

NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. JANUARY 2017, NO. 155



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vanguard's 2016-17 season is now half over. We hope that before our Annual Dinner Meeting in June we will have raised the funds needed to give the Albany Symphony Orchestra another significant gift. I am grateful to all members and supporters who have attended our events and hope everyone who reads this is planning to participate in other upcoming events. Below is a brief summary of what we need to do during the months to come.

SHOWHOUSE 2017 – There are many ways you can help make our major fundraiser a success. If you would like to help, please let me know so we can discuss what contribution you are able to make (see below).

NEW FUNDRAISER – Plans are underway for a new fundraiser which will occur at the beginning of the 2017-18 season. On August 28, Vanguard will sponsor a golf tournament at the Albany Country Club. It will end with a dinner which will be open to non-golfers as well as those who compete in the tournament and we hope you will plan to attend. Please see Page 3 of this newsletter for a detailed report.

WE NEED YOU! – I hope that all of you will plan to be active during the remainder of the season. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are ways we can make it easier for you to participate. You can contact me by telephone at 462-9464 or by e-mail at cookr214@aol.com.

Ruth Cook

SHOWHOUSE 2017

Vanguard is happy to announce that the venue chosen for Showhouse 2017 is an historic home with nearly 5,000 square feet located at 14 Pheasant Lane in Menands. It is not far from the 2016 Showhouse in Sage Estate in Menands, but on the opposite side of Route 378, next to the Albany Rural Cemetery. Because the house is an older home that has been updated, it combines many modern features with beautiful styles from the past. Its oldest portion was at another location before its owner had it moved to Pheasant Lane and added new space to it. Showhouse hours and parking instructions will be available after March 1 on Vanguard's web site www.vanguard-aso.org and in the April Newsletter.

Although the Showhouse can be visited during the three weeks it is open to the public, there are two occasions when it may be seen before its official opening. Invitations will be sent for both events and information about attending them will appear soon on Vanguard's website, but calendars should be marked for:

Sneak-a-Peek Party on Sunday, February 26: This event gives visitors a "before" view. As they tour the empty house they will see the designers' plans for decorating it and enjoy light refreshments.

Gala Preview Party on Sunday, April 30: This event offers its guests the first view of the completed Showhouse. After touring it, they will go to a nearby home for a catered party. Information will appear later on Vanguard's web site (see address above) and Newsletter, and invitations will be sent to Vanguard members and Symphony supporters.

Since most of the Showhouse income comes from admission fees, it is hoped that readers of this Newsletter will plan to come to it between May 2 and May 21 to see how the designers have beautified it and that they will encourage others to visit it. We also hope that in addition to supporting the Showhouse through their attendance, members and supporters will consider working on one of the committees that make it the enjoyable experience that visitors have come to expect.

Ruth Cook, Chair

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE



Sunday Symphony Finding DO-RE (and MI)

Sunday, January 29, 2017, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Arthur Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College
Help Do-re find her voice and discover how to sing! Join the Albany Symphony and four brilliant young singers in an epic undersea operatic adventure featuring music by Mozart, Rossini, Verdi and Puccini.

Brahms' Fourth

Saturday, February 18, 2017, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Avenue, Albany

Karina Canellakis, Guest Conductor

Brown-Urioste-Canellakis Trio

Higdon: *Dance Cards*

Beethoven: *Triple Concerto*

Brahms: Symphony No. 4

The great strength and nobility of Brahms' Fourth and final Symphony places it among his most profound achievements. Rising conductor Karina Canellakis makes her Albany Symphony debut. "A protégé of Sir Simon Rattle, is a major conducting talent whose star is rapidly rising," declares the Cincinnati Enquirer. She is joined by friends and family Michael Brown, Elena Urioste and Nicholas Canellakis for Beethoven's delightful, rarely heard Triple Concerto. The concert also features Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Higdon's rousing "Dance Cards."



