

# Vanguard

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

It does seem like quite a while ago that we gathered our Vanguard membership either for a Board meeting or even a social event. The winter holidays have surely kept us all busy with family and friends, celebrating both at home and in the community at the many splendid Capital Region seasonal offerings. We hope that you had the chance to get things started back in early December at the Albany Symphony's Melodies of Christmas with the exciting appearance of Santa Claus and the wonderful orchestral renditions of the holiday favorites!

About twenty of us met at the Bethlehem Public Library on November 3 for our very productive Vanguard Retreat, led skillfully by Geoff Miller, former Development Director for the ASO. Using the SWOT format of identifying organizational Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, we discussed everything from possible activities, membership and the Showhouse, to general financial goals. We continued these discussions with the Board at our November meeting held on December 3. We expect these discussions to grow in the months to come.

The 2019 Vanguard Designer Showhouse is off to a strong start, under the able leadership of Lynne Nisoff, who has taken on this task multiple times over the years. Our Guilderland house is conveniently located just off Route 155 and is owned by Doug Bauer. It has significant historical importance, having been occupied by the founder of Union College and frequented by Eleanor Roosevelt, Alexander Hamilton and other well-known personages. We have a wonderful combination of new and returning Designers this year. They have demonstrated their interest in and commitment to the history of the house and the period in which it was built and have signed up for the spaces available. The house is beautifully situated on its multi-acre setting and should be in all its spring floral glory just in time to welcome visitors.

AllSquare Wealth Management has issued a matching Showhouse Challenge grant of \$10,000 that will act as a tremendous incentive to raise our 2019 Showhouse revenue goals. It is our job to find donors who will help meet this Challenge.

As we look forward in 2019, Vanguard has its sights set on bigger and better-than-ever new events. We are ready and willing to welcome new members who want to help us support the Albany Symphony and realize a successful future!

*Marilyn Hunter and Susan Jacobsen, Co-Presidents*

**We are so excited to have the opportunity to challenge the members and friends of Vanguard to make contributions to our organization to match the \$10,000 matching grant! We now ask you all to consider helping in our endeavor to raise \$10,000 to make our 2019 SHOWHOUSE even more successful. Won't you ask your doctors, lawyers, financial advisors, business and friends to be part of this wonderful opportunity? For further information, check our website [www.vanguard-aso.org](http://www.vanguard-aso.org) for information on how to donate or contact Lynne Nisoff at 518-482-9170, [knisoff@nycap.rr.com](mailto:knisoff@nycap.rr.com).**

## BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE



### ROMANTIC CHOPIN

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, and Sunday, February 10, 2019, 3 pm to 5 pm,  
Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Orion Weiss, piano

Annika Socolofsky: World Premiere

Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 2

Schumann: Symphony No. 2



Orion Weiss

### BOLERO

Saturday, March 9, 2019, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Colin Currie, percussion

Hindemith *Mathis der Maler*

Honstein Percussion Concerto (World Premiere)

Gould *Fall River Legend*

Ravel Bolero



Colin Currie



Sunday Symphony, Children & School Day

### SYMPHONIC SUPERHEROES



Sunday, March 17, 2019, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Palace Theatre

Uncover your secret superpower with the Albany Symphony's team of musical heroes! David Alan Miller needs *your* special power to help the Albany Symphony on an adventure through the greatest melodies in the galaxy! Featuring super selections from *Pictures at an Exhibition*, *Bolero*, & more! **CAPES & COSTUMES WELCOME!**

### ENHANCE YOUR CONCERT EXPERIENCE

Learn more about the music presented at each concert through the Albany Symphony's two main pre-concert events, Vanguard Concert Prevues and Concert Preludes.

**Vanguard Concert Prevue** | Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 12:00 pm | Albany Public Library, Main Branch  
(161 Washington Ave, Albany)

**Onstage Concert Prelude** | Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

**Vanguard Concert Prevue** | Friday, March 8, 2019 at 12:00 pm | Albany Public Library, Main Branch  
(161 Washington Ave, Albany)

**Onstage Concert Prelude** | Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm, Palace Theatre



### DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE 2019

After taking a year off, Vanguard is so excited to announce the Designer SHOWHOUSE 2019! This magnificent colonial, located at 6030 Nott Road, Guilderland, was built in 1790 and is on the Historic Register. It is rich in history, having opened its doors to Eleanor Roosevelt, Alexander Hamilton and other historical people.

- Please spread the word – we are back and better than ever! We want to make our 38<sup>th</sup> event a successful fundraiser.
- Please mark your calendars – April 30 to May 19, 2019
- Consider volunteering at the house – see article on Page 3

## SNEAK-A-PEEK WRAP-UP

Saturday, December 9, the day SHOWHOUSE 2019 Sneak-A-Peek was held, was a sunny but cold day but it was a perfect day to tour our spectacular home. Our guests were so excited to see all the historic details of the residence and to hear about the famous visitors who were invited to stay there many years ago. However, the most important comment the Committee heard was that SHOWHOUSE was back!

