

Vanguard

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Finally, it's Spring! Some of us wondered if it would ever arrive.

This issue of the Newsletter coincides with the appearance by invitation of the Albany Symphony at the Kennedy Center festival known as SHIFT. What an opportunity! We hope that as many of you as could do so have arranged to attend the concerts, to show hometown support for the musicians, conductor and staff who have worked so hard to achieve this recognized level of excellence. We are beyond fortunate to experience such excellence not just at Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall, but at every concert in Albany and Troy during the rest of the season. We truly have a treasure right here in the Capital Region.

Vanguard members work diligently behind the scenes to offer support and assistance in so many ways. Whether it's offering rides and lodging to out of town musicians, supplying scrumptious goodies to the whole orchestra during intermissions or helping teachers to monitor little ones at Tiny Tots and school concerts, we are invaluable in our efforts. At the same time, we plan larger trips (Tanglewood, a winery and The Mount) and events in order to reach out to engage others in our enthusiasm to contribute positively to ASO's success. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Family Farm Day in June. Now that's going to be a winner, for sure! As we get closer to the summer, the excitement is also growing for our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser being held at Pinehaven Country Club in August. There's so much work to be done and we need all of you to pitch in to help.

We hope that you've noticed the Vanguard flyers in the concert programs. We are trying to get the word out to the ASO audience about our golf Tournament and other plans, but we are also trying to increase our membership. We need more dedicated, active members to achieve our goals. Please try to help us by encouraging your friends and relatives to consider joining Vanguard. All are welcome!

It's been a great year for us and we continue to be so excited about our work with this terrific organization made up of amazing people!

Marilyn and Susan

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill - 1874-1965



SHIFT FESTIVAL

"The River Flows Through Us"

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
 David Alan Miller, conductor
 Joyce Yang, piano
 Carol Jantsch, tuba

Joan Tower: Still/Rapids for Piano and Orchestra
Michael Daugherty: Reflections on the Mississippi for Tuba and Orchestra
Dorothy Chang: The Mighty Erie Canal
Michael Torke: Three Manhattan Bridges for Piano and Orchestra



The Albany Symphony's Kennedy Center debut will feature a collection of contemporary works that explore the history of Upstate New York and the bodies of water that surround and connect communities.

TICKETS ARE JUST \$25. Call the Kennedy Center Box Office at (800) 444-1324.

Saint-Saëns: Organ Symphony

Saturday, April 28, 2018 , 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady
 Gemma New, conductor
 Amaud Sussman, violin
Salina Fisher: World Premiere
Beethoven: Violin Concerto
Saint-Saëns: Symphony No. 3 "The Organ Symphony"

There is no other symphony like it. More than a century after its premiere, it remains unrivaled in its scope and majesty. Saint-Saens' thundering "Organ Symphony" will showcase "Goldie," the mighty Wurlitzer, as it roars through Proctors in Schenectady. This very special concert at Proctors also features Beethoven's towering Violin Concerto with young French violinist Arnaud Sussman, who has swiftly garnered acclaim the world over. Guest Conductor Gemma New will showcase a new work by her country-woman, New Zealand's Salina Fisher.

Gershwin Immersion

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Avenue, Albany
 David Alan Miller, conductor
 Kevin Cole, piano
GERSHWIN: Rhapsody in Blue
GERSHWIN: Piano Concerto in F
GERSHWIN: Second Rhapsody
GERSHWIN: Variations on "I Got Rhythm"

The fascinating rhythms of George Gershwin will fill the air when Kevin Cole joins David Alan Miller at the Palace. Kevin Cole plays Gershwin's four works for piano and orchestra – the jazz-inspired Concerto in F, the delightful "I Got Rhythm" Variations and, of course, the immortal "Rhapsody in Blue," paired with the elegant, exquisite "Second Rhapsody." Who could ask for anything more?

American Music Festival

May 31, 2018 to June 2, 2018

THIS IS MUSIC YOU MORE THAN HEAR—THIS IS MUSIC YOU FEEL!

This is a bold, five-day festival of innovative concerts and artistic happenings across Troy, NY. Experience thrilling new works by living American composers and cross-genre artists.

"If I should ever die, God forbid, let this be my epitaph:
 THE ONLY PROOF HE NEEDED
 FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD
 WAS MUSIC."

Kurt Vonnegut – 1922-2007

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

JUNE 13, 2018, 11:30 drinks, 12:30 lunch
ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB

Please plan to join us for fun and camaraderie along with an update on Vanguard! A sumptuous lunch, upbeat entertainment provided by the Schenectady Light Opera Company as they perform Broadway Tunes, our annual check to the Symphony, election of the slate of officers and a financial update from our treasurer will round out the day. Don't miss an unforgettable day spent in the bucolic setting of ACC and our Vanguard! Invitations will be in the mail in May.

