

Letter from the Presidents

Volunteers don't just do the work—they make it work - Carol Pettit



Welcome to an exciting new year at the Music Guild. Our various committees are working at full speed, we had our first well-attended luncheon at El-Pinto, and we made a whopping \$8500-\$9000 at our very first Benefit Concert for the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition. The final numbers are not yet available, but we are so pleased with the results, we are contemplating making this a yearly event. Many thanks go to our dedicated Benefit Chair Mary Sue Warner and her Committee.

The "Hitting High Notes in High Heels Dash" Fundraiser is in the planning stages, and we're planning to host that event September 2014. Yvette Lyle and Maria Romero-McCue are chairing the High Heels Committee. If you are interested in assisting with this event, either as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Yvette Lyle at ylyle@comcast.net

Diana Whitehouse and Judy Gilman are steadily working on the Señorita Ball and Auction, and the Marriott Pyramid is reserved for March 29, 2014. We are looking forward to presenting our 37 Señoritas and introducing our nine Junior Señoritas at the 2014 Señorita Ball. This is going to be fun! Many thanks go to Pam Berg and Pam Reardon, this year's Señorita Chairs. The Pams are doing a great job.

Our Grant Selection Committee, chaired by Sam Sherman, already completed the 2014 Grant Application, and it can be downloaded from our website, musicguildofnewmexico.org.

The new deadline for submissions is February 14. Take a look and tell everyone you know who might be interested (and qualified)!

Thinking of the website, if you haven't already, take some time to explore the Guild's site. You'll find it very comprehensive (thank you Lindsey Kirchhevel), with a lot of detailed information about the Guild and our programs. To complement our website, we would love to have a presence on FaceBook. If you can help us or know anyone who might be willing to help us update and monitor our FaceBook page, please let one of us know. We would love to welcome you as our FaceBook Guru (jtobi@q.com or karenhopkins@comcast.net).

More news...The 2013-2014 Music Guild Directory was distributed at the September Luncheon and General Meeting and mailed to those who couldn't attend. We are also putting the Directory online in a password-protected file. We are currently discussing how best to distribute the password to members and still keep it confidential for members only. Look for more information in our Friday E-Blast.

Finally, and in no small way, we thank our new Board Members for all their dedication and hard work, and we especially want to thank all our committee chairs, volunteers, and donors for their time, generosity, and kindness. We're looking forward to having another great year and are so glad you joined us.

Your Presidents,

Dr. Jackie Tobias and Karen Hopkins

On the Education Beat -- Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition

is beginning to move to high notes with many things happening...

On September 12th, the JMYAC held a benefit concert at Sandia Prep featuring New Mexico's "Piano Man," **Doug Montgomery** and two of our recent first place winners on piano: Maria Vigil and Gabriel Landstedt. The concert was enjoyed by all in attendance, and the reception which followed with Doug, Maria, and Gabriel as honored guests featured a most delectable selection of finger food and drinks provided by Guild members. Our hats go off to the Benefit Committee chaired by Mary Sue Warner. This event realized \$8,500 - \$9,000 for JMYAC.

Due to the efforts of Jackie and Everett McGehee, the JMYAC will be able to offer two first place cash prizes of \$2,000, in both the Piano and String categories. Our sincere thanks go out to Drs. Robert and Toni Kingsley and an anonymous donor.

The 2014 JMYAC Competition application has been available for several months, and we await the arrival of many applications by the deadline of December 15, 2013. The Competition will once again be held at Keller Hall in the Performing Arts Center on the Campus of UNM on February 15, 2014. The eligible applicant age has been lowered to thirteen for the upcoming competition. With many thanks to Carol Horner, all judges have been selected. The two first place winners will perform with the New Mexico Philharmonic at Central United Methodist Church, Sunday, March 16, 2014, at 3pm. All Guild members are cordially invited to attend both the competition and the winners' concert with the Philharmonic.

Our *Peter and the Wolf* presentations for APS first-graders have begun for the 2013-2014 school year. Along with a returning team of docents, we have also trained a group of new docents, whom we are delighted to have join the program. We are also pleased to welcome back docents who have returned after a hiatus. Many thanks to our intrepid volunteers who actively recruited for us, beginning at the *Peter and the Wolf*-themed MGNM luncheon last spring. We continue to receive positive feedback on this program, now in its fourth decade, from the schools and teachers.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers, both veteran and new, help out with the Popejoy Youth Concerts on September 17th and 19th. This annual event for APS fifth grade students had, as featured soloist, Ivan Aidun, string bass player and one of our 2013 JMYAC winners. Over the course of 2 days and 4 concerts, we ushered about 7,000 youngsters, teachers, and chaperones from their buses to Popejoy Hall under beautiful sunny New Mexico skies. The fourth graders will enjoy their concerts on May 13th and 14th of 2014. Anyone who would like to help on those dates is encouraged to contact Roz Cohen, VP Education at mroboe@hotmail.com.



