



NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. APRIL 2017, NO. 156

37th Annual Vanguard Designer

SHOWHOUSE 2017



“A New Chapter for an Old Estate”

14 Pheasant Lane, Menands, NY

May 2 – May 21, 2017



APRIL 30, 2017 PREVIEW PARTY

To see Showhouse 2017 before it opens to the public, plan to come to the Preview Party on Sunday, April 30. You will soon receive an invitation telling how you can see the Showhouse between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and attend the catered party between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 8 Pheasant Lane, which happens to be a former Vanguard Showhouse, its third in 1983!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vanguard will soon complete fifty-four years of support for the Albany Symphony and the level of that support has not diminished during the 2016-2017 season. In addition to providing services to the ASO staff, we have worked throughout the season to raise funds that will become part of Vanguard's annual gift to the Symphony. Events organized by Vanguard members have included a trip to SPAC on August 18, the Fall Luncheon/Fashion Show on October 18, and the bus trip to the Culinary Institute of America and Val-Kill on December 12. To the profits from these traditional events we are fortunate to be able to add income from a second annual shopping day at Talbot's of Stuyvesant Plaza on November 20, when the store gave Vanguard ten percent of the sales during a three-hour period.

Income from these early events is only a small part of what we hope to give to the Symphony at our Annual Meeting in June. The largest portion of the annual gift will come from profits made at the Showhouse, which is described in this issue of the Newsletter. I hope that members and other supporters will contribute to the success of the Showhouse by telling friends and acquaintances how they can help the Symphony while having a pleasant outing and getting ideas for enhancing their homes.

Vanguard is happy to announce that next season will have a new fundraiser -- a golf tournament on August 28 at the Albany Country Club. Please see Page 4 for more information.

I am grateful to everyone who attended Vanguard's earlier events. Now, as we approach the end of the season, I want to encourage all lovers of the Albany Symphony to contribute to this year's fundraising by supporting the Showhouse and to continue that support as we move into a new year!

SHOWHOUSE 2017

The articles in this issue of the Newsletter should give readers many reasons to wish to see Vanguard's thirty-seventh annual Showhouse. As in previous years there will be spaces beautifully transformed by designers and decorative artists. Visitors will again be able to have a delicious lunch in the Café and to make tax-free purchases of Showhouse furnishings and accessories and of fine craft items in the Boutique. There will be the usual variety of special events including designer-led tours, seminars on design, and programs on history of the house.

To those who visited past Vanguard Showhouses, the beautiful rooms, designer tours, shopping opportunities and special events will seem familiar. Showhouse 2017, however, offers an experience that was not available in those of the past—a view of a home that has evolved in an unusual way. This year's house, unlike those seen in previous Showhouses, does not come from a single period. The house began as a home in another community, and its interior was later taken apart so that it could be rebuilt in its present location. The spaces in it, therefore, have architectural styles that came from different periods of its 200 year history. The difference in styles does not cause the newer rooms of the house to clash with the older ones. The Showhouse designers, who have shown in the past how well they can adapt their plans to the spaces they are given, can be counted on to complete their rooms in ways that are in harmony with the spaces in which they work and with the spaces that are nearby.

Showhouse 2017 will be offering visitors something new by showing ways of working with rooms from different periods and by giving them ideas for beautifying both old and new spaces in their own homes.

SHOWHOUSE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday – 10:30 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday – 10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Admission \$18 (watch for \$3 off Coupons in the Times Union)

In all cases, last admittance is one hour before closing

Please check Vanguard's website – www.vanguard-aso.org – for directions to pick up the shuttle and a list of special events offered free with admission.



DESIGNERS AND DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Wm. F. Allen Design

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Morgan Stritsman

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Custom Design Associates

Mary Korzinski

Embellir

Kim Seymour

FunCycled

Sarah Trop

Min Studio

Jae Schalekamp

Patti Connors Interior Design

Patti Connors

PMY Interiors

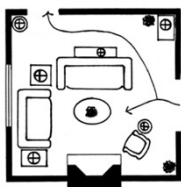
Paula McCormick

Rae Rau PaintFx

Rae Rau

Starlily Design Studio

Stephanie Salway



Join us at the **Showhouse Café** for a delightful lunch catered by Ben and Bill's, a New York Deli, Tuesdays through Fridays! Serving times are 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Please call 518-258-4414 to make reservations!

Save the date - June 22
"A Taste of Broadway" Annual Meeting
Albany Country Club
Watch your mail for your invitation.

Vanguard would like to welcome two new members:

Roger K. Reid - Albany

Susan Searfoss – Albany

If you would like to join our wonderful organization, please contact Julia Smart at 518-765-3622 or juliasmart024@gmail.com.



