



CIVIC MUSIC
Opportunities for Young Musicians

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CIVIC MUSIC TURNS 100!

The 2018-19 season marks CIVIC MUSIC's 100th season! So many people over the years have contributed to keeping music thriving in the Milwaukee area. The founders and nurturers of CIVIC MUSIC stand at the forefront of those contributors. Mark your calendars now to join us in a festive celebration of our past, our present and our future.

**CELEBRATE WITH US!
100 YEARS OF MUSIC IN MILWAUKEE!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Bradley Pavilion, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Dinner | Auction | Award Recipients | Music

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Event invitations will go out in August.

From The Executive Director

Mission

CIVIC MUSIC of Milwaukee provides and supports music education and performance opportunities for young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area.

Music Notes

Music Notes is published twice annually to provide ongoing information to CIVIC MUSIC Friends about our programs and events.

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As you can see, we're gearing up for season 100! In many ways, our history serves as a narrative of Milwaukee's rich musical community. Over 100 years, CIVIC MUSIC's programming and mission have evolved – I think the very reason we are around to celebrate 100. Once a membership organization (with dues at \$2!), we sponsored an Orchestra, a Band, an Artist Recital Series, a printed calendar and various scholarships. The mission was "to promote Good Music in the city, to encourage local musicians of all ages and to present musical art to the city in all its highest forms." Our current mission of providing and supporting music education and performance opportunities for young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area puts our programming at the center of what is needed today.



We are very excited that Doc Severinsen will be joining our celebration in November. His vibrant career and ties to Milwaukee as MSO Pops conductor from 1994-2007, not to mention that he's only 10 years younger than CIVIC MUSIC, made him a perfect fit. He has also agreed to do a master class/clinic with high school jazz players on November 5. Stay tuned for more details.

At this important milestone, our board members will shortly engage in a strategic planning process thanks to generous funding from the Nonprofit Management Fund. We are grateful to Sally Lyne, Amalia Schoone and CIVIC MUSIC board member Scott Emmons who will take us through this process.

You can help us tell our story by sharing yours. What CIVIC MUSIC memories, photos or keepsakes can you share with us? Here's a photo of one of mine. It is a Civic Band LP from 1953 with my grandfather conducting and the trumpets (including my dad) featured. Help us lift up the stories of the people who have shaped Milwaukee's musical community!



See you out and about as we enjoy Milwaukee's vibrant arts community!

Nancy Herro, Executive Director

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LEARNING FROM
EACH OTHER.

Honoring Educators During Music in Our Schools Month

Since 1991, CIVIC MUSIC has annually recognized great teachers and administrators for their outstanding work in the field of music education. For almost 20 years, we have also collaborated with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's *Salute to Educators* night on this program. This year we again celebrated in the month of March, *Music in Our Schools Month*. We are grateful to our event sponsors, Educators Credit Union and Family Music Center.

This year we celebrated the work of nine stellar music educators in the greater Milwaukee area. The evening

began with a lovely reception and short program in the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts with beautiful music from award recipient Mary Pat Michels' West Allis-West Milwaukee *Shining Strings*. The party moved down to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concert where all of the award recipients were presented their awards on stage in front of a sold out audience.

The following outstanding individuals were honored at the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's *Salute to Educators* concert on March 10, 2018:

Civic Music Music Teacher of the Year

Emma Angoli
Mukwonago High School

Educational Administrator of the Year

Mary Pat Michels
West Allis-West Milwaukee
School District

MSO's ACE Teacher of the Year

Jodi Rupnow
Woodside Elementary School,
Hamilton School District

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE Instrumental Music

Terry Little
Dixon Elementary,
Elmbrook Schools

Vocal Music

Brent Johnston
Whitefish Bay High School

General Music

James Vernola
ALBA School,
Milwaukee Public Schools



(L-R) Jodi Rupnow, Peter Thomas, Brent Johnston, Emma Angoli, Tom Spitz, Terry Little, Bernard Zinck, Mary Pat Michels. Not pictured: James Vernola.

Studio Music

Peter Thomas
Cello Teacher, Milwaukee
Symphony Orchestra member

Bernard Zinck
Violin Teacher, faculty,
UW-Milwaukee

Youth

Thomas Spitz
Ronald Reagan and Poplar
Creek Elementary Schools
School District of New Berlin
Wisconsin Intergenerational
Orchestra

From Our Friends at the Milwaukee Symphony

The Milwaukee Symphony is looking for more volunteers for its Concert for Schools docent program. MSO docents go out to schools prior to their *Youth and Music for Me!* performances to help prepare students to get the most out of their Milwaukee Symphony experience.

The only requirements are a love for classical symphonic music, the willingness to share it with school-aged children, and some daytime availability. Training will be provided. The MSO is also looking to add to its corps of volunteer ushers for their Concerts for Schools performances.

For more information about either opportunity, please contact Rebecca Whitney, MSO Director of Education at 414-226-7885.



Record Year for High School Competition

In January, fifty advanced high school age musicians from the five county area competed in the annual CIVIC MUSIC High School Music Competition.

