



**NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. AUGUST 2016, NO. 153**



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

At Vanguard's Annual General Meeting on June 23, I presented a check to the Albany Symphony which came from funds we were able to raise during the 2015-2016 season. It was for \$45,000, which was lower than the amounts Vanguard raised in previous years, but members can still be proud knowing that it came from efforts made by dedicated workers who continued with our traditional programs to support the Symphony in spite of difficult economic times.

As we start a new season I hope all our members will plan to participate in Vanguard's fundraising activities so that next June we can make a larger contribution to keep the Symphony strong. Plans are already underway for our traditional events—the Fall Luncheon, the Holiday Party, trips and (most of all) Showhouse 2017. Please plan not only to attend these events, but to work with the committees that make them enjoyable and profitable. This edition of the newsletter will provide information regarding the events for 2016-2017 so that you can include them in your plans.

While your support of Vanguard's events will help us to increase the annual gift, you are also encouraged to provide help directly to the ASO by attending concerts and with donations to its Annual Fund. During the 2016-2017 season the Symphony will be celebrating David Alan Miller's 25<sup>th</sup> year as its Musical Director. This will, therefore, be a particularly good year for Vanguard to demonstrate its importance for the ASO and for you to show your appreciation for the contribution the Symphony makes to the cultural life of the Capital District.

If you would like to be a part of Vanguard's events, please contact me or one of the other officers to discuss what you are able to do. Any contribution you are able to make will be appreciated.

*Ruth Cook*



**SAVE THE DATE!** Vanguard's annual open house, Tea and Symphony, will be held on Sunday, September 11 from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Moses Kafka and Ronnie Nichols. Located at 1 Englewood Place, Albany on the edge of Washington Park, this historic home is the former residence of Dr. Lenore Sportsman Miller. For the past five years, Moses and Ronnie have lovingly worked on restoring the home. It is a work in progress! This year they were awarded the prestigious Preservation Merit Award by the Historic Albany Foundation. Tea and Symphony has been held here in previous years and it will be interesting to see how the restoration is proceeding. Please plan to attend! Bring friends! Membership information will be available. An invitation will be in the mail shortly.

*Tina Bosco & Julia Smart, Co-Chairs*

**WINNERS OF THE 2016 SHOWHOUSE RAFFLE – CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

- John Fritze Jr. Jeweler - Suzanne Aiareo
- GC to Hampton Inn & Suites Albany- Sally Perry
- Century House Hors d'oeuvre Party - Barbara Wolner
- GC to Pearl Grant Richman - Tara O'Connell
- Northeast Fine Jewelry Pearls - Victor Barley
- GC to Jack's Oyster House- John Russum
- GC to Avanti Hair Studio - Marcia Wendth
- GC to Koto Japanese Restaurant - Pat McGraw
- GC to Reel Seafood Restaurant - Julie Button



- GC to Yankee Trails World Travel - Diane Leary
- GC to Price-Greenleaf - Ann Stafford
- Dinosaur BAR B QUE Sauces – Julia Viola
- Basket from Bombers Burrito Bar - Terry Duncan
- Basket from Wolff's Biergarten - Paula Cushman
- Basket from Olde English Pub - Larisa Gurevich
- Casual Set Necklace - Ken Boyer
- Casual Set Necklace - Marie Erkes



## BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE



### OPENING NIGHT GALA AND CONCERT

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 7:00 pm, Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Saili Oak, Soprano

Natasha Paremski, Piano

**Reena Esmail:** "Aria" for Soprano and Orchestra

**Ravel:** Piano Concerto in G

**Sibelius:** Symphony No. 5



Maestro *David Alan Miller*

Celebrate David Alan Miller's 25th Anniversary with the Albany Symphony at the Opening Night Gala immediately following the Opening Night concert on September 24.

### ROSCOE: AN AMERICAN GRAND OPERA

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 7:30 pm. Palace Theatre

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Deborah Voigt, Soprano

Evan Mack, Composer

Joshua McGuire, Librettist



*Deborah Voigt*

Based on William Kennedy's acclaimed novel, Roscoe is a new American opera-tragic, comic and poignant. Roscoe Conway, after years as the motor of Albany's political machine, longs to retire. But just when he thought he was out, things pull him back in. Featuring the radiant voice of opera superstar Deborah Voigt!

