



NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. NOVEMBER 2016, NO. 154



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Tea and Symphony event on September 11 at the home of Moses Kafka and Ronnie Nichols adjacent to Albany's Washington Park provided an excellent start for Vanguard's 2016-17 season. It not only gave members an opportunity to reconnect after our summer recess but also gave non-member guests a chance to learn about what Vanguard does and how they could become part of our efforts to serve the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

Tea and Symphony was only the beginning, I hope you were able to join us for our first fundraiser of the season, the Fall Luncheon/Fashion Show on October 18. I also want to encourage you to participate throughout the year in the other events we are planning.

The announcement is enclosed for an exciting bus trip on December 12, when we will go to Hyde Park for lunch and a tour at the Culinary Institute of America followed by a visit to Val Kill, the National Historic Site which was Eleanor Roosevelt's retreat.

Please also plan now to volunteer to help with Vanguard's 27th Annual Designer Showhouse, which will be open to the public May 2-21. Those who don't work on Showhouse 2017 will have the first opportunity to see the finished Showhouse at the Prevue Party on April 30. Watch for information on the Showhouse in coming issues of this Newsletter which will tell you how you can see the work of our talented designers, have lunch in the café, attend special events and shop in the Boutique. Please tell your friends and neighbors about the Showhouse, encourage them to visit it and, if possible, bring them with you.

The coming season is a significant one for the Albany Symphony because it celebrates 25 years of David Alan Miller's musical leadership. Vanguard members will contribute to that celebration not only by attending the concerts but by participating in the events that help support them. I look forward to seeing you as we work for the ASO and as we enjoy the music it gives our entire community.

Ruth Cook



Work continues on the **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS** program. 71 instruments have been collected to date which have been donated to schools in need. The latest was an extremely valuable B flat clarinet which was donated to the Albany School District with the stipulation by its owner that it be given to an extremely talented student. My Next step - I will begin to make calls to all the members of Vanguard soliciting instruments.

Won't you look in your attics and donate the violin, trumpet, etc. that is sitting idle to allow a future orchestra member to learn to play? Or if you do not have any instruments, please consider a monetary tax-deductible donation to be used to repair them? Please contact Jill Rifkin, Chair, at 439-1843.



BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE



WATER MUSIC & SCHUMANN

*Saturday, November 19, 2016, 7:30 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and
Sunday, November 20, 2016, 3:00pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall*

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Handel: Selections from *The Water Music*

Theofanidis: "A Thousand Cranes" for Strings and Harp

Bermel: "A Shout, a Whisper and a Trace"

Schumann: Symphony No. 4



Robert Schumann

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 3:00 pm, 15:00 17:00 Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Celebrate the magic of the season with family and friends at the Capital Region's premiere holiday celebration. Festive carols and holiday favorites led by Music Director, David Alan Miller. Of course, the program culminates with a very special visit from Santa Claus.



AN EVENING WITH YO-YO MA

Thursday, December 8, 2016, 7:30 pm, 19:30 21:30 Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Yo-Yo Ma, Cello

Wagner: Prelude to "Die Meistersinger"

Dvorak: Serenade For Strings

Conor Brown: *World Premiere*

Elgar: Cello Concerto

Experience the artistry, the energy of Yo-Yo Ma in concert. Yo-Yo Ma returns for one performance only-- and only subscribers can enjoy the best seats in the Palace Theatre!



Yo-Yo Ma

TCHAIKOVSKY'S FIRST PIANO CONCERTO

Saturday, January 7, 2017, 7:30 pm, 19:30 21:30 Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Ilya Rashkovskiy, Piano

Barber: *School for Scandal*

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1

Corigliano: Symphony No. 1 "*of Rage and Remembrance*"



Pyotr Tchaikovsky



The annual Tea and Symphony was held on September 11, 2016, at 1 Englewood Place, the home of Moses Kafka and Ronnie Nichols. This beautiful house was formerly owned by Dr. Lenore Sportsman Miller. Moses and Ronnie have been lovingly restoring this home since 2011. This is the third time they have hosted Tea and Symphony and it was interesting to observe the progress of the restoration.

The event was attended by 86 people. Membership information was available and several people took this information. One returning member wrote a check on the day and, hopefully, those who took the information will join.

Many thanks to Moses and Ronnie for opening their home to Vanguard. Many thanks also to those people who donated food and drink. It was a feast! Those who volunteered to help with the Membership table or who helped with serving food and with clean-up made our afternoon much easier.

Again, many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Tea and Symphony a success!

Tina Bosco and Julia Smart, Co-Chair

FALL LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

Monrovia, cocoa bean and ecru were just some of the colors included in the Chico's fashion show at the Vanguard Fall Luncheon held at the Normanside Country Club on October 18.

Almost 85 Vanguard members, friends and guests enjoyed the beautiful fall colors of the decorations and the magnificent golf course view of nature's tree display! Chicken and tilapia entrees were finished off with a scrumptious piece of cheesecake while the talented Vanguard models wearing the latest Chico's fashions circulated among the tables. There was a large 50/50 raffle prize as well as several other gift certificates and prizes awarded to excited winners. It was a successful Vanguard event on a lovely fall afternoon in Delmar.

