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A WORD FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

It's officially Spring! As we look out and see the first hints of new growth emerging, we are so very grateful for all that we have to look forward to in the next year. Liz and I are both looking forward to the return (we hope) of outdoor concerts and many social opportunities.



As we hear of musical events, we'll try to keep you posted via our eBlasts. Watch for them!

The last few months have been quite busy. We were thrilled to resume the process of evaluating applications from worthy organizations seeking support in their efforts to promote music and education in New Mexico. After much review and deliberation, grants were awarded to the New Mexico Jazz Workshop, Guitar New Mexico, the New Mexico Philharmonic, Albuquerque Youth Symphony, Festival Ballet Albuquerque, and Chatter.

The next grant awards will be in 2023. If you are interested in serving on the Grants Committee, please send an email to Grants@musicguildofnewmexico.org. It's a fun opportunity to see music and education in action!

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New 2022 Señorita Ball pictures at: <https://www.musicguildofnewmexico.org/galleries/senoritas/2022-senorita-ball>

JMYAC 2022 Winners:



Gabriel Higbie, Piano Sahid Palacios, String



The Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition

Congratulations to Gabriel Higbie, Piano, and Sahid Palacios, Violin, First-Place Winners in the 2022 JMYAC

The Jackie McGehee Young Artists' Competition for Piano and Strings was held on February 11 and 12, 2022 at Robertson & Sons Violin Shop and was an inspiring and successful event!

Twenty-five New Mexico pianists, violinists, cellists, a violist, and a harpist participated in the 2022 Competition. The contestants listed below were selected by four nationally recognized judges for awards.

Gabriel Higbie was the first-place winner in piano. He played Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6 in D-flat major, S 244/6*. Gabriel, a junior at La Cueva High School, studies with Ms. Tatyana Bayliyeva of the Albuquerque Institute of Music. Gabriel won \$2,500 for his performance and will be a soloist with the New Mexico Philharmonic. He will also perform at the Southwest Piano Festival.

Sophia Zhang, a 12-year-old who also studies with Ms. Bayliyeva, won second-place winner in piano. She is in the 7th grade the Albuquerque School of Excellence. Sophia won \$1,500 for her performance of Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 5 in D major, K 175, I. Allegro*, and played at the Music Guild membership luncheon on February 20th.

The third-place winner in piano was **Tobias Fernandez**, a junior at Oak Grove Classical Academy. He studies piano with Samuel Jacobs of the New Mexico School of Music-and earned \$1,000 for his performance of Chopin's *Ballade No. 1 in G minor, Op. 23*.

Jacob Passey was the Rising Star in piano. He is in the 7th grade at Coyote Willow Family School and played Tchaikovsky's *Dumka, Op. 59*. He was awarded a cash prize of \$500. Jacob studies with Tatiana Vetrinskaya, founder and owner of the New Mexico School of Music.

Sahid Palacios was the first-place winner in strings. He played Lalo's *Symphony Espagnole, Op. 21, I. Allegro con troppo* for violin. Sahid is a freshman at New Mexico State University and studies with Simon Gollo. Sahid won \$2,500 for his performance and will be a soloist with the New Mexico Philharmonic. Sahid also played at the Music Guild membership luncheon in February.

The second-place winner in strings was **Ella Curb**. She played Prokofiev's *Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 63, I. Allegro moderato* and earned a cash prize of \$1,500. Ella is a senior at Cottonwood Classical Prep School and studies violin with Maria Stefanova.

Lilly Porter was the third-place winner in strings. She played C. Stamitz's *Concerto in D major for Viola, I. Allegro* and was awarded a cash prize of \$1,000. Lilly is homeschooled and studies with Ruxandra Marquardt.

The Rising Star in strings was **Alicia Peng**, violin. Alicia is 12 years old and studies with Mark Rush. She won \$500 for her performance of Lalo's *Symphony Espagnole, Op. 21, I. Allegro con troppo*. She is in the 7th grade at Desert Ridge Middle School.

Scholarship Award Winners

Willow Stracuzzi (cello)—Texas Strings Summer Camp and Festival, tuition and airfare.

Lilah Cheng (violin) and **Camillo Vasquez** (cello)—UNM Summer Music Institute, tuition.



Gabriel Higbie



Sophia Zhang



Tobias Fernandez



Jacob Passey



Sahid Palacios



Ella Curb



Lilly Porter



Alicia Peng

Reminder...

Just a reminder as we move toward regular MGNM activities again to please forward any pictures, articles, and relevant news of activities to communications@musicguildofnewmexico.org for inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you and be safe!