*Opera by Evan Mack, based on Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy's classic novel.*

### PEER GYNT

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 7:30 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and

Sunday, October 23, 2016, 3:00 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

David Alan Miller, Conductor

Katherine Needleman, Oboe

**Reznicek:** *Donna Diana Overture*

**Anderson:** *Three Pieces*

**Rouse:** Oboe Concerto

**Grieg:** *Peer Gynt*, Suite No. 1

**Tchaikovsky:** *Francesca da Rimini*



*Katherine Needleman*

### WATER MUSIC & SCHUMANN

Saturday, November 19, 2016, 7:30 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and

Sunday, November 20, 2016, 3:00 pm, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

David Alan Miller, Conductor

**Handel:** Selections from *The Water Music*

**Theofanidis:** Viola Concerto

**Bermel:** "A Shout, A Whisper, and a Trace"

**Schumann:** Symphony No. 4



*Robert Schumann*

It is with a heavy heart that I write about my dear friend (and all of yours), Hazel Smith. We lost our beloved Hazel on Thursday, June 2, 2016. She was a member of Vanguard for many, many years and loved our organization. You could always find Hazel at the cashier's desk at our Showhouses or delivering our flyers, newsletters, etc. to the Karner Road Post Office for mailing. Whenever there was a job needed to be done, Hazel was the first to raise her hand! Because of her dedication and love for Vanguard, her family requested contributions be made in her memory to the Scholarship Fund to allow our wonderful orchestra members to further their education. Won't you now sit down and write a check to Vanguard – Albany Symphony designating it for the Scholarship Fund in memory of Hazel? Please send it to Rosemary Brown, Chair of Scholarships, 111 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. At the Annual Meeting, these scholarships will be presented to the musicians honoring our Hazel.

*Lynne Nisoff*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN EXCITING EVENT ON DECEMBER 12, 2016!

We will be going on a wonderful day trip to Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage named Val-Kill and the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, New York.

We will be wined and dined at The CIA's Italian restaurant called Ristorante Caterina de'Medici. After our delectable meal, we will be given a behind-the-scenes tour of the Culinary Institute. Just imagine having the opportunity to see the masters training their students in a kitchen buzzing with activity and watching the chefs at work as they create their delicious meals.



After our meal and tour of the CIA, we will be whisked away by our coach to see Val-Kill Cottage for a glimpse into Eleanor Roosevelt's private retreat. This tour will give us a peek into Eleanor's life which she spent in her modest cottage where she was able to relax and be herself. A knowledgeable guide will enrich our tour with interesting tidbits about her time spent away from her busy life in the White House.

This promises to be a very popular tour which will sell out quickly. Watch for mail in October for your invitation and be sure to mark your calendars before time slips away.  
*Anna Bray, Chair*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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

**Funda Cizmecioglu** (Violin) – will study with International Concert Artist Elmira Darvarova. She will prepare for recitals and explore violin techniques.

**Michael Fittipaldi** (Bass) – will study with Jeff Campbell, Professor of Jazz Studies, Eastman School of Music, in private instruction.

**Alexandra Labinska** (Violin) – will study privately with Tamara Smirnova, Asst. Concertmaster of the Boston Symphony, to expand competence in orchestral playing.

**Jamecyn Morey** (Violin) – studied with Marc Rovetti, Asst. Concertmaster, Philadelphia Orchestra, while the Philadelphia Orchestra was in residence in Saratoga, focusing on general violin technique, orchestral repertoire and fundamentals of ensemble playing.

**Yinbin Qian** (Violin) – will study privately with Erica Kiesevetter, Concertmaster of the American Symphony Orchestra, to focus on playing techniques and growing toward experience as an assistant concertmaster or concertmaster in the future.

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

*Rosemary Brown, Chair*



### ANNUAL DINNER REPORT

The Annual Dinner for Vanguard was held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Albany Country Club in Voorheesville. Thirty-five members and guests attended.

Bernice Allison, Co-Chair of the event, welcomed the guests. President Ruth Cook gave the opening remarks along with a detailed report of Showhouse 2016. We were delighted to have Rob Brown and Sandra Beer as our guest speakers from WMHT.

Ruth Cook presented Vanguard's contribution to the Albany Symphony Orchestra in the amount of \$45,000 to Dr. Marisa Eisemann, Chair of the Albany Symphony.

Peggy Schalit reported on the 5 scholarship winners for Rosemary Brown, Chair of the committee. Suzie Waltz, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the new slate of officers for the next term; the members voted and the slate was passed. Reese Satin, Treasurer, gave his financial report.

