



NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. FEBRUARY 2018, NO. 159

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Happy New Year to all!



First of all, even though we have already passed several weeks of the New Year, we hope that you are looking back on holidays well spent with loved ones and acquaintances. For some, it's been a difficult winter so far and our thoughts and prayers are with you, our cherished members of Vanguard.

For us, the first few months as Presidents have brought us a new-found appreciation for all of the work and attention of those who have come before us. We held a comprehensive budget meeting in November with the Vice Presidents and our Treasurer, Shirley Hunter. We are trying to set realistic goals for our organization in terms of income and expenses as we focus on our membership as well as some exciting new event activities. In addition, we are working closely with Anna Kuwabara, Sophie, Geoff, Derek, and Justin of the Albany Symphony Orchestra staff, in order to fine-tune our participation and support of the Symphony.

As requested by the Symphony, several of us have volunteered as greeters and CD sellers at concerts at the Palace and the Troy Music Hall. The feedback has been quite positive. And we need more greeters! It is very gratifying – we show up a little while before the house opens, to receive Vanguard ID tags and instructions, and then spread out. We have helped with Will Call, with showing people the quickest way in, with opening doors, and with sale of Symphony and guest soloist CDs. In return, we receive a free ticket to that night's performance. Interested in volunteering for one or more concerts? We could certainly use you. Contact Susan or Marilyn.

With all this, Vanguard is getting increased name recognition as we publicize our August Golf Tournament with flyers in the concert programs and the display of our Tournament banner in the lobbies. The Golf committee is hard at work to make this year's event at Pinehaven Country Club on August 27 an even bigger and better experience!

Our Groupraise luncheon at Yono's, a last-minute change when the Illium Cafe had an unfortunate indoor water mishap, drew 33 of us to the venue. We appreciate all those who came out on a fall Sunday to shop at Talbot's in order to earn a share of the proceeds for Vanguard. Then, thanks to Anna Bray, our first gathering of 2018 at the Albany Institute of History and Art for the Victorian High Tea was enjoyed by many. We have been exploring other ideas for the spring even as we look forward to our Family Farm Day in June at the June Farms in West Sand Lake.

The Symphony has been invited to perform at Kennedy Center on April 11. Not only is this quite an honor, but also it would be great if a proud and enthusiastic audience were there in support. Details of a bus tour are soon to be announced, as of this writing. Or, stay with friends or relatives in the area and come into town for the concert or the Dogs of Desire. It promises to be a unique experience.

We are so happy to be leading this fine organization and look forward to the future.

Marilyn and Susan

ALL IMPORTANT - SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 13, 2018 FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

Heard about it and sorry you missed that great entertainment last year? You won't want to miss this year! Lovely lunch, great entertainment again and a nice wrap up for the year. Mark your calendars now!



SUNDAY SYMPHONIES for Families

Star Warriors: The Last Maestro

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, 15:00 16:30 Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College
 The Evil Emperor has outlawed all music in the galaxy. But, from the far reaches of a distant solar system, a mysterious wanderer appears to rally the "resistance," a small troupe of singers, to harness the force of song and destroy the Emperor's power. Is he "The Last Maestro?" Help him use the force of music to save the universe from the "Sound of Silence..."

ROMEO AND JULIET

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and Sunday, February 11, 2018, 3 pm to 5 pm, 19:30 21:30 Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

Inbal Segev, cello
Tchaikovsky: Romeo & Juliet
Christopher Rouse: Cello Concerto
Prokofiev: Symphony No. 7

A love forbidden and a love immortal -- Shakespeare's timeless tragedy "Romeo inspired Tchaikovsky's most passionate music – 'Romeo and Juliet'." Share it with that special someone on Valentine's Weekend! Plus, Prokofiev's touching, final Symphony No. 7. David Alan Miller also leads the meditative Cello Concerto by Grammy®-award-winning composer Christopher Rouse.

BON VOYAGE: KENNEDY CENTER PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, 19:30 21:30 Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, conductor
Joyce Yang, piano
Ben Pierce, tuba
Joan Tower: Still/Rapids for Piano and Orchestra
Michael Daugherty: Reflections on the Mississippi
Dorothy Chang: The Mighty Erie Canal
Torke: Three Manhattan Bridges



Kennedy Center

Albany is today recognized as the capital of America's new music, thanks to the dedication of David Alan Miller and the Albany Symphony. "Intrepid" says the New York Times of this creative partnership. "Adventurous" raves NPR Classical.

Bid "Bon Voyage" to David and the Orchestra as they perform the four brilliant new American works they will take to the Nation's Capital in their Kennedy Center debut: Joan Tower's "Still/Rapids" and Michael Torke's "Three Manhattan Bridges," performed by dazzling pianist Joyce Yang. Tuba virtuoso Benjamin Pierce makes his Albany Symphony debut in Michael Daugherty's "Reflections." In addition, 150 young singers from the Capital Region join David for Dorothy Chang's sweeping "The Mighty Erie Canal."