Karina Canellakis

Mozart & Bach

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm,

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Vocal Arts Program - Bard College Conservatory

Mozart: Symphony No. 40

Torke: Concertinos for Oboe, Clarinet, and Bassoon (World Premiere)

Bach: Cantata No. 78 "Jesu, der du meine Seele"

Experience one of Mozart's great, final Symphonies - the magnificent No. 40 in G-minor – in the perfect, intimate acoustic of Troy Music Hall. It is an ideal setting for Bach's exquisite Cantata No. 78. These concerts reach across four centuries to premiere three concertinos by Michael Torke. "A vitally inventive composer," raves the Financial Times.



Michael Torke

Sunday Symphony

Captain American: Musical Avenger

Sunday, March 19, 2017, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Palace Theatre

Team up with that fearless musical avenger, Captain American, as he battles the forces of darkness in defense of great American music! Hear great music by John Williams, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein and others.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Despite inclement weather, on Monday, December 12, 2016, forty Vanguard members and guests enjoyed a delightful day at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park for a delicious lunch and tour of the bustling kitchens where all the magic happens! Then it was off for a wonderful tour of Val-Kill, the retreat of one of our respected First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt. Our members had a marvelous day trip and felt that their money was well spent.

Plans are underway for a spring trip. Watch the April Newsletter for all the details!

Anna Bray, Chair

PLEASE HELP AT SHOWHOUSE 2017

There are many positions for volunteers. As in previous years members will be invited to serve as hosts and hostesses in the rooms but help is also needed for activities which attract visitors and increase the profit. Prior to the opening on May 2, Vanguard is looking for volunteers who can obtain prizes for the raffle and distribution of publicity materials. During the three weeks the Showhouse is open to the public, help will be needed at the cashier's desk, in the café, in the boutique and at the table where raffle tickets are sold. Anyone who is available to work in these Showhouse jobs or who would like to help in another way is asked to contact Ruth Cook by phone at 462-9464 or by e-mail at cookr214@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



VANGUARD GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT



In September 2016, Vanguard's Board approved an additional fundraiser for 2017. With that approval a team of Vanguard volunteers began organizing and planning for Vanguard's First Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held at the Albany Country Club in Guilderland on Monday, August 28, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The planning team includes Vanguard members: Ruth Cook, Advisor and Albany Symphony Orchestra (ASO) Liaison; Steve Corson; Kathy DeWeese; Marilyn Hunter; Shirley Hunter; Ramon Rodriguez, Julia Smart, Geoff Miller (ASO Development Director) and Jerry Danielski (Consultant). We are most fortunate to have Geoff, Shirley and Steve recently join the team, as each have a body of experience and knowledge that will make a valuable contribution to the team's success.

The focus of the fundraiser will be the ASO's Education Programs. As many of you know, the ASO's commitment to music education is central to their mission and values. The Capital District's youth and school music programs have an excellent supporter and partner in the ASO. Additionally, David Alan Miller's dedication to music education is the backbone of that ASO education program. In support of that relationship, Vanguard is dedicating this fundraiser to the ASO's music education programs.

To guide the team's work and keep them on track they have an Action Calendar. On the calendar for January, the team's Publicity and Marketing lead of Marilyn Hunter and Shirley Hunter will develop a brochure to market the Golf Tournament. This brochure will be distributed to local Golf Leagues, Golf Courses and local schools that have Golf Team's or Clubs. When combined with the ASO's Music Education brochure, sponsors will gain a more thorough understanding of the value of their contribution and sponsorship.

Also, in January the team has begun planning a Facebook page to help publicize the Golf Tournament. Efforts are also underway to bring in celebrity guests. Names include: Dottie Pepper (a Saratoga Springs native), Former LPGA Standout Professional, now a golf analyst and reporter for NBC; Derek Jeter, former Albany Colonie Yankees and NY Yankees star shortstop; Jason Gough (born and raised in Albany), News Channel 13 Meteorologist and golf aficionado. If any of you or member of your family knows a celebrity, please contact Shirley, Marilyn or Ramon. We would like to have multiple celebrities join us.

