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From The Executive Director

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

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I am thrilled to be a part of CIVIC MUSIC's Centennial Celebration! As I've mentioned before, my roots are deep in this organization. As I look through scrapbooks and read over files, I see words and images of my grandfather, Joseph Skornicka. What fun! He was active in the Civic Music Association for over 25 years as conductor of both the band and the orchestra. And for that service he was awarded the Distinguished Citizen award in 1966. I love reading the files filled with familiar names, passion and action. Famous people. Philanthropists. Movers. Shakers. People who knew the importance of keeping music alive in our community and in the lives of our children.



A 1981 report "lovingly researched and compiled" by Thallis Hoyt Drake puts together in one place association minutes from 1936-1980. From these files rich with interesting information, it is clear how much those who founded and fostered CIVIC MUSIC had a hand in so much of what still makes Milwaukee a great city- -from performing organizations including the MSO to buildings like the War Memorial and the Performing Arts Center (now the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts) to festivals and celebrations. Funded primarily by the City in the beginning and then the County, members of the Civic Music Association were a sounding board, advocates and fundraisers all for the purpose of making Milwaukee great. The report also revealed that several times over the years there was a perilous lack of funds...but never a lack of enthusiasm.

I was asked recently what our greatest accomplishment has been. So many things flooded through my head that at first I wasn't sure what to say. Then it came to me - being able to celebrate 100 years. It is an awesome accomplishment we can celebrate together. We are no longer funded by the City or the County, but by you. We're still here because of our donors, friends and supporters. And for that we are so grateful! What is your connection to CIVIC MUSIC? Post it on our Facebook page or send me a note. We'd love to hear from you!

Did You Know...

The Civic Music Association began as an idea of a musician named Liborius Semmann back in 1916 to create an association of music teachers. According to the *Liborius Semmann Papers* found on the Marquette University Library website, Semmann was "the first music teacher to sign a contract with the Boeppler School of Music, which expanded in 1898 as the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. In 1911, Semmann became a music professor at Marquette University and six months later was appointed Dean of the Marquette University Conservatory of Music, a post he held until the closing of the music program in 1930. One of his students at Marquette was the American cabaret singer Hildegarde. Semmann was instrumental in standardizing musical instruction in Wisconsin, introducing an examination system for music teachers. In addition to teaching, Semmann composed many pieces for piano, voice, chorus, and band, including the Marquette Anthem."

CIVIC MUSIC Receives Surprise From Gathering on the Green

It turns out that some of the employees at Direct Supply are pretty talented! But that wasn't the surprise. The check that CIVIC MUSIC received for their performance was.

An inaugural Battle of the Industry Bands took place this summer during **Gathering on the Green**. Direct Supply employee band "Blues Partners" was up against employee bands from Mid-State Insurance and US Bank. Each band selected a charity of choice to receive their winnings. "Blues Partners" chose

CIVIC MUSIC as their charity of choice to receive their 1st place winnings of \$1,500. "The bands that participated this year blew us away. What a great way to bring industry leaders together to benefit the communities we live and work in. We anticipate this being even bigger in 2019," said Traci Cain, Program Director for Gathering on the Green.

Since 1994, Gathering on the Green has become one of Southeastern Wisconsin's premier summer spots to enjoy world class entertainment. Set

in scenic Mequon Rotary Park, the multiple day festival offers musical entertainment, local food trucks and beverages all under the summer stars. Their year-round events support Music Together programs, Gathering on the Green scholarships, and fulfill their mission of bridging communities through music.

A huge thank you to Gathering on the Green, Direct Supply, and Penny Laferriere who organized her co-workers to create "Blues Partners"... and congratulations to all!

Lee Guse Memorial Jazz Scholarship Established

The warm-up rooms for the High School Competition will sound a little different this season thanks to a new scholarship available to high school jazz musicians. The Lee Guse Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory by his family and friends to support students interested in pursuing jazz education with the hopes of continuing to foster the talents of those who recognize and appreciate jazz and the enrichment it offers to so many—just as Lee did. It is open to jazz players and vocalists in grades 10-12.