New Mexico Philharmonic

Breathtaking Bruckner

Friday, May 20
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 114 Carlisle SE

Carmina Burana

Saturday, May 21
Popejoy Hall, 203 Cornell Drive, NE

New Mexico Jazz Workshop

2022 Summer Series

"Under The Stars"

Tickets On Sale Soon!!

All Shows 7-10 PM, Doors Open at 6:30. Shows Held at Albuquerque Museum Amphitheater (2000 Mountain Rd. NW)

- 6/11 - Women's Voices: Jazz Meets the Beatles
- 6/17 - Son Como Son
- 6/18 - A 60's Summer Suite Featuring Tracey Whitney and Zenobia
- 6/24 - Pedrito Martinez (Presented in Partnership with the New Mexico Jazz Festival & Outpost)
- 6/25 - Blues Under The Stars: Nothin' But Guitars
- 7/8 - Micky Cruz
- 7/9 - Burque Jam: Jazz! Funk! Fusion!
- 7/15 - Calle 66
- 7/16 - Gershwin!
- 7/22 - Team Havana
- 7/23 - Swing Dance Night w/Albuquerque Jazz Orchestra & Hillary Smith
- 7/29 - Ivon Ulibarri Y Café Mocha
- 7/30 - Ladies Sing The Blues
- 8/5 - Son Como Son
- 8/6 - TBA

More than 400 young New Mexico artists from ages 10 to 21 have participated in the Jackie S. McGehee Young Artists' Competition over its 28 years. The Competition has awarded more than \$200,000 in prizes and scholarships.

Condolences

On behalf of the Music Guild of New Mexico, we would like to extend our condolences to the families of the following long-time supporters who have passed. We apologize if we have failed to include anyone and would like the opportunity to recognize their previous support. Please contact us at: President@musicguildofnewmexico.org.

Mary Sue Warner Patsy Mosman Pat Carli
Linda Grace Tom Schaffer Ann Stinchcomb

We would also like to extend our condolences to **Julie Rogers**, who recently lost her husband Pat. Those interested in memorial contributions may make them to Music Guild of New Mexico, P.O. Box 3548, Albuquerque, NM 87190

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February featured the annual **Jackie McGehee Young Artists Competition**. This event was yet another success, and we are impressed by the competitors' artistry and the dedication of all who worked on the event. You'll find more information about the competition elsewhere in the newsletter.

March was busy! Close to 200 guests enjoyed the **Señorita Ball** at the Sandia Golf Events Center, bidding on silent auction items, dancing to CUTMASTER, and celebrating the Señoritas. Thank you to all who worked on this event! You'll find photos and more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

March also featured our spring luncheon at Tanoan Country Club, where we were privileged to enjoy performances by **Sophia Zhang** and **Sahid Palacios** who performed Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 5 in D major, K 175, I. Allegro* and Lalo's *Symphony Espagnole, Op. 21, I. Allegro con troppo* for violin, respectively. These young artists displayed remarkable artistry and talent; we were privileged to hear them. We were also able to award Pam Berg her 2021 Grace Note award in person, recognizing her dedicated and varied accomplishments.

The Membership Committee also gave us all a nice gift at the luncheon – a printed directory. We have not printed a directory for several years, but members have let it know that it was missed. Thank you **Carol Cooper-Skopil** and **Teresa Edens** for bringing it back! Carol and Teresa have reminded us all that to stay in the directory, we need to pay our dues. Please check in with them if you have any questions.

Our next scheduled event is the membership luncheon scheduled for **May 12** at the **Albuquerque Country Club**. Watch for more information!

We would like to have a fundraiser this fall. We've received some suggestions, including the Purse Palooza or perhaps a concert. Please share your ideas and come ready to help! One easy way to communicate is through our website, musicguildofnewmexico.org. There is no longer a password, but you need to set up your on-line access (individual log-ins and passwords). If you have problems, please let us know!

Thanks for your support!

Liz & Mary

2022 – 2023 Slate of Officers

Vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting May 2022

Past President/Nominating: Mary Keleher-Castle

President: Liz Titus

President Elect: **Open Position**

Secretary: **Open Position**

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VP Membership: Carol Cooper-Skopil

VP Señoritas: Molly Calvani

VP Education: **Open Position**

VP Señorita Ball: **Open Position**

VP Grant Selection: Mary Keleher-Castle

Treasurer: Mary Merrell

VP JMYAC: Karla Bressan

Membership Luncheon at Tanoan

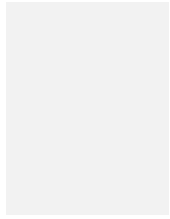


Festival Ballet – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Festival Ballet, one of our grant recipients, which offered us several free tickets to their performance of **Sacred Journeys III**. Those tickets were much appreciated!



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