As you may know, the key to a successful Golf Fundraiser lies in the sponsors that donate services, funds, or products (e.g., golf equipment and clothing, food and beverages). We will also sell advertising whereby a business owner can have their company advertised in our brochure and on-site at the Golf Tournament. Each Golf Cart will have a small electronic display that has the capacity to advertise a business.


To make this Fundraiser successful we need each of you to join us in the solicitation process. If you have family, friends or associates that may be in a position to make a contribution, we need you to let us know. This fundraiser has the capacity to significantly contribute to Vanguard's fundraising efforts. We cannot be shy, we need your help, your contacts. As you are well aware, Vanguard plays a vital role in helping the Albany Symphony achieve its mission, particularly their desire to bring "...innovative educational programming..." for the youth of the Capital District. This Golf Fundraiser's theme will be "Help the Albany Symphony reach out, educate and inspire the youth of the Capital District to pursue their music dreams and aspirations."

In early December we met with David Alan Miller to garner his input and support. He was very thoughtful, very engaged and committed to supporting this Golf Fundraiser. He even agreed to participate in Jan Satin's suggestion... "that perhaps a music aficionado would pay a nice 'little' fee for David's caddie services." Now that is commitment; thank you, David! Thus we will either auction or sell David's caddie service for a small though handsome fee to a golf enthusiast that would be excited to have David join them for their round of golf either at the Tournament or privately.

Again, your support is critical and we welcome your suggestions.

Sincerely,
Vanguard's First Annual Golf Tournament Planning Team



 It is that time of year when we ask that, while staying in your warm house during a cold winter day, you start selecting items to donate for Encore Presentations (aka Attic Treasures) for the SHOWHOUSE. We are in need of quality items to sell during the month of May. Please contact Lynne Nisoff at 482-9170 (knisoff@nycap.rr.com) to arrange pickup! Remember, Vanguard gets 100% profit!

VANGUARD OFFICERS

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| President | Ruth Cook | 462-9464 |
| Vice Presidents | | |
| Administration | Judy Ciccio | 438-6503 |
| Development | Lynne Nisoff | 482-9170 |
| Education & Community | Peg Schalit | 346-7234 |
| Orchestra Support | Anne Brewster | 269-4380 |
| Recording Secretary | Marilyn Hunter | 279-9353 |
| | Mary Rodriguez | 495-4274 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Joy Emery | 584-0582 |
| Treasurer | Reese Satin | 767-3509 |
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| Past President | Suzanne Waltz | 489-5923 |

VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2016-2017 SEASON

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| Tea and Symphony | Sunday, September 11, 2016, 2-4 pm | 1 Englewood Pl., Albany |
| Pre-concert Prevue | Friday, September 23, 2016, noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, September 24, 2016, 7 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| ASO Gala | Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9 pm-11 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| Board Meeting | Monday, September 26, 2016, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Newsletter Deadline | Friday, October 14, 2016 | Lynne Nisoff |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, October 14, 2016, noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, October 15, 2016, 7:30 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| Sunday Symphony | Sunday, October 16, 2016, 3 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| Fall Luncheon | Tuesday, October 18, 2016 | Normanside Country Club |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, October 21, 2016, noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, October 22, 2016, 7:30 pm | Troy Savings Bank Music Hall |
| ASO Concert | Sunday, October 23, 2016, 3 pm | Troy Savings Bank Music Hall |
| Board Meeting | Monday, October 24, 2016, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, November 18, 2016, Noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, November 19, 2016, 7:30 pm | Troy Savings Bank Music Hall |
| ASO Concert | Sunday, November 20, 2016, 3 pm | Troy Savings Bank Music Hall |
| Board Meeting | Monday, November 28, 2016, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Magic of Christmas | Sunday, December 4, 2016, 3 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, December 8, 2016, 7:30 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, January 6, 2017, Noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, January 7, 2017, 7:30 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| Newsletter Deadline | Friday, January 13, 2016 | Lynne Nisoff |
| Sunday Symphony | Sunday, January 22, 2017, 3pm | Zankel Music Ctr., Skidmore |
| Board Meeting | Monday, January 23, 2017, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, February 17, 2017, Noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, February 18, 2017, 7:30 pm | Palace Theatre, Albany |
| Showhouse | Sunday, February 26, 2017 | 14 Pleasant Lane, Menands |
| Sneak-a-Peek | | |
| Board Meeting | Monday, February 27, 2017, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, March 3, 2017, Noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, March 4, 2017, 7:30 pm | Troy Savings Bank Music Hall |
| ASO Concert | Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3 pm | Troy Savings Bank Music Hall |
| Newsletter Deadline | Tuesday, March 15, 2016 | Lynne Nisoff |
| Board Meeting | Monday, March 27, 2017, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | Friday, April 7, 2016, Noon | Albany Public Library |
| ASO Concert | Saturday, April 8, 2016, 7:30 pm | Palace Theatre |
| Board Meeting | Monday, April 24, 2017, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Tiny Tots Concerts | Tues. & Wed., April 25 & 26, 2017 | Museum of Dance, Saratoga |
| Tiny Tots Concerts | Thurs. & Fri., April 27 & 28, 2017 | Ohav Shalom, Albany |
| Preview Party | Sunday, April 30, 2017 | TBD |
| Showhouse 2017 | Tuesday, May 2--Sunday, May 21, 2017 | 14 Pleasant Lane, Menands |
| Board Meeting* | Thursday, May 25, 2017, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |
| Pre-Concert Prevue | TBD | Albany Public Library |
| American Music Festival | May 31 – June 4, 2017 | EMPAC, RPI, Troy |
| Annual Meeting | June 22, 2017 | Albany Country Club |
| Board Meeting | Monday, June 26, 2017, 9:30 am | Delmar Reformed Church |

*Please note change of Day for the May Board meeting.

Thanks to all who supported our fundraiser at Talbots in November. Watch the next Newsletter for details of another one to be held in April to help spruce up your spring wardrobe!

Vanguard would like to welcome the following new member to our organization:
Sue Baird - Rensselaer



VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| ANNUAL MEETING | | |
| Anne Brewster | | 269-9380 |
| Joy Emery | | 584-0582 |
| CONCERT PREVUES | | |
| Marcia Cockrell | | 459-1229 |
| FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON | | |
| Kathy DeWeese | | 874-9114 |
| Marilyn Hunter | | 279-9353 |
| GARDEN PARTY/TEA & SYMPHONY | | |
| Concetta Bosco | | 456-8030 |
| Julia Smart | | 765-3622 |
| HISTORIAN | | |
| Anne Brewster | | 269-9380 |
| HOLIDAY PARTY | | |
| Kathi Egnasher | | 477-5779 |
| Susan Jacobsen | | 439-0459 |
| MAILING | | |
| Jean Fogarty | | 438-4740 |
| Shirley Hunter | | 456-3971 |
| MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY | | |
| Julia Smart | | 765-3622 |
| MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS | | |
| Jill Rifkin | | 439-1843 |
| NEW MEMBERS | | |
| Marilyn Hunter | | 279-9353 |
| NEWSLETTER | | |
| Lynne Nisoff | | 482-9170 |
| NOMINATING | | |
| Suzanne Waltz | | 489-5923 |
| ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY | | |
| Pat Corbett | | 784-4352 |
| David Emanation | | 235-1775 |
| Joy Emery | | 584-0582 |
| Susan Jacobsen | | 439-0459 |
| 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 |
| Susan Jacobsen | | 439-0459 |
| Suzanne Waltz | | 489-5923 |
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| Lois Spicer | | 462-0233 |
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| Margaret DeJohn-Tolar | | 237-6740 |
| Joan Ekengen | | |
| Jan Satin | | 767-3509 |
| TINY TOTS – SARATOGA | | |
| Jan O'Hare | | 383-4768 |
| Ruth Weintraub | | 899-7610 |
| TRAVEL | | |
| Anna Bray | | 438-1960 |
| USHER LIAISON | | |
| Concetta Bosco | | 456-8030 |