Lee Guse was a lifelong jazz fan and enthusiastic supporter of jazz music and artists. As a young man he reveled in hearing the music of artists such as Ray Brown, Oscar Pettiford, Dizzy Gillespie, Clifford Brown, Coleman Hawkins, Oscar Peterson, and the Modern Jazz Quartet, among many others. More recently he became a fan of notable contemporary artists, including David Hazeltine and Brian Lynch. He often spoke fondly of being able to see and hear some of the jazz greats play in downtown Milwaukee clubs. Inspired by what he heard, he became a performing

musician himself, playing upright bass, trumpet and piano in a variety of bands. About her Dad, daughter Jill Guse Smith shared, "While he never considered himself a great musician, he understood and appreciated the dedication, talent, and passion it takes to become a creative jazz performer. He came alive whenever he could talk about the feelings and messages he experienced either playing, watching, or listening to live jazz."

CIVIC MUSIC is honored to administer this scholarship and make it part of the High School Competition.

Share Your Heart!

When you play the *Canal Street* Bingo game at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino now through December 13, you're helping raise funds for area children's charities, giving them the gift of a promising future. Half of each \$3 or \$7 Canal Street Bingo game purchased



goes to the *Heart of Canal Street* fund, which totaled more than \$1.1 million last year! CIVIC MUSIC is excited to be in the running to be a benefiting charity. Visit paysbig.com/heart to learn more.

Opportunities for High School Musicians

CIVIC MUSIC High School Competition

APPLICATIONS available online at www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

December 7, 2018

AUDITION DAY

Saturday, January 26

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Auditions, Workshops and Master Classes

SHOWCASE RECITAL

Sunday, February 3, 2:00 PM

Milwaukee Art Museum
Performance and Scholarship Announcements

Recital is free and open to the public.

New to this year's Audition Day is the opportunity for student jazz musicians to audition for the new Lee Guse Memorial Jazz Scholarship. One \$750 scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship winner will also perform on the Showcase Recital.

2018 brought a record 50 applicants to this competition. It was an exciting Audition Day and inspiring Showcase Recital. We are ready for as many or more musicians this year!

ELIGIBILITY

Vocal and instrumental musicians in grades 10-12 who are performing at the WSMA Class A level or above and residing in the five county greater Milwaukee area.

If you know a high school musician who will grow from an experience like this, please pass along this information to them.

COMPETITION REWARDS

Workshops and Master Classes

Our distinguished panel of judges will be announced soon. Mark Davis and Scott Stewart return to lead Mindful Performance workshops and Vocal Master Classes respectively.

Showcase Recital Performance

8-10 musicians will perform. Each receive an honorarium of \$250.

Young Artist Scholarships

\$2,000 in scholarships is divided between 2-4 musicians

Lee Guse Memorial Jazz Scholarship

\$750 scholarship for high school jazz musicians



Sakurako Eriksen performs at the 2018 Showcase Recital.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Thousands of awards to music students in the five county Greater Milwaukee area have been presented since CIVIC MUSIC's High School Awards Program began in 1927. Students are selected by their music directors to receive the award in recognition for their exceptional musicianship, scholarship, leadership and service to their schools. Students receive a certificate suitable for framing and a gold lapel pin that is presented at their school's final concert or awards

ceremony. If you are a school music teacher in the five county area, please consider this award as a way to recognize exceptional students in your program.

CIVIC MUSIC High School Awards

APPLICATIONS available online February 1, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

May 22, 2019

Opportunities for Young Musicians

Applications will be available online by December 1 for Year 1 students for the 2019-20 season. Music teachers with students in grades 4-9 are encouraged to make this application available to those students they think fit eligibility requirements. The opportunity for advancement to Year 2 and Year 3 lessons is available to those Year 1 students whose private teachers have recommended them.

ELIGIBILITY

Instrumental musicians in grades 4-9 and vocal musicians in grades 8-9 new to private lessons whose family is in need of a financial helping hand. Students must be recommended by a teacher.



Adrian Villegas warms up on Audition Day.

