


**NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. NOVEMBER 2018, NO. 162**

### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



It's been an incredibly busy start to what is unfolding as an exciting and creative year for the Albany Symphony and Vanguard. We had our opening Board meeting in September and recapped the activities of the summer. In July many enjoyed a lovely afternoon visiting The Mount, Edith Wharton's home near Lenox, MA, followed by a quick stop in the village for some window shopping. In August, an equally nice opportunity allowed Vanguard members and guests to hear Yo-Yo Ma in concert at Tanglewood, transported by coach to the event.

Our second annual golf tournament at Pinehaven Country Club had more golfers playing and produced somewhat bigger profits. Once again, the weather was perfect, the course was beautifully well-groomed and the food was amazing! As we started our fall season, Tea and Symphony drew record attendance on a perfectly delightful Sunday afternoon in Albany at the home of Jay Jakovic.

From all reports, the Symphony's opening concert and Gala was beyond impressive. What an incredible treasure we have here in the Capital District! This second year under Anna Kuwabara's leadership as Executive Director and David Alan Miller's skilled creativity in front of the orchestra has every indication of breaking new boundaries of music presentation. The ASO Board is committed to Community Outreach in many new directions. Vanguard is positioning itself to support them as we go forward together to spread our engagement in interesting endeavors.

The perfect example of this will be the November event at Proctor's in Schenectady when the Symphony will stage the magnificent Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*. Leading up to that Centennial celebration of Armistice ending The Great War are numerous exhibits, films, performances and lectures – thanks to the outreach and partnering of the ASO -- taking place around the Capital District. Together with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the ASO is collecting food donations as part of the national Orchestras Feeding America food drive. The drive was arranged to lead up to the November concert; the food is designated for two local veterans' homes in this area.

Our Vanguard volunteers are second to none. We need YOU to help! We need YOU to bring in new members! We need YOU to accomplish great things in the year ahead! As we consider bringing back the ever-popular Showhouse next year, we need YOU to be a part of it!

Our challenges are great as we look at the 2018-19 year. Our planned November Vanguard Retreat will have us considering all of our options and then some. Stay tuned for updates and plan to engage!

*Marilyn Hunter and Susan Jacobsen, Co-Presidents*

## BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE



### BRITTEN'S MOVING WAR REQUIEM

An Armistice Centennial Commemoration

Saturday, November 10, 2018, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Proctors Theatre, Schenectady

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Albany Pro Musica – Dr. Jose Daniel Flores-Caraballo

Cathedral of All Saints Boy Choir – Woodrow Bynum

“Goldie”, Proctors Mighty Wurlitzer Organ

**Britten:** *War Requiem*

Text Setting: Traditional Latin Mass for the Dead - Nine Poems by English Poet Wilfred Owen

### THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3 pm – 5 pm, Palace Theatre, Albany

Celebrate the season with family and friends at the Capital Region's favorite holiday spectacular. Hear the Albany Symphony and a sleigh full of talent from the Capital Region perform your favorite Christmas carols, sparking holiday favorites and more!

### VIENNESE CLASSICS

#### CONCERTS IN MEMORY OF DR. HEINRICH MEDICUS ON HIS 100th BIRTHDAY

Saturday, December 15, 2018, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm and Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm,

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

David Alan Miller, conductor

**J. Strauss Jr:** *Wine, Women and Song Waltzes*

**J. Strauss Jr:** *Champagne Polka*

**J. Strauss Jr:** *Overture to Die Fledermaus*

**Benjamin Wallace:** *Chocolate Waltzes* World Premiere

**Bruckner:** *Symphony No. 6*



Johann Strauss, Jr.