As always, the musicians performed for an esteemed panel of judges. This year's judges were **J. Patrick Rafferty, Elena Abend, and Rick Hyson**. Many of these instrumentalists and vocalists also participated in an Audition & Recital Preparation Workshop led by **Mark Davis**, and a Vocal Master Class presented by **Scott Stewart** with pianist **Martha Galvin**. Two classes of each were scheduled this year to help with the large number of

participants. These are unique and valuable experiences for our participants in a supportive environment.

The judges selected eight musicians to perform on the Showcase Recital held in February in the beautiful Windhover Hall of the Milwaukee Art Museum. We congratulate these very talented and poised musicians and thank them for a wonderful day! And we extend a special invitation to those who did not win to apply again next year. Thank you to the Milwaukee Art Museum for welcoming our musicians into their dramatically elegant hall.

High School Showcase Performers

Violinist **Mara Bajic**, of Oconomowoc, a senior at Kettle Moraine High School

Violinist **Arianna Brusubardis**, of Dousman, a home-schooled senior

Pianist **Sarurako Ericksen**, of Wauwatosa, a junior at Stanford On Line High School

Violinist **Jonah Kartman**, of Glendale, a sophomore at Nicolet High School

Xylophonist **Madelyn Kudronowicz**, of Cedarburg, a sophomore at Cedarburg High School

Pianist **Callie Olinski**, of Campbellsport, a home-schooled senior

Violinist **Julian Rhee**, of Brookfield, a senior at Brookfield East High School

Mezzo Soprano **Kathryn Schneider**, of Muskego, a senior at Muskego High School

Young Artist Scholarship Winners

Additionally, our judges awarded \$2,000 in Young Artist Scholarships to the following musicians:

Mara Bajic (\$500)

Arianna Brusubardis (\$500)

Sarurako Ericksen (\$500)

Julian Rhee (\$500)



2018 High School Showcase Performers

What's Next for Our Graduating Seniors?

Mara Bajic

Washington University-
St. Louis
Pre-Med and Music

Arianna Brusubardis

The Juilliard School
Violin Performance

Callie Olinski

Wheaton College
Conservatory of Music
Piano Performance
and Keyboard
Pedagogy

Julian Rhee

Harvard University/
New England
Conservatory
Violin Performance

Kathryn Schneider

UW-Milwaukee
Music Education

Would you like to sponsor the High School Music Competition?

A scholarship in your name or the name of a loved one would allow us to direct current funds to additional programming. Please call CIVIC MUSIC for more information. Here are current

funding opportunities to consider:
Judges and Workshop Leaders - \$2,000
Venue and Logistics - \$1,000
Recital Performance Stipends - \$2,000
Young Artist Scholarships - \$2,000

Private Lesson Program Adds Year 3 in 2018-19

This season marked the completion of our expansion to a three year program. Applications are in and after the final recital on May 30, judges will have all of the information necessary to select the first class of Year 3 students and the second class of Year 2 students. In all, we expect enrollment to be at about 60 students in 2018-19.

A good year of lessons came to a rocky finish when the long planned April 18 recital was snowed out! About half of the participants played their final recital on May 2 and the final half will perform on May 30. We are grateful to CIVIC MUSIC

board member Don Weinberg and Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church for use of their building on this second recital date.

We are grateful to the following supporters of the Private Lesson program:

Bader Philanthropies
Elmbrook Rotary Foundation
Maihaugen Foundation
Mockingbird Foundation
Pieper Electric
Steinway Society of Milwaukee
White House of Music Foundation
Woman's Club of Wisconsin
And many individual donors

JOIN US FOR THE FINAL RECITAL

Wednesday, May 30
6:00 PM

Wauwatosa Presbyterian
Church

2366 N. 80th Street
Wauwatosa

2017-18 Private Lesson Program Teachers

Barbara Ahlf
Pablo Amaya
Patricia Anders
John Babbitt
Matthew Bragstad
Katie Brooks
Cathy Bush
Nancy Cline
Celestine Fitzgerald
Alexis Ganos

Joyce Gardiner
William Ryan Gardiner
Charyl Granatella
Sarah Greenwald
Juanita Groff
Ravenna Helson
Eric Jacobson
Jenny Kozoroz
Sarah Krus
Eric Larsen

Jon Lovas
Carol Meves
Jim Sewrey
Pamela Simmons
Laura Snyder
Marvin Suson
Liz Teal
Ingrid Tihcheva



Incoming young musician writes a Thank You note to his teacher.



Many of the May 2 performers gather for photos.



Incoming young musician writes a Thank You note to his teacher.

CIVIC MUSIC Welcomes Four New Board Members

We are delighted to introduce our newest board members!



Cornelia Beilke was born in Leipzig, Germany and earned an undergraduate degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from Musikhochschule "Hanns Eisler" in Berlin, as well as a Masters of Music degree from Loyola University in New Orleans. Throughout

her career she has performed opera, chamber music and as a soloist with orchestras in Germany and the U.S. For the past 25 years, she has taught voice privately and at the college level at Tulane University and the Loyola University College of Music. She heads the Wauwatosa Vocal Arts Studio and is a proud member of the Milwaukee Choristers.



