Title I homeless children, among others.



The Señoritas also learned how to defend themselves from aggressors (human and electronic), how to take care of their cars, hold a fork, be comfortable in business situations, make their money go further, and how not to gain the "Freshman 15" pounds in



college next year. They also had fun at the opera, while bowling and learning to waltz with their dads (not at the same time!), and enjoyed a holiday tea with their



mothers. They also enjoyed symphonic music at two Youth Symphony Concerts.

The Señorita Program is designed to enrich our young ladies' lives in the year they are entrusted to us. We hope we have fulfilled our commitment to the Señorita families and wish our Señoritas good luck as they head off to the next chapter in their lives.

Teresa Edens and Teri Fahs

Try something new—send us your membership renewal directly from our website:
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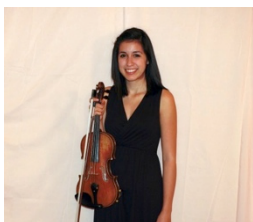
For the love of music, the Music Guild of New Mexico supports, promotes, and encourages nonprofit musical organizations that will educate, enhance, engage, and enrich the quality of our New Mexico community.

Happy Twentieth Birthday, Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition!



JMYAC Contestants from left: Ken Lien, Molly Thomas, Maria Vigil, Donna Bacon, Alice Norris, Brian Wade, Samantha Andrew, Ivan Aidun, Charles Mielke, Rachel Gallegos, Natalie Frantz, and Jackie McGehee.

This year's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition, its twentieth, was again a resounding success with those in attendance amazed by the young talent on stage. Our first-place winners of \$1,000 each were Rachel Gallegos on violin, a junior at Albuquerque High School, and Maria Vigil on piano, a junior at Albuquerque Academy. Both girls performed brilliantly with the New Mexico Philharmonic to very enthusiastic audiences on **February 23rd** and 24th at St. John's United Methodist Church.



Rachel Gallegos, first place violin



Maria Vigil, first place, piano

Special thanks to Rick Cohen, Carol Horner, Mike and Linn Furnish, Sam Sherman, Teresa Edens, Karla Bressan, and of course, Jackie McGehee for uncountable hours of work. Twenty-seven dedicated volunteers also contributed to this fantastic experience for all involved. Our winners and their families expressed deep appreciation and thanks for all that was done and for all the

JMYAC meant to them and to the music community in general. Pictures from this event can be seen on the Guild website at musicguildofnewmexico.org.

Second-place winners of \$500 each were Ivan Aidun on double bass and Ken Lien on piano. Third-place winners of \$400 each were Samantha Andrew on violin and Molly Thomas on piano. Honorable Mention on violin was awarded to Brian Wade.



String Division winners from left: Brian Wade, Honorable Mention; Samantha Andrew, 3rd prize String; Ivan Aidun, 2nd prize.

The application form for the 2014 Competition has been revised and has been distributed and is also online on the Guild website. We are excited to announce that the 2014

Competition will accept applicants as young as thirteen years of age! If you know of any young piano or string musicians who would be interested in auditioning, please encourage them to apply.

Donations to the JMYAC are accepted year-round and go to help not only the 2013 and 2014 competitions, but also to ensure the future of this

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event, the Guild's premier music education project. In the JMYAC's twenty years, an incredible legacy and reputation of excellence has been established. Its future will be even brighter with your help.

This event is another great way to help out the Guild's education programs. Just one day of help on the day of the competition is all we ask, and

you will be richly rewarded with an unbelievable experience as you listen to our young contestants make truly beautiful music.

Rachel and Maria, this year's JMYAC first-place winners will be performing with the New Mexico Philharmonic at the Zoo on Memorial Day. Bring a picnic lunch, your families and friends, and enjoy some beautiful music!

Check out the Music Guild website: musicguildofnewmexico.org

Music Guild Grants \$75,000 to 19 Nonprofits

We are happy to say we granted funds to more than 85% of the many nonprofit organizations applying for Music Grants this year and have funded a variety of projects. The Music Guild Grant is very competitive and the following 19 nonprofit organizations received funding (in alphabetical order):

Adelante Development Center, Inc.
 Albuquerque Baroque Players
 Albuquerque Chamber Soloists
 Albuquerque Folk Festival
 Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program, Inc.
 Ensemble Music New Mexico / CHATTER
 Festival Ballet Albuquerque
 Hey, Mozart! New Mexico
 Landmark Musicals, Inc.
 New Mexico Black History Month Organizing Committee
 New Mexico Dulcimer Association
 New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus
 New Mexico Jazz Workshop
 New Mexico Philharmonic
 New Mexico Symphonic Chorus
 Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico
 Quintessence: Choral Artists of the Southwest
 Rio Rancho Symphonic Band
 Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association, Inc.



We get many testimonials from appreciative grant recipients validating our mission. Here is one recently received.

Membership renewal forms may now be completed on and submitted from our website. Please visit us at musicguildofnewmexico.org.

In Memorium:

Katherine W. Fishback, age 97, beloved caring mother, grandmother, great and great-great-grandmother, teacher and friend, passed away peacefully on **March 19, 2013**. Mrs. Fishback received many awards including the Crescendo Award from the New Mexico Symphony Guild. For many years Mrs. Fishback taught waltz lessons to the fathers and daughters for the New Mexico Symphony Ball. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fishback Studio of the Dance Scholarship Fund at 4529 Eubank NE, ABQ, NM 87111 or your favorite charity.

Genevieve H. Thompson, age 95, a lifelong resident of New Mexico, died Easter **Sunday, March 31, 2013**. Ginger was instrumental in the founding of the Doñita program which grew to become the Music Guild of NM's Señorita Program. As a member of the NM Symphony Board she held numerous positions including Ball Chair. Memorial Services were held **Saturday, April 6, 2013**, at the First Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

JMYAC Winners & Festival Ballet Albuquerque Perform at May 8th Luncheon and General Meeting at the Tanoan Country Club

Our recent luncheon embodied the very spirit of the Guild, our core vision, which is to encourage music education for the young people of our state, along with our logo, which proudly reads, "Music Matters." Those in attendance witnessed inspiring performances by two of our JMYAC piano winners, Maria Vigil and Ken Lien, followed by the wonderfully talented dancers of Festival Ballet



From left: Lorna Wiggins, Maryanne Kelly, and Val Huelskamp.

Albuquerque, one of this year's grant recipients, performing excerpts from *Peter and the Wolf* in full costume. The event was truly one of our finest moments. It was very special.

During the General Meeting, we thanked and the outgoing Board and introduced the incoming Board, the Grant recipients were honored and

given their checks, and the new Co-President, Karen Hopkins, gave a short overview of our new "High Heels" fundraiser which we hope to organize for next September.

The meeting ended with our lucky Raffle winners taking

home many wonderful items, and a final thank you to the Social Committee for organizing all our wonderful luncheons this year. Many photos of the dancers, grant recipients, and attendees can be seen on our website: musicguildofnewmexico.org.



From left: Karen Hopkins, Sharon Hart, Maria Romero, and Denise Lemanski show off their high heels for the new High Heels Run Fundraiser. More information about this fundraiser will be announced as details are confirmed.

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