### BEETHOVEN'S SEVENTH

Saturday, January 5, 2019, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm & Sunday, January 6, 2019, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

David Alan Miller, conductor

Tessa Lark, violin

**Steven Stucky:** *Chamber Concerto*

**Michael Torke:** *Violin Concerto* World Premiere

**Beethoven:** *Symphony No. 7*



Ludwig van Beethoven

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### FABULOUS NEW TRIP PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Imagine spending an entire afternoon being pampered with a chef-inspired brunch at the famous Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, NY and then tasting the reserve wines/cheeses/olive oils at the award-winning Millbrook Vineyards and Winery. Best of all is that you will not have to drive! Now that is a glorious way to spend an autumn day!

Get ready to sign up quickly for this tour that will accommodate up to 28 lucky people. We will travel by motor coach from Crossgates Mall - Macy's overflow parking lot to the Beekman Arms for a delightful late Sunday morning brunch. After our leisurely visit, our coach will take us to the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery in Millbrook. Our tour will consist of a reserve wine tasting of their best top-shelf five wines complimented with a variety of cheeses and an olive oil tasting. To complete the experience, we will be given a tour of the winery and a souvenir wine glass.

The Brown Motor Coach will depart at 9:30 am and return by approximately 5:30 pm. The all-inclusive cost for this trip is \$125 for Vanguard members and \$135 for non-members. This price includes round-trip motor coach including driver's tip, brunch including gratuity, wine tour and tasting as well as a small donation to our Grammy Award winning Albany Symphony Orchestra.

Please sign up online and pay to reserve your place at Vanguard-ASO.org or you may send a check to Shirley Hunter, 17 Lanci Lane, Albany, NY 12205. If you have questions about this tour, please call Anna Bray at 518-438-1960.

Anna Bray, Chair



## 2018 GOLF FUNDRAISER FINAL REPORT

Thanks to the dedicated committee including Kathy DeWeese, Marilyn Hunter, Shirley Hunter, Susan Jacobsen, Geoff Miller, Ramon Rodriguez and Julia Smart, we are happy to announce that \$7025 was raised. We had a beautiful day, perfect weather, a wonderful lunch provided by Matt Baumgartner's restaurant, Wolff's Biergarten, a delicious Ilium dinner and fantastic music by the Columbia High School Quintet.

This year we received contributions and critical support from: Curtis Miller – Merrill Lynch, Jean Fogarty, Various Anonymous Vanguard Members, Coca Cola, Capital Luxury Cars (2018 Range Rover for Hole in One competition), Cronin's Golf Resort, Northway Golf Center, Normanside Country Club, Mohawk River Country Club, Capital Hills Golf Course, Cindy McMahon of Hunt's Realty, Mike Beiter, Potter, T.J.Dubrey, Eagle Crest Golf Club, Joy Emery, Harvest Spirits Farm Distillery, Marilyn Hunter, Jules Ianiello – Ianiello Agency Insurance, Susan Jacobsen, Key Bank, Mary LaFleur – Pinewoods Pottery, LaSerre Restaurant, Maggie's Sports Bar, Pearl Grant Richman, Price Chopper & Market 32, Marie Sturges, Times Union, Whispering Pines Country Club and Wolff's Biergarten.

We did well and feel strongly that we will continue to grow and build on our experience and success. It is clear that the key to continued success lies in growing a repeatable group of sponsors. Most importantly, we are learning that our sponsors are more often the merchants and business entities that each of us in this room have come to know and rely on in our communities. For example, this year we received \$3,000 cash from a member's good friend and financial adviser, the friend of another member of the team donated \$1,500 in time and services, another donated \$400 cash and there were others including members of the Golf Tournament team.

Next year, with your help, we can do considerably better. What it comes down to is getting access to the merchants and businesses that members know. Blind calls and visits to local merchants and businesses have been very disappointing. Fortunately, the potential is great. Members are coming forth and sharing their contacts with us. For Vanguard to thrive and grow our support for the Albany Symphony, we need to continue building a diverse fundraising strategy. The June Farms outing was another step in that direction. Onward and upward....

Thank you for your help and support.

