

Vanguard

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

You are the happy recipients of a wonderful summer, we hope, as you read this. Travel, family gatherings, living more outdoors, opera-dance-orchestral-theatre festivals and performances, the race track, summer houses, county and street fairs ... this region explodes with hundreds of enjoyment opportunities when the warm weather arrives. Time was that Vanguard activities slowed noticeably after the last Board meeting in late June, and members went to their summer lives.

Not so this year! Just since Memorial Day, we have held the June Farm Day, the Annual Meeting, the Edith Wharton estate trip, the Tanglewood trip and, probably by the time you read this, the Golf Tournament. All took a fair amount of planning, and Marilyn and I are very appreciative of the time and talent that members have invested during spring and summer in these successful outings. The Golf Committee deserves particular mention, as they met monthly and then weekly since January to line up golfers, sponsors, the country club, the extraordinary participants like Wolff's Biergarten, Capital Luxury Cars, Price Chopper and Harvest Spirits, not to mention student musicians and a host of Vanguard volunteers to make it all run smoothly.

And we are not resting on our laurels. September will bring Tea & Symphony, our annual social gathering to meet each other and bring friends and new members. Read that again: friends and new members. We encourage your recruitment of new members! October will sweep us into the new ASO season, and once again we will be housing musicians, feeding musicians, staffing concerts and so on.

One big change has come to Vanguard this summer which will have a positive impact on the future of our organization. Our new secure website, thanks to Marilyn and her son Gregory, has already been instrumental in facilitating golfer signups with online payment and membership signup as well. The site is solid, interactive, secure and full of information – including two years of our newsletters – and there will be more to come, like pictures. Marilyn has worked for hundreds of hours to learn the ropes of website content preparation, design and updating, and deserves our immense gratitude.

So it's been a very active summer. We hope yours has been full and rewarding, and we look forward to seeing you and everyone else in the fall.

Marilyn Hunter and Susan Jacobsen

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE



OPENING CONCERT AND GALA

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 7 pm, Palace Theatre, Albany

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Stefan Jackiw, Violin

Sandbox Percussion

Viet Cuong Re(new)al – *World Premiere Orchestral Version*

Selections from Grand Opera including The Ride of the Valkyries, Carmen and LaForza del Destino.

Stefan Jackiw



Saturday, November 10, 2018, 7:30 pm, Proctors Theatre, Schenectady

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Albany Pro Musica

Cathedral of All Saints Boychoir

BRITTEN *War Requiem*

Benjamin Britton



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The Chair prepared and mailed 60 thank you letters for those who contributed to the Education Fund. The application form used for Albany Symphony musicians to apply for Vanguard scholarships was revised. The revised form was sent to Susan Debronsky, ASO Personnel Director, to be used this year, along with a timeline for completing the process prior to May 1.

David Alan Miller, ASO Music Director and Conductor, selected the following as his highest priority for the two scholarships, as approved by the Vanguard Board of Directors:

Ji Weon Ryu - Principal Flute, will study at the Netherlands Flute Academy - she is the recipient of the Hazel Smith Memorial Award.

Charles Morris - Bass Trombone, will study with two trombonists of the Boston Symphony Orchestra - he is the recipient of the Vanguard Scholarship.

Letters of congratulations were sent to them on May 11 containing their \$500 check and an invitation to attend the Vanguard Annual Meeting Luncheon. Unfortunately, neither recipient was able to attend.

Rosemary Brown, Chair

ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

The annual luncheon meeting was held at the Albany Country Club on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, with 52 people in attendance. It was a delightful day with wonderful food, wonderful entertainment by the Schenectady Light Opera Company and guest speakers Steven Lobel, past Chair of the Board of the ASO, and Anna Kuwabara, Executive Director of the ASO.

Co-presidents Susan Jacobsen and Marilyn Hunter presented our annual donation to Steve Lobel who spoke very positively about Vanguard's value; he then introduced Anna Kuwabara who was also very

appreciative of our commitment to the ASO. The election of officers took place, the Treasurer's Report was given as well as a Scholarship Report. This was the last year of the Hazel Smith Scholarship Award which her children had established upon her death. One daughter, Nancy Newkirk, was in attendance and was recognized for their kind philanthropy in their mother's memory.

A 50/50 raffle netted \$262 as the winner, Lucinda Huggins, donated her winnings back to Vanguard. It was indeed a most enjoyable day.

Judith Ciccio, Chair



You are invited to attend Vanguard's Annual Gathering

Tea and Symphony

Sunday, September 23, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 PM



239 Morris Street, Albany, NY 12208
At the Carriage House of Jay Jakovic

This charming Carriage House built in 1928, sits on a private one half acre lot with beautiful private gardens across from Washington Park.

Access is on Morris Street. Parking will be available in the Albany Medical Center lot at the corner of Robin and Morris Street (look for the balloons). We encourage members to bring a friend to enjoy the house and learn more about Vanguard.

For more information, contact Mary Rodriguez at (518) 495-4274.


Limited Handicap parking will be available. Please contact Mary in advance.

Please bring a dessert to share if you wish.