 WHAT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY OUR OUTSTANDING ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA **AND** ENJOY THE SITES OF WASHINGTON, DC!

The Albany Symphony is one of four ensembles nationwide selected to participate in this year's SHIFT Festival of American Orchestras. On Wednesday, April 11, and Thursday, April 12, 2018, the ASO will be at the Kennedy Center with performances by the Dogs of Desire new music ensemble and a showcase of "Songwriter Idol," the Symphony's educational residency program.

Join the Albany Symphony on tour to our performance at the Kennedy Center and experience the music lover's inside look at Washington, DC! Special travel packages are available to support the orchestra. See the enclosed flyer or contact Sophie Moss for more information at 518-465-4755 x144 or sophiem@albansymphony.com.





DID YA KNOW...



All members of Vanguard are entitled and invited to attend Vanguard Board Meetings held at 9:30 am on the 4th Monday from September to June (excluding December) at the Delmar Reformed Church. Please check the last page of the calendar of the Newsletter for the exact dates. Members who would like to be informed about the 'workings' of Vanguard and/or active are encouraged to join us at any of the Board Meetings. You would have to use all fingers and toes to count the activities and events where your talents and expertise could be used by Vanguard to achieve its goals in support of the Albany Symphony.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL JEANNE BOURQUE AT 518-533-7451.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE



On Monday, November 27, Vanguard members and their guests attended a GroupRaise fundraising event at DP Yono's in Albany. Thirty-three people enjoyed a wonderful lunch at this well-known Albany establishment and, as a bonus for participating in this event, Vanguard will receive 15% of the sales from our meals. Lunch at the Ilium Restaurant in Troy was the original plan, but sadly there was a flood at that location. Thanks to Marla, the owner of The Ilium, plans were quickly made to relocate to DP Yono's where Donna Purnomo saved the day.



The travel committee has been very busy planning for some wonderful events for the 2018 year. Our first exciting event of the new year was the Victorian High Tea on Sunday, January 21, from 12:00-2:00 at the Albany Institute of History and Art. The high tea was catered by Crisan Bakery from Albany and by The Tailored Tea from Latham. Attendees were treated to artfully created pastries, tea sandwiches and scones with clotted cream and jam and, of course, tea. After enjoying the high tea, Vanguard members and their guests participated in a docent-led tour of the 19th Century Victorian fashion collection at the Albany Institute. The dresses are stunning examples of Parisian and American fashion beautifully tailored with the finest details and they were made for ladies in this area.

Fun and educational day trips and events are being planned for this year and will be posted in future newsletters and mailings.

Anna Bray, Chair

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS

The last Newsletter had an emergency message on its front page: "Vanguard has just learned that a struggling refugee student in Troy is desperate for a violin. He is passionate about the instrument, but the school has none to give him. Might a Vanguard member, or friend of a Vanguard member, be willing to help him with the gift or loan of a violin to play?"

Miraculously, two people responded to the notice. One person worked through Vanguard's Jill Rifkin and donated a violin anonymously for the refugee student. The other person was Marcia Nickerson, former ASO violist and current Symphony Board member, who wanted Vanguard to find a new player for her ASO-career viola. Consultation with area string people included Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, who described a very promising young player at Schenectady County Community College. He wants a music career, has talent, has been struggling within the limits of his beginner rented viola and, like most students, lacks the resources to fund the purchase of an instrument of this quality.

Marcia was happy to have her viola find such a worthy new home – wooden instruments suffer if they go to live in closets and are not played, she noted. Thanks to the Symphony, Cameron Newman, the student recipient, was also able to attend the ASO concert on January 7. There he met both Marcia and the viola soloist Richard O'Neill. The "extremely appreciative" Cameron continues to show his mettle in his academic studies, his outside employment, and especially the great sound he is producing on the viola.

The Vanguard Musical Instruments for Students program NEEDS a chairperson. This Chair works with area school music teachers, spreads the word about the program and accepts donated instruments. We are always looking for instruments! Any member who might have an interest in chairing should please contact Marilyn Hunter or Susan Jacobsen.



Susan Jacobsen with Cameron Newman, the Nickerson viola recipient, at the ASO January 7, Troy Music Hall concert featuring viola soloist Richard O'Neill.



