

Vanguard

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



Greetings, Everyone.

Susan Jacobsen and I, Marilyn Hunter are truly excited to be starting our tenure as Vanguard Co-Presidents. We offer brief introductions here to get started.

[Marilyn] I am a relatively new Vanguard member (five years), having spent my career teaching foreign languages at the Emma Willard School in Troy for forty years. My husband, Scott, and our children have attended many seasons' magnificent concerts offered by the Albany Symphony. When I retired in 2012, it was time for me to "give back."

[Susan] It could be said that I have grown up with the Symphony, since my mother played the cello there from the '50s to the '90s. My mother also was an Orchestra Liaison to Vanguard when it formed. During my career with New York State (mostly at the Division of Criminal Justice Services), I did occasional one-off tasks when I heard that a Vanguard volunteer was needed – cookie-making, photographs, or driving.

Once we were officially installed at the Vanguard Annual Meeting in June, we immediately put our efforts into our new fundraising venture, the First Annual Vanguard Golf Tournament, at Albany Country Club on August 28th. At the time of this writing (mid-August), expectations are high for an enjoyable day on this premier Capital District course, complemented by a casual lunch, a cocktail hour with entertainment and a lovely buffet dinner provided by the Country Club. Non-golfers are invited to show their support by joining the golfers at the dinner for an appropriate fee.

On Sunday, September 10th, our annual Tea & Symphony event will be held at the home of Elena and Peter Spitalny in Loudonville from 2 to 4 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you there and we hope that you will bring your friends. This is our opportunity to renew friendships among our membership, meet new people, and share our mission and goals with potential future members. Our organization needs fresh ideas and energy in order to maintain our fine work.

Another great future date to hold is Friday, September 22nd! Anna Bray, our Travel Committee Chair, has arranged for a spectacular fall excursion to the Sagamore Hotel on Lake George. A delicious four-course lunch at the hotel will be followed by an hour-and-a-half lake cruise on the Morgan, a 75-foot tour boat that will be sure to provide us with some marvelous fall views of this beautiful lake and the mountains that surround it. We hope that there are so many reservations that this becomes a popular annual event!

Currently, a Fall Luncheon is not planned but if there is interest, there is always the possibility of having a similar event in the spring.

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"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

Terri Guillemets 1973-

Susan and I are committed to the future of the organization and realistically redefining the types of support that Vanguard can provide for the Orchestra. Because Vanguard has decided to suspend Showhouse for 2018, we – all of us -- will need to be creative with our time and efforts in order to accomplish as much as possible during this transition period. If we do decide to return to Showhouse or something like it in the following years, we want to do so with a strong commitment to success in a changing demographic with 21st- century expectations.

We welcome any and all ideas and suggestions and constructive criticism as we go forward. Feel free to be in touch at any time. Here's to an exciting year with new beginnings!

Marilyn Hunter and Susan Jacobsen, Co-Presidents

congratulations

The following lucky people were the winners of the SHOWHOUSE 2017 raffle:

Julie Kaufman of Slingerlands – 333 Café Gift Certificate
Suzanne Mahlstedt of E. Greenbush – Gardener's wagon
James Madison of Halfmoon – Original Pastel Painting
Lynne Strnad of Altamont – John Fritze Jeweler Gift Certificate
Sharon Awramik of Clifton Park – Talbot's \$100 Gift Certificate
Lenny Wescott of Clifton Park – Talbot's \$50 Gift Certificate
Michael Rabbia of Loudonville – Talbot's \$50 Gift Certificate
Marge Joynet of Delmar – Different Drummer Kitchen Gift Certificate for a class
Janet Bruce of Albany – Basket of Fine Wine
John Tomasko of Ballston Lake – McGeary's Restaurant Gift Certificate & T-Shirt
Pat Corbett of Valatie – BBQ Sauces



"I am only one but I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

Edward Everett Hale 1822-1909

ANNUAL MEETING

The Vanguard Annual Luncheon Meeting was held on June 22 at the Albany Country Club. A little over 40 people attended this event. The entertainment was three members of the Schenectady Light Opera Company who gave a thoroughly delightful program. Both David Alan Miller, conductor of the ASO, and Dr. Marissa Eisemann, former Chair of the ASO Board, attended and spoke to us. Included in the luncheon were Peggy Schalit, who made a tribute to Ruth Cook who has given many years to Vanguard as President, and Anne Brewster, who talked about the History of Vanguard. President Ruth Cook handed the gavel over to incoming Co-Presidents, Susan Jacobsen and Marilyn Hunter. There was a 50/50 Raffle which was won by Anna Bray, who contributed winnings back to Vanguard. Thank you, Anna!