Cathie Horvath, Co-Chair of the event, announced the 50/50 raffle winner; Ramon Rodriguez, the lucky winner, graciously donated the prize back to Vanguard. Cathie Horvath concluded the program. The net profit was \$421.85

*Bernice Allison and Cathie Horvath, Co-Chairs*

### SHOWHOUSE 2016

March and April were filled with hustle and bustle preparing 13 Sage Estate for its opening on May 3! Guests visited our magnificent home for three weeks, oohing and aahing as they passed through each room! The end result was almost \$43,000 raised which came from all the hard work of so many volunteers. Many thanks to all the people who were so diligent in giving their time and energy to this wonderful fundraiser.

*Lynne Nisoff, Chair, SHOWHOUSE 2016*

**THANK YOU**



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **Vanguard Fall Luncheon** will be held on **Tuesday, October 18**, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar. A delicious lunch, a wonderful raffle and an amazing fashion show are in store for you. Save the date and watch for your invitation in the mail in September. *Kathy DeWeese & Marilyn Hunter, Co-Chairs*

#### VANGUARD OFFICERS

President	Ruth Cook	462-9464
Vice Presidents		
Administration	Judy Ciccio	438-6503
Development	Lynne Nisoff	482-9170
Designer Showhouse		
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
Assistant Treasurer	Stephen Corson	439-3286
Technology Administrator	Lucy Song	487-1331
Past President	Suzanne Waltz	489-5923

#### VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2016-2017 SEASON

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
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, September 26, 2016, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>Friday, October 14, 2016</b>	<b>Lynne Nisoff</b>
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
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, October 24, 2016, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, November 28, 2016, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	Friday, January 13, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, January 22, 2017, 3pm	Zankel Music Ctr., Skidmore
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, January 23, 2017, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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,	TBD
Sneak-a-Peek		
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, February 27, 2017, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, March 27, 2017, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
Pre-Concert Prevue	Friday, April 7, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, April 8, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, April 24, 2017, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
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	TBD
<b>Board Meeting*</b>	<b>Thursday, May 25, 2017, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>
Pre-Concert Prevue	TBD	Albany Public Library
American Music Festival	May 31 – June 4, 2017	EMPAC, RPI, Troy
Annual Meeting	TBD	TBD
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, June 26, 2017, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b>

\*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.

On August 18, 39 members and friends enjoyed a delightful dinner at the Hall of Springs. Then it was off to SPAC to listen to and be mesmerized by the fabulous voice of Renee Fleming and the wonderful Philadelphia Orchestra.

As you know, this is one of many smaller fundraisers held to add to the total amount given to OUR wonderful orchestra.

Many thanks for joining us and assisting us in our endeavor.

*Lynne Nisoff, VP - Development*

#### VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>		
Anne Brewster		269-9380
Joy Emery		584-0582
<b>CONCERT PREVUES</b>		
Marcia Cockrell		459-1229
<b>FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON</b>		
Kathy DeWeese		874-9114
Marilyn Hunter		279-9353
<b>GARDEN PARTY/TEA &amp; SYMPHONY</b>		
Concetta Bosco		456-8030
Julia Smart		765-3622
<b>HISTORIAN</b>		
Anne Brewster		269-9380
<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>		
Kathi Egnasher		477-5779
Susan Jacobsen		439-0459
<b>MAILING</b>		
Jean Fogarty		438-4740
Shirley Hunter		456-3971
<b>MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY</b>		
Julia Smart		765-3622
<b>MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS</b>		
Jill Rifkin		439-1843
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>		
Marilyn Hunter		279-9353
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>		
Lynne Nisoff		482-9170
<b>NOMINATING</b>		
Suzanne Waltz		489-5923
<b>ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY</b>		
Pat Corbett		784-4352
David Emanation		235-1775
Joy Emery		584-0582
Susan Jacobsen		439-0459
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS &amp; PUBLICITY</b>		
TBD		
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>		
Rosemary Brown		439-6832
<b>SUNDAY SYMPHONIES</b>		
Lucy Neubauer		869-1088
<b>SYMPHONY GUESTS</b>		
Findlay Cockrell		459-1229
Pat Fallek		765-4692
Sylvia Kaminsky		439-7173
Susan Jacobsen		439-0459
Suzanne Waltz		489-5923
<b>TELEPHONE</b>		
Lois Spicer		462-0233
<b>TINY TOTS – ALBANY</b>		
Margaret DeJohn-Tolar		237-6740
Joan Ekengen		
Jan Satin		767-3509
<b>TINY TOTS – SARATOGA</b>		
Jan O'Hare		383-4768
Ruth Weintraub		899-7610
<b>TRAVEL</b>		
Anna Bray		438-1960
<b>USHER LIAISON</b>		
Concetta Bosco		456-8030