Welcome to the newest member of Vanguard:
Sue Hollander of Slingerlands

Thanks to all who participated in our very successful Talbot's Fundraiser which was held on Sunday, November 12, 2017. A special thank you to our wonderful musicians - Peg Schalit and Paula Shaw - along with our Vanguard models, Tina Bosco, Joy Emery, Nancy Malloy and Suzie Waltz. *Frankie McDonald, Chair*

VANGUARD OFFICERS (518 area code)

President	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
	Susan Jacobsen	439-0459
Vice Presidents		
Administration	Judy Ciccio	439-6503
Development	Diane Davison	371-0535
Education & Community	Pat Corbett	784-4352
Orchestra Support	Anne Brewster	269-4380
Recording Secretary	Mary Rodriguez	495-4274
Corresponding Secretary	Joy Emery	584-0582
Treasurer	Shirley Hunter	456-3971
Assistant Treasurer	TBD	
Technology Administrator	Lucy Song	487-1331
Past President	Ruth Cook	462-9464

Vanguard is in need of someone with accounting or bookkeeping experience to be our Assistant Treasurer. The position is the Treasurer-Elect for a two-year term.

Please contact Marilyn Hunter at 518-279-9353 or Susan Jacobsen at 518-439-0459.

AUGUST 27, 2018 VANGUARD GOLF TOURNAMENT Pinehaven Country Club Guilderland

Watch for further information!

VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS (518 area code)

	ANNUAL MEETING	
Judy Ciccio		439-6503
	CONCERT PREVUES	
Marcia Cockrell		459-1229
	FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON	
	TBD	
	GARDEN PARTY/TEA & SYMPHONY	
Lynne Nisoff		482-9170
Donna Teal		434-0945
	HISTORIAN	
Anne Brewster		269-4380
	HOLIDAY PARTY	
	TBD	
	MAILING	
Jean Fogarty		438-4740
Caroline Wirth		439-9417
	MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY	
Susan Jacobsen		439-0459
	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS	
	TBD	
	NEW MEMBERS	
Tina Bosco		456-8030
Jeanne Bourque		439-9757
Pat Fallek		765-4692
	NEWSLETTER	
Lynne Nisoff		482-9170
	NOMINATING	
Ruth Cook		462-9464
	ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY	
Pat Corbett		784-4352
David Emanatian		235-1775
Joy Emery		584-0582
	PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY	
TBD		
	SCHOLARSHIPS	
Rosemary Brown		439-6832
	SUNDAY SYMPHONIES	
Lucy Neubauer		869-1088
	SYMPHONY GUESTS	
Findlay Cockrell		459-1229
Pat Fallek		765-4692
Sylvia Kaminsky		439-7173
Suzanne Waltz		489-5923
	TELEPHONE	
Lois Spicer		301-7621
	TINY TOTS – ALBANY	
Joan Ekengen		482-4317
	TINY TOTS – SARATOGA	
Joy Emery		584-0582
Ruth Weintraub		899-7610
	TRAVEL	
Anna Bray		438-1960
	USHER LIAISON	
Concetta Bosco		456-8030

VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2017-2018 SEASON

Tea and Symphony	Sunday, September 10, 2017, 2-4 pm	59 Old Niskayuna Rd., Loudonville
Board Meeting	Monday, September 25, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, October 13, 2017	Lynne Nisoff
Pre-concert Prevue	Friday, October 13, 2017, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, October 14, 2017, 7 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
ASO Gala	Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9 pm-11 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, October 23, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Fall Luncheon	TBD	
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, November 17, 2017, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, November 18, 2017, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, November 19, 2017, 3 pm	Palace Theatre
Board Meeting	Monday, November 27, 2017, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Magic of Christmas	Sunday, December 3, 2017, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, December 8, 2017, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, December 9, 2017, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, December 10, 2017, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, January 5, 2018, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, January 6, 2018, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, January 7, 2018, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Newsletter Deadline	Monday, January 15, 2018	Lynne Nisoff
Board Meeting	Monday, January 22, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3 pm	Zankel Music Hall, Saratoga
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, February 9, 2018, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, February 10, 2018, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, February 11, 2018, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, February 26, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, March 9, 2018, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Newsletter Deadline	Thursday, March 15, 2018	Lynne Nisoff
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, March 18, 2018, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, March 26, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
ASO Concert Trip	April 11-13, 2018	Washington, DC
Board Meeting	Monday, April 23, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Tiny Tots Concerts	Tues. & Wed., April 24 & 25, 2018	Museum of Dance, Saratoga
Tiny Tots Concerts	Thurs. & Fri., April 26 & 27, 2018	Ohav Shalom, Albany
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, April 27, 2018, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7:30 pm	Proctors Theatre, Schenectady
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, May 18, 2018, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, May 19, 2018, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting*	Thursday, May 31, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, June 1, 2018, noon	Albany Public Library
American Music Festival	Thurs., May 31 – Sunday, June 3, 2018	EMPAC, RPI, Troy
Family Day	Sunday, June 10, 2018	June Farm, West Sand Lake
Annual Meeting	Wednesday, June 13, 2018	Albany Country Club
Board Meeting	Monday, June 25, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church

*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.