*Ramon Rodriguez, Chairperson*



### TEA AND SYMPHONY, Sunday, September 23, 2018

This year the event was held at the Carriage House of Jay Jakovic, 239 Morris Street, Albany. Sixty-two people attended the event. We enjoyed a lovely fall afternoon of music provided by Neil Brown on the keyboard, great weather and good company.

Volunteers provided food. Jay provided a glass of champagne for guests. Current Vanguard members were asked to bring a friend to learn more about Vanguard. Some memberships were renewed and several membership forms were provided. The verdict is still out as to whether or not we gained any new members.

I would like to thank all those that helped me make this enjoyable: Gloria VanDerpoel, Jean Fogarty (mailings), Julia Smart, Lynne Nisoff, Diane Griessel as well as Susan Jacobsen and Shirley Hunter for the cleanup help.

*Mary Rodriguez, Chair*



## WELCOME TO VANGUARD

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

Anne Finch - Rensselaer



Are you great with numbers and computers, dedicated to the success of Vanguard and want to assist in keeping beautiful music alive? We can offer suggestions for you to reach your goals! Consider volunteering to be the **Assistant Treasurer** or being willing to step into the position of **Membership Chair**.

Call or e-mail Marilyn Hunter (518-279-9353, [donnaitaliana51@aol.com](mailto:donnaitaliana51@aol.com)) or Susan Jacobsen (518-439-0459, [destinythr@aol.com](mailto:destinythr@aol.com)) to sign up.

*NAM SICUT CORPUS ABSQUE ANIMA SINE CANTU*

"A life without music is like a body without a soul"

### 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	Mary Kay Sawyer	463-1048
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 [jrrif@aol.com](mailto:jrrif@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)

	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	
Judy Ciccio		438-6502
	<b>CONCERT PREVUES</b>	
Marcia Cockrell		459-1229
	<b>CONCERT STAFF SUPPORT</b>	
Mary Kay Sawyer		463-1048
	<b>FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON</b>	
	TBD	
	<b>GARDEN PARTY/TEA &amp; SYMPHONY</b>	
Mary Rodriguez		421-5979
	<b>HISTORIAN</b>	
Anne Brewster		269-4380
	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	
	TBD	
	<b>MAILING</b>	
Jean Fogarty		438-4740
	<b>MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY</b>	
Susan Jacobsen		439-0459
Georgiana Panton		286-3881
	<b>MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS</b>	
Jill Rifkin		439-1843
	<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	
Jeanne Bourque		533-7451
	<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	
Lynne Nisoff		482-9170
	<b>NOMINATING</b>	
Ruth Cook		462-9464
	<b>ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY</b>	
Joy Emery		584-0582
	<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS &amp; PUBLICITY</b>	
	TBD	
	<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	
Rosemary Brown		439-6832
	<b>SUNDAY SYMPHONIES</b>	
Lucy Neubauer		250-5532
	<b>SYMPHONY GUESTS</b>	
Pat Fallek		765-4692
	<b>TELEPHONE</b>	
Lois Spicer		301-7621
	<b>TINY TOTS – ALBANY</b>	
Joan Ekengen		482-4317
	<b>TINY TOTS – SARATOGA</b>	
Ruth Weintraub		899-7610
	<b>TRAVEL</b>	
Anna Bray		438-1960
	<b>USHER LIAISON</b>	
Tina Bosco		456-8030

### VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2018-2019 SEASON

<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, November 26, 2018, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>Monday, January 15, 2019</b>	<b>Lynne Nisoff</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, January 28, 2019, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, February 25, 2019, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, March 8, 2019, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, March 9, 2019, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>Thursday, March 15, 2019</b>	<b>Lynne Nisoff</b>
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, March 17, 2019, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, March 25, 2019, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, April 22, 2019, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Board Meeting*</b>	<b>Thursday, May 30, 2019, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, June 24, 2019, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>

\*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.