Judy Ciccio, Chair



Mark your calendars, save this date! **JUNE**

Sunday, June 10, 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled day at June Farms in West Sand Lake. Heritage animals up close, individual wood fired pizzas and a cash bar for adults! Watch your mailboxes for more information and invitations coming soon!

Kathy DeWeese, Chair

Day Trip Planned to Edith Wharton's Home

Please be sure to mark your calendars for an exciting and educational day trip on **Sunday, July 15**. Vanguard members and their guests are invited to join us as we travel to Edith Wharton's Berkshire estate referred to as "The Mount". Located in the popular town of Lenox, MA, The Mount is a turn-of-the-century home, designed and built by Edith Wharton in 1902. A National Historic Landmark, today The Mount is a cultural center that celebrates the intellectual, artistic and humanitarian legacy of Edith Wharton.

SAVE THE DATE!

In the midst of our recent snowstorms, could you imagine sitting on a lawn at Tanglewood, having a picnic lunch and listening to the extraordinary music of Copeland, Bernstein, Williams and Bartok? Well, stop dreaming and join us when Vanguard members and their guests enjoy a day at Tanglewood.

Yo-Yo Ma joins Andris Nelsons on Sunday, **August 19, at 2:30 p.m.** for a wonderful afternoon of music. In the meantime, dream about that picnic lunch shared with your friends on a lovely summer day. Watch your mailbox for the invitation this summer!

Anna Bray, Chair

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH



Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. They pick a cause and make a difference in someone's life. **We are so thankful and grateful that you have selected Vanguard to be the organization that you want to be a part of.**

We know that volunteering is a rewarding experience. You may not have a ton of time to give but whatever you can do is appreciated. You may have a special talent or skill that may benefit Vanguard; we welcome your input and innate ability. We tip our hats to you – our members – for a job well done!

Welcome to our newest members

We are thrilled to welcome to our wonderful organization two new members:

Lorain Hilton-VanZandt - Rensselaer
Mary Kay Sawyer - Albany



The Victorian Tea is a Huge Success

On Sunday, January 21, Vanguard held a Victorian Afternoon Tea in the Rice House at the Albany Institute of History and Art. The tea was followed by a docent-led tour of the museum's outstanding 19th century Victorian fashion collection. It was a well-attended event with 33 people who enjoyed a variety of delicious tea sandwiches and scones from The Tailored Tea and luscious artistically-created pastries from Crisan Bakery. The tables were beautifully dressed in linen and lace tablecloths topped with all vintage china, flatware and glassware. Gorgeous Victorian-inspired floral arrangements occupied the center of each table and were flanked by three-tiered cake platters and vintage porcelain tea pots. Everyone remarked how beautiful the room looked and how delicious the food was.

After our tea we were treated to a docent-led tour of the impressive collection of 19th century Victorian fashion. The collection showed off fabulous examples of Parisian and American clothing using the finest details and workmanship. This was definitely a fun and memorable afternoon.



Have you marked your calendars for our Annual Golf Tournament on **August 27, 2018**? This is our major fundraiser for this year. Please support Vanguard and the ASO music education programs. Come golf with us or just join us for a gourmet dinner that evening!



Pictures from our First Golf Tournament held on August 27, 2017

Visit our website
Vanguard-ASO.org

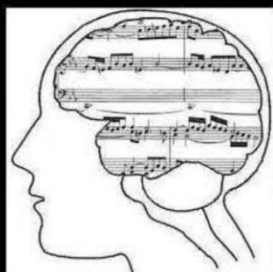
Vanguard is in need of someone with accounting or bookkeeping experience to be our Assistant Treasurer. The position is the Treasurer-Elect for a two-year term.

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

"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."

(Kofi Annan -- 1938-)

Children in school band...



score 19% higher in English, 17% higher in mathematics, and use more of their brain than those without music education

MARCH IS MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH

We all know how important music is for our children, introducing them to it early in their lives and allowing them to learn music in their schools.

Won't you contact your senators and legislators to encourage them to keep the funding available to our schools. Your voice matters!

VANGUARD OFFICERS (518 area code)

President	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
	Susan Jacobsen	439-0459
Vice Presidents		
Administration	Judy Ciccio	439-6503
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Orchestra Support	Anne Brewster	269-4380
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Assistant Treasurer	TBD	
Technology Administrator	Lucy Song	487-1331
Past President	Ruth Cook	462-9464

VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2017-2018 SEASON

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.

VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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	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	
Jan Fogarty		438-4740
Caroline Wirth		439-9417
	MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY	
Susan Jacobsen		439-0459
	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS	
Jill Rifkin		439-1843
	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
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	TELEPHONE	
Lois Spicer		301-7621
	TINY TOTS – ALBANY	
Joan Ekengen		482-4317
	TINY TOTS – SARATOGA	
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	TRAVEL	
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