Anyone interested in becoming a Vanguard usher for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, please contact Tina Bosco at 518-456-8030 or dipierno8@gmail.com. You need usher only three ASO concerts a year but can also usher Palace venues if needed. We need you!



GET READY FOR VANGUARD'S SPRING TRIP TO THE STOCKADE **Thursday, April 20 Rain Date – Friday, April 21**



Spring is around the corner and so is our trip to the Stockade area in Schenectady. Get ready to enjoy a mouth-watering three-course lunch surrounded by the beautiful decor of Schenectady's flagship boutique hotel and restaurant, the Stockade Inn. After lunch we will walk to the nearby Schenectady County Historical Society for a brief visit and then we will begin our one-hour guided tour of the magnificent Dutch and English homes in the Stockade. We are so fortunate to have this national treasure so close by deemed by the National Park Service to be the oldest and largest such neighborhood in the entire country! So come join us as we enjoy a memorable, informative and fun afternoon together. The cost for this all-inclusive trip is \$48.00 for Vanguard members and \$55.00 for non-members.

Please note that the date for our trip has changed. We will be meeting on Thursday, April 20 with a rain date of Friday, April 21. Plan to arrive by 11:50 for a 12:00 luncheon at The Stockade Inn Restaurant at 1 North Church Street in Schenectady. Parking is behind the restaurant as well as in the parking lot across the street. Car pools may be available upon request. If you need transportation, call Anna Bray at 518-438-1960.

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 2, 2017

No it's not an April Fools prank!
On Sunday, April 2, once again Talbot's at Stuyvesant Plaza will be offering Vanguard 10% off all profits generated between 2 pm and 5 pm. So come and do your Springtime Easter shopping and help a great cause! And, yes, our musical duo will be there to provide their delightful background music as you make your selections.
See you there!

SHOWHOUSE Raffle volunteers needed.
Please contact Steve Corson (439-3286)
with availability.

ANOTHER REMINDER.....

It's that time of year to start cleaning out your possessions that you don't find a need for anymore and donate them to Vanguard's Encore Presentations (aka Attic Treasures) in our Designer Showhouse. We are in need of china dishes, teapots, bowls, designer handbags, paintings, etc. Remember, this is NOT a garage sale but the resale of fine items that our guests cannot live without!! Please call Lynne Nisoff at 482-9170 for pickup.



WONDERFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE

Beethoven's Ninth

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Palace Theatre, Albany

2017 American Music

Dogs of Desire

Friday, June 2, 2017, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, EMPAC, RPI, Troy

American Music Festival Concert

Saturday, June 3, 2017. 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, EMPAC, RPI, Troy



HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL VANGUARD GOLF TOURNAMENT?



Excitement is in the air! A new event in being planned by Vanguard to help supplement the Albany Symphony's budget to cover the cost of the educational programs offered to our children, the Orchestra's future audience. You do NOT need to be a golfer to participate. Yes, the athletes are needed to enjoy the beautiful greens of the Albany Country Club and try to get that 'hole in one' and win a brand new car, but our other members and friends of Vanguard are needed to assist the day of the event along with joining everyone for a delicious meal at the Club along with enjoying the camaraderie of our attendees and congratulate the winners of the tournament. Guest Speaker and raffles will be other highlights.

Monday, August 28, is the date to reserve for this event!!

"Help the Albany Symphony reach out, educate and inspire the youth of the Capital District to pursue their music dreams and aspirations."

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VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2016-2017 SEASON

Board Meeting	Monday, March 27, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Talbot Fundraiser	Sunday, April 2, 2017, 2 pm – 5 pm	Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, April 7, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, April 8, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre
Board Meeting	Monday, April 24, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Tiny Tots Concerts	Tues. & Wed., April 25 & 26, 2017	Museum of Dance, Saratoga
Tiny Tots Concerts	Thurs. & Fri., April 27 & 28, 2017	Ohav Shalom, Albany
Preview Party	Sunday, April 30, 2017	8 Pheasant Lane, Menands
Showhouse 2017	Tuesday, May 2--Sunday, May 21, 2017	14 Pleasant Lane, Menands
Board Meeting	Thursday, May 25, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	TBD	Albany Public Library
American Music Festival	May 31 – June 4, 2017	EMPAC, RPI, Troy
Annual Meeting	June 22, 2017	Albany Country Club
Board Meeting	Monday, June 26, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH

Our hats go off to all our fabulous volunteers who work so hard for Vanguard in its mission to raise monies and provide services to our Grammy-winning Albany Symphony Orchestra. Without each and every one of you, we could not have successful events or assist the Orchestra in all the ways we do. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you!

VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS
ANNUAL MEETING

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