

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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Educator of the Year

Great fundraising event in spite of a gas leak which could have shut everything down!



Petting Zoo

A big success! It was hard to tell who wanted to play the most - the kids or adults.



Senoritas

The girls had a great time doing the scavenger hunt and were rewarded afterwards with ice cream.



14 Organizations Awarded Grants in May

2019 Music Guild of New Mexico Grantees

The Grant Selection Committee spent three months earlier this year reviewing numerous applications for grants. Each committee member spent many, many hours reading and evaluating each application. In the end, they chose these organizations, who exemplify our mission, to receive our support:

Albuquerque Folk Festival
Albuquerque Youth Symphony
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central New Mexico
Ensemble New Mexico, aka Chatter
Festival Ballet
Guitar New Mexico
New Mexico Dulcimer Association
New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus
New Mexico Jazz Workshop
New Mexico Philharmonic
Opera Southwest
Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico
Rock and Rhythm Foundation
Southwest Pickers

A lot of gratitude to the pertinacious committee members: Sam Sherman, Shelley Koffler, Sharen Hart, Patty Brewer, Chris Lee, Marian Ciepiela, Paula Bradley, and Pam Berg. Thanks also to support by Mary Bunch and to Myja Peterson for helping us interpret financial statements.

2020 Grant Program

Applications will be available in November 2019 for the 2020 Grant Program.

Nonprofit organizations supporting music and/or music education in New Mexico are invited to apply for 2020 MGNM funds.

The deadline for submitting your application will be in February 2020 with the exact date to be announced this fall.





"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything". ~ Plato

Presidents' Letter

Greetings and welcome to the Music Guild of New Mexico's 2019-2020 year. In June, the Music Guild's board started the fiscal year with a morning retreat at the home of Mary Bunch. The setting was lovely as we got to know each other better through fun ice breaker games and shared ideas for our respective board positions for the coming year.

The By-Law Committee met in the Spring and Summer to update the By-laws and Operating Guidelines. The updated By-Laws were approved at the August board meeting and will be voted on by the membership at the September membership luncheon.

Pam Berg and Jessica Rule, VPs of Membership have planned a delightful Fall luncheon for us all at the lovely Albuquerque Country Club. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 18th and join us! The luncheon social hour will begin at 11:00am. Invitations are in the mail. Reservations can be made easily by visiting our website too! musicguildofnewmexico.org.

Speaking of the website! We will soon have a new website to visit! It has been undergoing a redesign. Susan Georgia, our web-manager, and Craig Kendall, web-designer, with input from the Music Guild board have been working on this project for the past 6 months. It will be more user friendly, attractive and inviting to members and potential members. It won't be much longer before it's revealed! Stay tuned!

Dana Wilson and Alex Chiado, Co-VPs of Senioritas, are excited about their 2019-2020 Seniorita Class! These

young women are darling and precious and we couldn't be prouder to share this special time in their lives! This year's Ball will be held at the Sandia Hotel and Ballroom, Saturday, March 28, 2020. Susan Rogers and Alysian Collins, Co-VPs of the Seniorita Ball have great ideas for this year's event. If you'd like to serve on the Ball Committee, please reach out to Susan or Alysian.

The Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Robertson & Sons Violin Shop Recital Hall. Karla Breesan and Paula Bradley, Co-VPs of the JMYAC, along with Jackie McGehee, artistic director, are once again on task for this well-oiled competition. If you'd like to join this committee, please reach out to either Karla or Paula.

Gwinn Hall, VP of Education is always looking for volunteers to help at the New Mexico Philharmonic fourth and fifth grade concerts. This is such a rewarding way to give back to our community and help in promoting musical appreciation. Please consider helping in the Fall or Spring or both for a couple of hours during the week. As a bonus, you too will hear the beautiful music of the Philharmonic! Gwinn will be reaching out to the membership seeking volunteers in the near future.

Our board has so many fun things in the works for the Music Guild. Be sure to read the Friday E-blasts for updates. Did you know since 2012, we have granted nonprofit musical organizations in New Mexico \$518,000! With your help, we can grant even more! Invite your friends and family to join the Music Guild of New Mexico.

We look forward to this year, as we promote, support and encourage music in New Mexico.