CIVIC MUSIC *Private Lesson Program*

APPLICATIONS available online
December 1, 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 8, 2019

AUDITION DAY

Saturday, March 23

First Congregational Church,
Wauwatosa

FINAL RECITALS

Wednesdays, May 1 & 8

First Congregational Church,
Wauwatosa

Recitals are free and open to the public.

CIVIC MUSIC Leadership

Welcome!

CIVIC MUSIC is pleased to welcome Kent Tess-Mattner back as a member of our Board of Directors. Kent was a board member a number of years ago and we are thrilled to again have his leadership. Kent is an attorney and president of the law firm of Schmidt, Rupke, Tess-Mattner & Fox, S.C. Kent has served and currently serves on the boards of numerous nonprofit organizations including MYSO (past Board chair and current member) where he was instrumental in the development of the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, and Presbyterian Homes of Wisconsin (current Board chair) which has more than doubled its senior housing during his



tenure. He is also an avid trombonist and performs in the Waukesha Area Symphonic Band, Concord Chamber Orchestra and the Milwaukee Trombone Choir.

Thank You and Farewell!

We wish to thank outgoing board members Shawn Clausing, Robin Kitzrow, and Nick White. Each of them brought unique strengths to the board and we are grateful for their service!

Join Us!

This is an exciting year for CIVIC MUSIC! What should we look like on the other side of 100? The Board of Directors is revitalizing old and forming new committees

and looking for people who are enthusiastic about helping bring to life our mission of *supporting music education and providing performance opportunities for young musicians*. Board and committee members are good stewards of our finances, fundraisers, connectors and advocates. Grab this great opportunity to work alongside old and new friends who have the same passion for music as you!

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Nominate An Outstanding Music Educator

Each year CIVIC MUSIC is pleased to be able to present the Music Educator awards. These awards are a wonderful way to show appreciation for a music teacher or an administrator who supports music in their school. Nominations are now open for **Certificates of Excellence** awards, **CIVIC MUSIC Teacher of the Year**, **CIVIC MUSIC Administrator of the Year** and the **MSO ACE Teacher of the Year**. Music teachers make all the difference in a child's life. Do you know an educator who should be honored for their work? Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.



Congratulations to the 2018 Music Educator Award recipients! L-R: Jodi Rupnow, MSO ACE Teacher of the Year, Peter Thomas, Studio Music, Brent Johnston, Vocal Music, Emma Angoli, Music Teacher of the Year, Thomas Spitz, Youth Music, Terry Little, Instrumental Music, Bernard Zinck, Studio Music, and Mary Pat Michels, Administrator of the Year

NOMINATION FORMS available at www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org

NOMINATION DEADLINE January 5, 2019

CIVIC MUSIC Annual Campaign Gift Form

In this 100th season, consider making a special gift to the Private Lesson Program in honor of those before us who have worked tirelessly to keep CIVIC MUSIC moving forward.

Yes, I want to be a CIVIC MUSIC Friend and have enclosed the following gift:

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First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa
Application Deadline: December 7, 2018

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 2:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE RECITAL

Milwaukee Art Museum

Saturday, March 30, 6:00 PM

MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARDS

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
Nomination Deadline: January 5, 2019

Saturday, March 23, 2019

PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM AUDITIONS

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa
Application Deadline: February 8, 2019

Wednesdays, May 1 and 8, 6:30 PM

PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM RECITALS

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

2018 High School Award Winners

Cedarburg High School

Samantha Carlson, Vocal

Greendale High School

Andrew Crapitto, Instrumental
Lindsay Miller, Instrumental

Kewaskum High School

Destiny Kudelko, Vocal

**Lake Country Lutheran
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Callie Smith, Vocal

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Brianna Cole, Instrumental
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Mukwonago High School

Sophie Steger, Instrumental

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Krystyna Jones, Instrumental

Oak Creek High School

Landry Forrest, Instrumental

Oconomowoc High School

Stephanie Plautz, Instrumental

Pius XI Catholic High School

Alicia Urgel de la Torre, Instrumental

St. Thomas More High School

Ryan Boren, Vocal

Shorewood High School

Emma Boehm, Vocal
Natalia Sorbjan, Instrumental
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Lauren Bacik, Vocal
Sophia Hey, Vocal
Carley Techlin, Instrumental