*“Be kinder to yourself.
And then let your kindness
flood the world.”*

Pema Chodron (1936-)

SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



By the time of this Newsletter publication, Vanguard will have hosted its Annual Golf Tournament at Pinehaven Country Club in Guilderland on Monday, August 27. Curt Miller, First Vice President for Wealth Management at Merrill Lynch, graciously volunteered to be this year's Title Sponsor. As always, all proceeds above expenses provide needed funding for the Albany Symphony's spectacular music education programs for Capital Area young people and families. The Golf Tournament committee worked diligently for the past six months to make this event even better than last year.

Wolff's Biergarten returned for the second year to provide a fabulous lunch for our golfers. Area sportscaster and music-student dad Rodger Wyland signed on to serve as MC of the evening following the wonderful dinner for golfers and guests, prepared by The Ilium Cafe. The fabulous prizes this year included a foursome at Saratoga National, a Range Rover from Capital District Luxury Cars for the lucky 'Hole in One' winner, a \$500 shopping spree at Price Chopper and a host of other prizes from our generous sponsors.

This year a Silent Auction was added, including unusual and select items like an original signed Mickey Mantle Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Plaque, handmade pottery, a golf totem and the famous Vanguard-catered brunch for 10 at the home of Micheileen Treadwell.

And, attendees were surrounded by music; our musically-gifted Capital Area high school students played at both the start of the Tournament and during the cocktail hour.



Ramon Rodriguez, Chair

If you are reading this article before the August 27 date of the Tournament and you would like to attend the dinner, we would love to have you. Just sign up on our website (www.vanguard-aso.org) or call Shirley Hunter, 518-456-3971.

Nothing in the world is accomplished without passion.

WELCOME TO VANGUARD

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our organization:

Nancy Rosen Siegel – East Greenbush
Barbara Vaughn – 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	TBD	
Recording Secretary	Marie Sturges	756-6964
Corresponding Secretary	Joy Emery	584-0582
Treasurer	Shirley Hunter	456-3971
Assistant Treasurer	TBD	
Technology Administrator	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
Past President	Ruth Cook	462-9464

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

If you have unused musical instruments in good condition languishing in your basements or know of friends who might, please contact Vanguard member Jill Rifkin at (518) 439-1843 or jrif@aol.com. Over 80 instruments have been collected thus far. Instruments are given to schools in need which allow many disadvantaged students to play in their schools' orchestras or bands. My goal is to reach 100 or more by the end of the year. Donations are tax-deductible. Hope you strike musical gold!



VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

(518 area code)

ANNUAL MEETING

Judy Ciccio 438-6502

CONCERT PREVUES

Marcia Cockrell 459-1229

CONCERT STAFF SUPPORT

Mary Kay Sawyer 463-1048

FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON

TBD

GARDEN PARTY/TEA & SYMPHONY

Mary Rodriguez 421-5979

HISTORIAN

Anne Brewster 269-4380

HOLIDAY PARTY

TBD

MAILING

Jean Fogarty 438-4740

MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY

Susan Jacobsen 439-0459

Georgiana Panton 286-3881

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Jill Rifkin 439-1843

NEW MEMBERS

Jeanne Bourque 439-9757

NEWSLETTER

Lynne Nisoff 482-9170

NOMINATING

Ruth Cook 462-9464

ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY

Joy Emery 584-0582

PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY

TBD

SCHOLARSHIPS

Rosemary Brown 439-6832

SUNDAY SYMPHONIES

Lucy Neubauer 869-1088

SYMPHONY GUESTS

Pat Fallek 765-4692

TELEPHONE

Lois Spicer 301-7621

TINY TOTS – ALBANY

Joan Ekengen 482-4317

TINY TOTS – SARATOGA

Ruth Weintraub 899-7610

TRAVEL

Anna Bray 438-1960

USHER LIAISON

Tina Bosco 456-8030

VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2018-2019 SEASON

Tea and Symphony	Sunday, September 23, 2018, 2-4 pm	Home of Jay Jakovic 236 Morris St., Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, September 24, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Newsletter Deadline	Monday, October 15, 2018	Lynne Nisoff
Pre-concert Prevue	Friday, October 12, 2018, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, October 13, 2018, 7 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
ASO Gala	Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9 pm-11 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, October 22, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Fall Luncheon	TBD	
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, November 9, 2018, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, November 10, 2018, 7:30 pm	Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady
Board Meeting	Monday, November 26, 2018, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Magic of Christmas	Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, December 14, 2018, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, December 15, 2018, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, January 4, 2019, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, January 5, 2019, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, January 6, 2019, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Newsletter Deadline	Monday, January 15, 2019	Lynne Nisoff
Board Meeting	Monday, January 28, 2019, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, February 8, 2019, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, February 9, 2019, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, February 10, 2019, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, February 25, 2019, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, March 8, 2019, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, March 9, 2019, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Newsletter Deadline	Thursday, March 15, 2019	Lynne Nisoff
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, March 17, 2019, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, March 25, 2019, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, April 5, 2019, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, April 6, 2019, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, April 7, 2019, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, April 22, 2019, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Tiny Tots Concerts	Early May TBD	Museum of Dance, Saratoga
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Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, May 3, 2019, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, May 4, 2019 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre
Board Meeting*	Thursday, May 30, 2019, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, May 31, 2019, noon	Albany Public Library
American Music Festival	May 30 to June 2, 2019	Various Troy Locations
Annual Meeting	TBD	TBD
Board Meeting	Monday, June 24, 2019, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church

*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.