Renee Grout and Mary Bunch
Co-Presidents



May 25th Zoo Concert with the NM Philharmonic

The winners of the 2019 JMYAC competition, now in its 27th year, performing with the New Mexico Philharmonic

A wonderful evening with the 2019 Music Guild of New Mexico JMYAC winners and the New Mexico Philharmonic at the ABQ BioPark. Special thanks to the Philharmonic for their long time support of New Mexico's young musicians. Jane Wei and Abigail Monroe gave special performances.



The New Mexico Philharmonic was one of the Music Guild of New Mexico 2019 grantee recipients. Every spring and fall the MGNM supports the Philharmonic by helping with the Youth concerts they present in Popejoy Hall .

Music Guild of New Mexico's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition

February 15, 2020 at Robertson & Sons

Did you know -- A concerto is a piece of music composed for an instrumental soloist and orchestra. It is written in a way to highlight the musical skills and expressiveness of a single musician, while being accompanied by an orchestra

We welcome young musicians ages 10 – 21 to participate in the Music Guild of New Mexico's Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings. The first-place winner in each category is awarded an opportunity to perform their concerto with the **NM Philharmonic**.

The rigorous competition application process requires an audition by the young artist with a 10-minute segment of a concerto from an approved repertoire list, a biographical profile, a teacher recommendation, a photograph, and a \$50.00 application fee. The Audition Committee reviews each application twice to determine if an applicant is eligible to participate. The application is now available on-line at musicguildofnewmexico.org

We welcome all Guild members, teachers, students, families, and friends to enjoy these wonderful performances and share in the festivities of the day. It is an event not to be missed and one that makes us all proud of our future classical musicians.



If you know a young musician, please encourage them to enter. If you would like to volunteer to help with the JMYAC, please e-mail Diana Whitehouse at dw747@comcast.net

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MGNM Membership

The Music Guild of New Mexico is a volunteer organization committed to supporting music through financial, educational, and promotional activities. The talented and diverse members of the Guild educate and build community relationships to ensure our musical legacy by supporting nonprofit musical organizations and nonprofit music education for young people in New Mexico. The Music Guild provides members with friendship, fun, worthwhile endeavors, networking, and personal growth, and enthusiastically welcomes new members at any time.

Board of Directors 2019-2020

Co-Presidents – Mary Bunch & Renee Grout
Past President Nominating – Teena King
President Elect – Liz Titus
Secretary – Kat Vinson
Treasurer – Myja Peterson
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VP Membership – Pamela Berg & Jessica Rule
VP Communications – Julie Rogers
VP Senioritas – Alex Chiado & Dana Wilson
VP Grant Selection – Suzanne Jacobi
VP JMYAC – Karla Bressan
Member-at-Large – Mary Castle
Member-at-Large – Susan Supple

Upcoming Member Events

- **New Member Social** - Sunday, September 8 - 2:00pm-4:00pm at the home of Pam Berg, 4638 Orchards Ct NW, Los Ranchos, NM
- **Fall Luncheon** - Wednesday, September 18th at the Albuquerque Country Club
- **Christmas Luncheon** - Wednesday, December 11 - Location TBD

The Music Guild of New Mexico is an organization comprised of fun people who have fun ideas to raise funds. Click here to learn more about becoming a member!

[Join the Guild!](#)



Music Educator of the Year Fundraiser

The Music Guild of New Mexico Music Educator of the Year will bring attention to the excellent and impactful work of music teachers across New Mexico. Our May fundraiser was a huge success and will enable us to begin to reward these valuable educators.



It was a lovely afternoon for a gathering at Casa Rodena 1629 Club. Not even a gas leak could spoil the fun! It ended up as a Progressive Social thanks to Dianne & Robert Fleming. We were fortunate to have Beau Brant play the piano for the event.



Grace Note 2019

A Grace note is a musical note that adds an embellishment to a musical selection, some call it an ornament.

In symphonic music, grace notes are used to help express the music's (and the composer's) intent. It is used in many genres of music in many different ways, and the music resulting from these effects are very expressive and moving.

In 1977 the Music Guild created the Grace Note Award in order to recognize a Guild member whose contribution of time and energy to the Guild is singularly outstanding. The criteria considered for awarding the Grace Note Award are longevity of service, variety of service and promotion of the Music Guild in the community.

This Year's Grace Note recipient is all of that and more. She is a long-time member of the Guild who has fully participated and served kindly and diligently.