Gabriel Landstedt, Jackie McGehee, Maria Vigil and Doug Montgomery



Doug Montgomery, Mary Sue Warner and Jackie McGehee



Music Guild Members

Photos by Scott Kingsley

Doug Montgomery performs special concert to benefit Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings



photo by Scott Kingsley

In June a special committee was formed to investigate the possibility of a fundraiser to benefit the Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition. Doug Montgomery, a renowned pianist who performs in Santa Fe seven months of the year and in the Palm Springs area almost five months of the year, had told Jackie McGehee that he would be willing to perform a concert to benefit the Competition. The rest is history!

A committee consisting of Paula Bradley, Karla Bressan, Teresa Edens, Jackie McGehee, and Mary Sue Warner began the process to investigate possible venues and profits. We decided the McCall Family Theatre at Sandia Prep fit our needs and we felt we could make a considerable profit to make the project worthwhile. We met with Doug in Santa Fe to inform him of the specifics of the project; he was particularly interested in the educational aspects of our endeavors and agreed to perform for us at what we believe is considerably below his usual fee. We prepared a request to the Guild's Board, and in early July the Board approved the project.

Next the committee considered ways to promote the concert and began working on details for the concert and reception. We were especially pleased that Montano Acura and ExxonMobil were concert sponsors. Also, past JMYAC winners in Piano, Maria Vigil and Gabriel Landstedt, each agreed to perform a selection at the concert. We also secured the support of the Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North (thanks to Diana Whitehouse) for lodging for Doug, and a loan from Osuna Nursery of plants to use on the concert stage. Also, Timothy McNamara, the Theatre Manager at Sandia Prep, is involved in a side business selling Elixir Boutique Chocolates, and he agreed to give the JMYAC 25% of his profit from sales at the reception following the concert.

To promote the concert, the committee had flyers printed, and we contacted several major music organizations in the area to seek their support in including information about the concert in their e-newsletters. We thank the New Mexico Symphonic Chorus and Hey, Mozart! for their known support in this regard. We pretty much "papered the community" with our flyers, and Doug handed out several to his supporters at Vanessie Piano Bar in Santa Fe. We also had advertising and/or interviews in the *Albuquerque Journal* and on KHFM, KOB-TV, KOB radio, KUNM, and Q CLAPS.

The final result was a sensational concert and reception. At the time this report was prepared, we didn't have final figures for the evening, but we can say with assurance that we raised \$8,500 - \$9,000 for the JMYAC. Many thanks to our committee and to all Guild members who supported this project. And thanks to Joyce Barkocy, Patty Brewer, Sharen Hart, Suzanne Jacobi, Denise Lemanski, and Donna Nicholas for ushering and working in the box office and to the many of you who provided food for the reception. This was a monumental effort, but our committee was pleased with the result, and we heard many positive comments.

We are also thrilled to report that during the course of concert preparations, and during the concert itself, anonymous donors came forth and agreed to contribute an additional \$1,000 to both the Piano and the Strings winners of the JMYAC. What significant recognition of this worthwhile project that is in its 21st year!

Mary Sue Warner, Committee Chair

Señoritas

We are so pleased and proud of our thirty-seven Señoritas this year.

The girls met this summer at the Bio-Park for a scavenger hunt and listened to a concert while getting to know each other. At the end of August we had an orientation that included parents. The families were able to get all the details for the year ahead. In September, we met at Four Hills Country Club for an etiquette dinner. Guest speaker, Chip Hindi discussed many tips that will be helpful in the years to come. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

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Bio Park Concert and Scavenger Hunt



August Orientation



Etiquette Dinner at Four Hills



Photos by Pam Berg and Rick Cohen

Music Guild of New Mexico Social Committee hosted September Luncheon at El Pinto

The first luncheon of the 2013-2014 membership year was held at El Pinto on September 18th. Our members and friends had a wonderful chance to socialize and enjoy a delicious Mexican buffet on a beautiful September afternoon.

The Guild raffled four great gift baskets that were generously donated by Gayle McCormick, Patty Brewer and Karen Harmon. Thank you ladies!