Vanguard presented Dr. Eisemann with a check for \$22,000, in addition to \$10,000 which was given previously to the ASO. Our raffle made \$2,041.

Anne Brewster and Joy Emery, Co-Chairs



Ruth Cook handing the gavel to Marilyn Hunter and Susan Jacobsen.



Maestro David Alan Miller



OPENING NIGHT GALA AND CONCERT

Hollywood Favorites: Star Wars & More!

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 7:00 pm to 9:00pm, Palace Theatre, Albany

David Alan Miller, conductor

Simone Porter, violin

KORNGOLD: Suite from *The Sea Hawk*

LOIACONO: Albany Symphony Commission

KORNGOLD: Violin Concerto

WILLIAMS: Star Wars Suite

Simone Porter



TEA AND SYMPHONY

We hope you have marked your calendars to attend this first event of the year. Come and enjoy the magnificent home of Elena and Peter Spitalny in Loudonville on Sunday, September 10 along with reacquainting yourself with our Vanguard members and meeting prospective members. Don't forget to bring a friend or two who may be interested in joining our fabulous organization. We ask that you carpool since parking is limited. If you need a ride or if you have any questions, please call Lynne Nisoff at 518-482-9170.

FALL TRIP TO LAKE GEORGE

Get ready to join us for a memorable trip to the world famous Sagamore Hotel accompanied by a cruise down Lake George and its narrows on Friday, September 22, 2017. We will enjoy a wonderful four-course meal prepared by the top chefs at The Sagamore and then we will hop aboard The Morgan for a thrilling one-and-a-half hour cruise. There will be a van provided for anyone requiring assistance getting from the restaurant to The Morgan. The all-inclusive cost of the trip is \$120.00 for Vanguard members and \$125.00 for non-members.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

At our Annual Meeting in June, four members of our Symphony were awarded \$500 each to pursue additional studies of their chosen instruments.

HAZEL SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Funda Cizmecioglu (Violin) – private lessons with Ming Feng Hsin (Met Opera First Violin) and Kurt Nikkanen (Asst. Concertmaster, NYC Ballet)

Hannah Levinson (Viola) – private lessons with Samuel Katz (Principal Violinist of the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, member of NYC Ballet Orchestra and Met Opera Orchestra) focusing on specific methods for improving spiccato and off-the-string bow strokes.

Mitsuko Suzuki (Violin) – private lessons with Burton Kaplan and participate in performance practice retreats.

Yinbin Qian (Violin) – private lessons with Brennan Sweet (Assoc. Concertmaster, NJ Symphony Orchestra)

If anyone would like to contribute to our Education Fund which defrays our cost for these worthwhile scholarships, please contact me at 518-439-6832.

Rosemary Brown, Chair



DID YOU KNOW.....

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

Did you also know that Vanguard's program "*Musical Instruments for the Students*" disseminates gently-used instruments to the Capital Region schools so the students who cannot afford to purchase or rent a violin, trumpet, sax, etc. can participate in the band?



Vanguard needs YOUR assistance now to Chair this program. Not much time is needed. The major duties are to collect instruments and distribute them to our schools and, oh, such gratification you will receive knowing that you were part of allowing our students to be introduced to the musical programs in our schools!

Please contact Pat Corbett, Vice President for Education and Community, at 518-784-4352, notre89@aol.com to volunteer!





Please consider being a Vanguard usher. We need you! If you know of anyone who would like to be an usher, please call Tina Bosco at 518-456-8030. We also need new members of Vanguard. Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested to call Tina Bosco to get more details of what that entails.



Welcome to our new Vanguard members:

Pamela Burns of Slingerlands
Ann Lamb of Watervliet
Elvina MacMillen of Delmar
Marjorie Pass of Glenmont
Janet Schlegel-Larkin of Niskayuna
Donna Teal of Loudonville
Carol Whittaker of Albany

VANGUARD OFFICERS (518 area code)		
President	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
	Susan Jacobsen	439-0459
Vice Presidents		
Administration	Judy Ciccio	438-6503
Development	Dianne Davison	371-0535
Education & Community	Pat Corbett	784-4352
Orchestra Support	Anne Brewster	269-4380
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
	Mary Rodriguez	495-4274
Corresponding Secretary	Joy Emery	584-0582
Treasurer	Stephen Corson	439-3286
Assistant Treasurer	TBD	
Technology Administrator	Lucy Song	487-1331
Past President	Ruth Cook	462-9464

<u>VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u> (518 area code)	
ANNUAL MEETING	
TBD	
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
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
Annual Meeting	TBD	TBD
Board Meeting	Monday, June 25, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church

*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.