Kathy DeWeese & Marilyn Hunter, Co-Chairs



MOZART AND WINE IN TUSCANY

We, as lovers of classical music, know that listening to Mozart, Beethoven, etc. gives us a good feeling, a relaxing feeling. But did you know that at a certain vineyard in Tuscany, juicier, sweeter grapes are produced by listening to Mozart? It is true! At the Mozart Vineyard in the hills of Montalcino, Giancarlo Cignozzi pipes in the beautiful sounds; the grapes closer to the speakers are more robust with a higher sugar content.

When word got out about this phenomenon, a plant scientist at the University of Florence became interested. At first he thought that Giancarlo was 'another crazy guy.' Then Bose got involved, donating 72 speakers and financed more research.

The end result – Stefano Mancuso, the scientist, theorizes that the music resembles running water; the music confuses harmful bugs, making them unable to breed. The music also scares away birds and other creatures who feed on grapes. Perhaps it is just music and not necessarily Mozart and classical music that has produced a wonderful crop of grapes, but Giancarlo prefers classical music; he says he "prefers the music. Sorry, but I'm very romantic!"

To read the article in its entirety and other interesting articles on music and wine, google 'classical music and grape growing'.

In vino veritas (In wine, there is truth.)

SECOND ANNUAL TALBOTS, STUYVESANT PLAZA SHOPPING DAY Sunday, November 20, 2016, 1 to 4 pm



Mark your calendars for our second annual shopping day. Think Holiday gifts or, better yet, treat yourself to a few beautiful outfits! Once again, Talbots will generously give Vanguard 10% of all sales made during this three-hour period.

You can have a wonderful time at Talbots checking out all the newest styles for the season AND help Vanguard raise monies for our beloved Albany Symphony Orchestra. There is also an added bonus -- you will be able to enjoy the beautiful sounds of music when former members of our Orchestra perform for you at 2 pm!

This is a win-win situation – you can 'shop til you drop' (oh, such fun!) AND Vanguard reaps the benefit of 10% of the sales. It was a very successful fundraiser last year; let's make it an even better one on November 20!



Need further information? Just call Frankie McDonald at 785-5617.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER 12 for our trip to the CIA and Val-Kill. Enclosed is the invitation for this fun-filled day with all pertinent information. Make sure you return the form with payment ASAP so you don't miss out!

VANGUARD OFFICERS

President	Ruth Cook	462-9464
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Administration	Judy Ciccio	438-6503
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Assistant Treasurer	Stephen Corson	439-3286
Technology Administrator	Lucy Song	487-1331
Past President	Suzanne Waltz	489-5923

VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2016-2017 SEASON

Tea and Symphony	Sunday, September 11, 2016, 2-4 pm	1 Englewood Pl., Albany
Pre-concert Prevue	Friday, September 23, 2016, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, September 24, 2016, 7 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
ASO Gala	Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9 pm-11 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, September 26, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, October 14, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, October 14, 2016, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, October 15, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, October 16, 2016, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Fall Luncheon	Tuesday, October 18, 2016	Normanside Country Club
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, October 21, 2016, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, October 22, 2016, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, October 23, 2016, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, October 24, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, November 18, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, November 19, 2016, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, November 20, 2016, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, November 28, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Magic of Christmas	Sunday, December 4, 2016, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
ASO Concert	Saturday, December 8, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, January 6, 2017, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, January 7, 2017, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, January 13, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, January 22, 2017, 3pm	Zankel Music Ctr., Skidmore
Board Meeting	Monday, January 23, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, February 17, 2017, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, February 18, 2017, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Showhouse	Sunday, February 26, 2017,	TBD
Sneak-a-Peek		
Board Meeting	Monday, February 27, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, March 3, 2017, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, March 4, 2017, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Newsletter Deadline	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
Board Meeting	Monday, March 27, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
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	TBD
Showhouse 2017	Tuesday, May 2--Sunday, May 21, 2017	TBD
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	TBD	TBD
Board Meeting	Monday, June 26, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church

*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.

Vanguard would like to welcome the following new members to our organization:

- Aimee Allaud -- Albany
- Louis Bower Bannister -- Albany
- Diane Griessel -- Albany
- Joanie Kraft -- Watervliet
- Sheila Mosher -- Watervliet



VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS ANNUAL MEETING

Anne Brewster	269-9380
Joy Emery	584-0582
CONCERT PREVUES	
Marcia Cockrell	459-1229
FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON	
Kathy DeWeese	874-9114
Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
GARDEN PARTY/TEA & SYMPHONY	
Concetta Bosco	456-8030
Julia Smart	765-3622
HISTORIAN	
Anne Brewster	269-9380
HOLIDAY PARTY	
Kathi Egnasher	477-5779
Susan Jacobsen	439-0459
MAILING	
Jean Fogarty	438-4740
Shirley Hunter	456-3971
MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY	
Julia Smart	765-3622
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS	
Jill Rifkin	439-1843
NEW MEMBERS	
Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
NEWSLETTER	
Lynne Nisoff	482-9170
NOMINATING	
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ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY	
Pat Corbett	784-4352
David Emanation	235-1775
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Susan Jacobsen	439-0459
PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY	
TBD	
SCHOLARSHIPS	
Rosemary Brown	439-6832
SUNDAY SYMPHONIES	
Lucy Neubauer	869-1088
SYMPHONY GUESTS	
Findlay Cockrell	459-1229
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