These are some of the comments I received with the votes for our 2019 winner:

- She is an amazing mentor, wonderful resource, dedicated board member, great committee member and a good friend.
- She supports the Music Guild with her time and generosity. She absolutely deserves this!
- She has a passion for music in our community and is a dedicated supporter of our Grantees. She is their biggest



cheerleader.

- She has held many positions within the Guild, performing her duties with excellence and grace.
- She is the definition of a refined volunteer and the best volunteer with whom to serve and from whom to learn the benefits of giving and receiving while volunteering.
- She practices gratitude every day, all day.
- I will be forever grateful to know her.

This year's recipient of the Grace Note award took me under her wing a few years ago when I was a new and wide-eyed first time Board Member – I will always be grateful for her guidance, her advice, her laughter and most of all her friendship.

She has been a member since 1995 and has served in many capacities – everything from a Senorita Mother to President.

The Music Guild of New Mexico is proud to present the 2019 Grace Note Award to Suzanne Jacobi.

Mary Bunch

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

New Member Social - September 8

Fall Luncheon - September 18

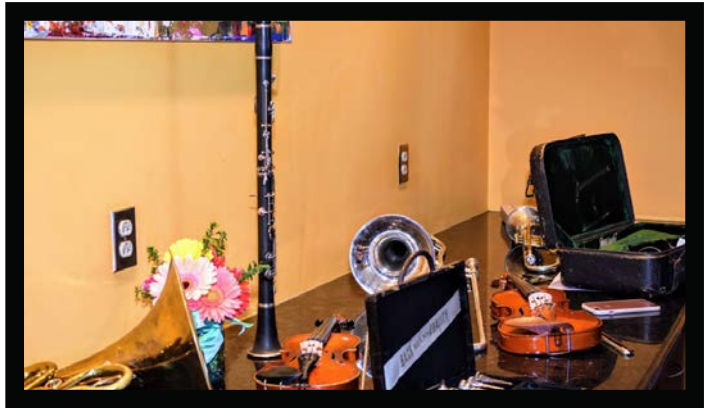
Popejoy Youth concerts - October 1 and 3

Christmas Luncheon - Wednesday, December 11

The fall 2019 NM Philharmonic Youth concerts will be October 1 and 3. We will be looking for volunteers to help with shepherding the kids from the buses on Johnson Field to Popejoy. We will need 8 to 10 volunteers for each morning. Stay tuned for follow up information for signing up.

May 15th Luncheon

At the member luncheon on May 8th, we awarded the 2019 Grantee recipients, and our Grace Note recipient. We also enjoyed a preview of our upcoming Petting Zoo.





June 15th Instrument Petting Zoo

The petting zoo was a big success this year. We were in a tent right at the entrance and had a great crowd. There were horns a plenty, woodwinds, and percussion instruments for everyone to try, and try they did! We had kids galore and many adults trying their hands at the instruments with all ranges of success. It was great fun to see their smiles light up with any level of success. The volunteers made the day easy and enjoyable. Thanks to:

Renee Grout
Mary Bunch
Teresa Edens
Sam Sherman
All the Petersons

Leslie Mortimer
Carol Friedman
Suzanne Jacobi
Theresa Araiza



Senoritas

Senorita Ice Cream Social



The Senoritas met their Auntie Mames on Sunday, August 25th.

There was an ice cream social at the home of Guild member Pam Berg. The girls and the Auntie Mames met at the park in the Bergs neighborhood for a scavenger hunt. Auntie Mames hid clues marked with a certain color, and the girls were given cards with the colors of their Auntie Mames. After the hunt everyone went back to the house for some ice cream and got to know one another a little better! We have 24 Señoritas this year!



Senorita Ball

2020 Senorita Ball - March 28th

The Ball Committee is taking shape with some fabulous, enthusiastic new members. Most notably we have three moms of current Senoritas joining us this year. Please mark your calendars for next years Ball; we are scheduled for the Sandia Resort and Casino Ballroom on March 28th. You will not want to miss this Senorita Ball!



April 28th Senorita Tea at the
Albuquerque Country Club



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Our goals are:

To explore, develop, organize, promote, and support fundraising events

To promote music appreciation and educational opportunities throughout the community

To increase public awareness of the Guild

Anyone who is interested in the welfare of music in New Mexico is eligible and welcome to join the Guild. 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 online, or you may print a copy of the application to send with your check payable to the Music Guild of New Mexico.



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- 2020 Senorita Ball details and volunteer opportunities

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