Antonina Johnston is a soprano soloist and private voice teacher. She received her vocal degree from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in 2009 and has been teaching private voice lessons for the past ten years. She is also the owner of Johnston Voice Studio, LLC

and currently operates studio locations in Muskego and Whitefish Bay. Her students have consistently participated

in singing competitions nationally and statewide. She is a current member of NATS and teaches classical, musical theatre and contemporary styles of singing. In addition to running a successful voice studio, her family is also dedicated to promoting music education, involvement, and supporting the arts.



Stephanie Lippert is an accompanist and private piano teacher. As a DJ; singer/songwriter, and pianist, she has worked with UWM, St. Matthew's CME Children's Choir, Latino Arts Inc., West End Conservatory, Brew City Big Band, Milwaukee Jazz Orchestra, and

Ruth B8r Ginsburg.



Michael Poytinger is a retired K-12 Music Chair and Band Director for the Waukesha School District. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Music Certification and his Master of Science in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. A WSMA Master

Adjudicator, he is currently Woodwind Coach for the Cadets of Waukesha West High School and Associate Conductor of the City of Waukesha Parks and Recreation Band.

Historical Society Grants Anniversary Accolade

The Milwaukee County Historical Society recognized CIVIC MUSIC for its upcoming 100th season at their annual banquet on May 9. Each year the Society presents anniversary accolades as well as awards to great citizens who have shaped Milwaukee. CIVIC MUSIC shared the evening with such organizations as The Pfister Hotel, Alliance



Française and this year's "Witness to History," Milwaukee visionary Steve Marcus. CIVIC MUSIC filled two tables with current and past board members, award recipients and donors who were on hand to celebrate this recognition together. In addition, members of the Brusubardis family formed a string quartet to represent CIVIC

MUSIC. We are grateful to Kent and Marna Tess-Mattner and Schmidt Rupke Tess-Mattner & Fox for their sponsorship of the quartet.



Kristian, Daniella, Viktor and Sonora Brusubardis

Help Shape the Future of CIVIC MUSIC

This will be an exciting year of planning for CIVIC MUSIC's Centennial Celebration and beyond! Help us discern what CIVIC MUSIC will be on the other side of 100. The Board of Directors is seeking new members who are enthusiastic about helping bring to life our mission of supporting young musicians and their teachers in the Greater Milwaukee area. This is your opportunity to work alongside old and new friends with a similar passion for music!

Board and committee members guide our efforts to continuously improve our programming by being good

stewards of our finances, participating in fundraising efforts, introducing new friends to our organization, actively promoting and working on our programs and special events, advocating for CIVIC MUSIC in the community, and engaging in strategic planning.

If you have skills to share and are interested in being involved in shaping the future of CIVIC MUSIC, please contact **Nancy Herro** at info@civictimusicmilwaukee.org or **262/370-6129** to find out more about how you can help.

Additional Ways to Donate to CIVIC MUSIC

With tax laws changing this year, there is some uncertainty about how to continue to support the charitable organizations whose passions we share. Here are a couple of options to help us all continue our generosity.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

The rules for a QCD allow taxpayers to make IRA distributions up to \$100,000 payable directly to a qualified charitable organization like CIVIC MUSIC without treating the distribution as taxable income. In addition, the distribution will count towards the IRA owner's Required

Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. Contact your tax professional to find out more about this.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Still another way is to gift appreciated securities to a charitable organization like CIVIC MUSIC. Capital gains on the amount of appreciation are avoided, and the donor receives a tax deduction for the stock's full market value on stocks owned longer than one year. Talk to your investment and tax professionals for more information.

Give A Young Musician A Helping Hand

As Season 100 approaches, consider making your gift \$100 in honor of all those who worked tirelessly to keep CIVIC MUSIC moving forward. And with each add-on gift of \$20, you make it possible to give one more private lesson.

\$25 \$50 \$75 **\$100** \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

I wish to add _____ Total Gift \$ _____

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Celebrating 100 Years of Music for Milwaukee

Dinner. Auction. Awards Presentation
Performance by DOC SEVERINSEN
and Milwaukee's All Star SUPERband

Banquet: Sunday, November 4, 2018
Award Nomination Deadline:
June 15, 2018



Call for Nominations!

Show your appreciation for those special people in your musical life by nominating them to receive an award at CIVIC MUSIC's Celebrating 100 Years of Music for Milwaukee banquet on November 4. This special evening honors individuals who have made significant contributions to music in our community. June 15, 2018 is the new extended deadline to make nominations for:

Lifetime Achievement in Music

honors music educators and/or performers for their exceptional professional expertise and commitment to the community.

Distinguished Citizen – Professional in the Arts

recognizes professional musicians and arts administrators who have demonstrated significant professional achievements and leadership.

Distinguished Citizen – Patron of the Arts

honors music supporters who have distinguished themselves by their leadership, generosity and passion for music.

Nomination Deadline • June 15, 2018

Nomination forms are available on the "Recognition" tab of our website at www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org.
Make sure to also provide your written recommendation. Or call (414) 483-3223 or email info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org to request a form.

Your nomination is very important to us!