Our members came through once again with wonderful baked goods for the event. Many thanks to all of them, to our guests who attended the event and especially to the Chair of the Sneak-a-Peek, Jeanne Bourque.



*Our guests enjoying touring the 'before' SHOWHOUSE*

## IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CABINETS!

The days are dreary and short, the temperature is cold and it's snowy outside. What a perfect time to purge those breakfronts, buffets and cabinets to donate all the china, crystal, etc. that you don't use anymore to Vanguard. Our guests would love the opportunity to purchase the items in Encore Presentations. 100% of the profits will help support the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Let your items find a new home. Please call Lynne Nisoff at 518-482-9170 or email at [knisoff@nycap.rr.com](mailto:knisoff@nycap.rr.com) to arrange for pick-up.

Are you one of the lucky ones who can purchase tickets to **Hamilton** at Proctors this summer? Did you know that Alexander Hamilton visited 6030 Nott Road, Guilderland, our SHOWHOUSE? Wouldn't be wonderful if we could include two tickets to this award-winning musical as part of our SHOWHOUSE drawing? We would be very grateful if you would donate 2 tickets to our event (Vanguard is a 501c3 organization)! Please call Lynne Nisoff at 482-9170 or email [knisoff@nycap.rr.com](mailto:knisoff@nycap.rr.com) to arrange for pick-up.



## VOLUNTEER Now for VANGUARD SHOWHOUSE 2019

Call 518-495-4274 or 518-461-4663

This is our premier Vanguard fundraiser for the Albany Symphony Orchestra from April 30 – May 19, 2019



Our Designer Home, located at 6030 Nott Road, Guilderland, NY, is a lovely historic home that combines a rich heritage with modern accoutrements and style that make this an outstanding and very special SHOWHOUSE.

There are many opportunities to help:

- Be a HOST/HOSTESS and greet our visitors to various rooms at the home!
- Be the CHAIR OF THE DAY and organize about ten people who have volunteered for a shift or two. This is a great opportunity to involve your friends for a shift and share in the joy of showing off this spectacular home. Call Mary Rodriguez at 518-495-4274 or Pat Corbett at 518-461-4663 for details.
- Help serve lunch in the CAFÉ!
- Help staff our delightful BOUTIQUE, a shoppers paradise!
- Sell "DRAWING" tickets on site during SHOWHOUSE hours!

**One very IMPORTANT detail: Orientation will be at the SHOWHOUSE one (1) hour before each shift.**

Looking forward to hearing from you **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. You do not want to miss out on this special and important opportunity to help!

*Mary Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator*

**QUESTIONS? Call Mary at 518-495-4274 or Pat Corbett at 518-461-4663**

## MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

March is the month to celebrate music in our schools; it started with a small statewide celebration in 1973 and has grown to a nationwide month of awareness, advocacy and music making. The purpose is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children. Your voice is essential to ensuring that music education remains an integral part of scholastic education and Music In Our Schools Month is the perfect opportunity to make your voice heard. Contact your local and state representatives along with your school board members to ask them to keep the arts in the schools.

Vanguard supports music in schools especially through its Musical Instruments for Students program. We are constantly looking for donations of instruments in good condition to provide to schools whose students cannot afford instrument-rental fees. Contact Jill Rifkin, 518-439-1843, [jrrif@aol.com](mailto:jrrif@aol.com). Your gift will have far-reaching effects.



*Music:*

1. *vocal, instrumental or mechanical sounds having rhythm, melody or harmony*
2. *A piece of art that goes straight to the heart.*



### VANGUARD OFFICERS (518 area code)

President	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
	Susan Jacobsen	439-0459
Vice Presidents		
Administration	Judy Ciccio	439-6503
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

### VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2018-2019 SEASON

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	Thursday, February 7, 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	Thursday, March 7, 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>
Preview Party	Sunday, April 28, 2019	TBD
SHOWHOUSE 2019	Tuesday, April 30 to Sunday, May 19, 2019	6030 Nott Road, Guilderland
Tiny Tots Concerts	Mon., May 6, & Tues., May 7, 2019	Museum of Dance, Saratoga
Tiny Tots Concerts	Wed., May 8, & Thurs., May 9, 2019	Beth Emeth, Albany
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	Wednesday, June 19, 2019	Albany Country Club
<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.*

### 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 533-7451

#### NEWSLETTER

Lynne Nisoff 482-9170

#### NOMINATING

Ruth Cook 462-9464

#### ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY

Joy Emery 584-0582

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY

TBD

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

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#### SUNDAY SYMPHONIES

Lucy Neubauer 250-5532

#### SYMPHONY GUESTS

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#### TELEPHONE

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#### TINY TOTS – ALBANY

Joan Ekengen 482-4317

#### TINY TOTS – SARATOGA

Ruth Weintraub 899-7610

#### TRAVEL

Anna Bray 438-1960

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