We so look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Luncheon at Sandia Resort on December 7th. We'll have a fashion show and vendors providing special Christmas gifts and surprises! Our vendors include Silk Road Connection, Chico's, White House/Black Market, and Mary Kay Cosmetics by Kay Rubin. Should be a great time for all!

Save the date in your calendar now!

Saturday, December 7th - Sandia Resort - 11am !!

Be there!!

Watch for your invitation in the mail

Denise Lemanski

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PERSONAL NOTES

In an attempt to "personalize" our newsletter, we call upon all members to please notify us of any new and interesting happenings in your lives. This may be an event of another organization in which you are involved – or births of those new grandchildren, or their accomplishments which you might like to share or the death of a loved one.

We all have lives outside of the GUILD, and we would like to know you better. We hope to create this friendly, informative way of accomplishing that goal, while enlightening us all on what is going on outside our MGNM world!

Send any news tidbits, big or small, to Co-VPs of
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or Teresa Edens tree.edens@comcast.net

Upcoming Events –

*volunteer opportunities and events
you will not want to miss!*

October 18 at 12:00 noon Past Presidents Luncheon

Ginger Grossetete for info
gingergro@gmail.com

November 15,16,17, 2013 Weems ArtFest

Volunteers needed to help at
Guild booth. Patty Brewer for
info at bpattykat@gmail.com

December 7, 2013 Guild Luncheon, 11:00am Sandia Resort and Casino

December 15, 2013 JMYAC Deadline

Looking ahead to 2014:

February 14, 2014 Grant Application Deadline

February 15, 2014 Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition Rick Cohen to volunteer mroboe@hotmail.com

***Save the Date -* March 29, 2014 Señorita Ball and Auction, at the Marriott Pyramid If you would like to help... Judy Gilman judymgilman@gmail.com Diana Whitehouse dwhitehouse03@comcast.net**

Thinking Next Year! Senorita Ball March 29, 2014



The Music Guild of New Mexico is proud to present the 57th annual Senorita Ball on March 29, 2014, at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North (near the Pan American Freeway). Be part of the fun and excitement of the Senorita Ball while enjoying the evening with the 37 Senoritas and dancing the night away to the music of "Birds of Paradise".

A few great volunteers are still needed to lend a hand:

- Advertising/ PR/ticket sales to get the word out about this great event
- Volunteer Coordinator (making phone calls or sending emails to coordinate)
- Auction Committee members to plan and organize the live and silent auctions

Over the last two years, the Guild granted \$150,000 to several nonprofit music organizations. Since the Guild established its new mission, we are excited about our accomplishments. Next year's goal is to increase those dollars. The Auction is the Guild's main fundraiser and funds the mission. Let's keep this going.

Please consider being a part of this committee. We always have many laughs. We look forward to talking with you!

Diana Whitehouse, 505-363-6119

Judy Gilman, 505-401-0562



PERSONAL NOTES

Gale Rawlings says "hi ya'll" and "roll-tide!" from Brewton Alabama. She and husband, Denver are living in Alabama, closer to their kids and grandson, until their new home is completed in Greenville, South Carolina.

Kay Dahl had a serious fall just before the September luncheon. She would love to hear from you! Her address is in the directory.

Yvette Lyle broke her leg last week. She had surgery to repair the break and will be moving slowly the next few months. If you would like to send a card, her address is in the directory

In Memoriam

Bob Taichert, prominent Albuquerque attorney, passed away on September 4, 2013. Mr. Taichert was a native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute. As an undergraduate at the University of New Mexico he was Student Body President. He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Harvard Law School. Bob served as a Lieutenant (JG) in the Navy on Guam during the Korean War. He practiced law, mediation and arbitration, primarily in New Mexico, from 1956 until December 2006. He was the sole arbitrator who awarded the Basic source code to Microsoft in a private, non-administered arbitration in 1978, setting the stage for Microsoft to change the world. He represented the University of New Mexico Regents, UNM Health Sciences Center and Presbyterian Healthcare system for 20 years. Robert was an avid outdoorsman, fisherman and music lover. He served as the first president of the Santa Fe Opera and was made Honorary Trustee in 2006. He and wife, Zane were long-time supporters/fundraisers for the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. Bob served as NMSO Board President twice and Zane served as President of the Symphony Guild. Bob is survived by his wife, Zane Taichert, to whom he had been married for 60 years. He is also survived by his children, Peter and Suzanne, and three grandchildren. Donations to The Mind Institute, the Santa Fe Opera, the NM Philharmonic and the ABQ Youth Symphony Orchestra would be greatly appreciated.

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