



The Guided Note

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the official newsletter of the The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club
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Calendar of Events

Friday, Sept. 23, 2011

Guild Coffee & Meeting

at the home of
Mrs. Margaret Hubbard
2924 Surrey Road
Mountain Brook

10:00 am Coffee
10:30 am Meeting/Program



Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011

New Member-Sponsor Wine & Cheese Party 5:30 - 7:00 pm

at the home of
Mrs. Lochrane Coleman-Smith
3135 Pine Ridge Road
Mountain Brook



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at the home of
Mrs. Beth Adams
3124 Pine Ridge Road
Mountain Brook

10:00 am Coffee
10:30 am Meeting/Program



Friday, Dec. 2, 2011
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

"Prelude to the Holidays" Party

at Robert Hill Antiques
3029 3rd Avenue South
Birmingham

Conductor's Podium

..... Notes from our President, Kay Clark



We begin this year as a new entity, the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club, Inc. This change will enable us to enhance our mission of fostering appreciation of music and the performing arts, while maintaining our relationship with the Birmingham Music Club. The largest individual contribution we can make is to support the Music Club season with both ticket purchases and attendance at performances. If you have not already purchased tickets this year, please show your support with a season ticket purchase.

We are currently in our ninth year to fund and administer music scholarships for students attending Alabama colleges and universities. This year we will begin strategic planning to strengthen the funding of our music scholarships.

When you review the Guild calendar for the year, you will notice the addition of several evening events. In October, we will welcome new members at a New Member-Sponsor Wine and Cheese Party. If you have not sponsored a new member, it is not too late to invite someone to join the Guild. Please contact Pat Grant, Vice President of Membership, with new member information before September 25th.

To keep members who are not able to attend day meetings informed about Guild business, an evening meeting has been added to our calendar. On Thursday, January 19th, we will meet at 5:30 pm in the Birmingham home of Deborah O'Connor. The following morning, we will have our membership meeting at the Shoal Creek home of Joy Clark. The business portion of the meetings will be the same allowing each member to attend the meeting that best accommodates her schedule.

This year we will once again combine fun and fundraising at the Guild's *Prelude to the Holidays* party. The December 2nd event will be held at Robert Hill Antiques and proceeds will benefit our Music Scholarship Program. We will again have our "opportunity drawing" for prizes donated from the community. Our members will have the "opportunity" to raise funds for the Guild through this event. Please plan to attend and bring your spouse or special guest.

Marsha Drennen and Mary-Noel Sellers are co-chairing our Guild Gala this year and it should be spectacular! Please save the date Saturday, February 4, 2012 and plan to attend *Rhythm & Muse* at the Country Club of Birmingham.

A special thank you to all of our members who worked over the summer preparing for this year. I sincerely appreciate your dedication. Your hard work allows us to begin our year with goals set, plans made, and history to write.

Kay Clark, President



Rhythm & Muse

A Collaboration of the Arts

*Saturday, February 4, 2012
The Country Club of Birmingham*

The Guild will again host a grand gala on Saturday, February 4, at The Country Club of Birmingham, to raise funds for our prestigious music scholarship program and to support the Birmingham Music Club concert series.

Following the success of last year's event, this year's gala, *Rhythm & Muse*, will truly be a collaboration of the arts, with well-known muses of the community - painters, sculptors, and floral designers - creating spectacular works around a musical theme for the gala. These one-of-a-kind creations will be auctioned that evening along with fabulous trips, jewelry, wine collection, dinners, and more!

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception followed by a seated dinner. Tickets begin at \$150. Corporate tables are available for \$2,500 and \$5,000. For more information and reservations, call Kathie Ramsey at 970-2133.

Submitted by: Marsha Drennen

Welcome New Members!

Sandy Berglund

Mary Bernhard

Annette Cox

Joy Clark

Susan Dasher

Jean Dent

Martha Ann Doyal

Gerry Dunham

Pauline Fugazzotto

Carol Garrison

Linda Griggs

Dawn Higgenbotham

Jean Hurley

Dot Mash

Lynne McCallum

Miriam Morris

Phyllis Russell

Amy Scofield

Cindy Speake

Kelly Todd

Susan Warnock

Elise Warren

Jeanna Westmoreland



Thank You for Your Generous Donation...

In celebration of the marriage of member, Anne Bryson Easterling, by Mimi Arrington.



From the BMC Executive Director's Desk ...

Dear Guild Members,

Albert Einstein said "Nothing happens till something moves." Well, that's exactly what we are doing. We are moving forward. The Music Club has had its ups and downs over the past 106 years, and right now we are on a path, moving upward. The Music Club appreciates all the support we get from the Guild, and this year we'd like to ask everyone's support by buying season tickets. We'd like every Guild member to buy at least one season ticket.

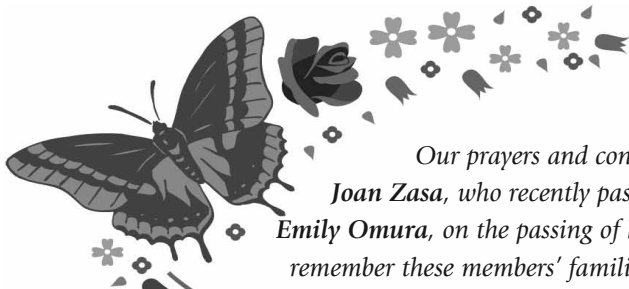
This year's season promises to be very exciting, fun, and supportive of the local community. Our first concert will feature outstanding students from area schools. Our second concert is designed to entertain and educate elementary students. Even though the target age group is young, I encourage everyone to attend. The music is enjoyed by all ages, and the excitement level of the students is something to see! Our third concert is a very elegant parlor concert at the Westmoreland House. Dr. Joe Hopkins, Dean of the School of Fine Arts at Samford, and his wife Suzanne will be singing with a four piece chamber orchestra and a guitarist. Seating is limited to the first 100, and 20 seats have already been sold, so please make your reservation right away. In February we will have The Gala, which the Guild will produce. Everyone is very excited about this event. Then, in March, we are presenting a brilliant young tenor named David Lomeli. He is on his way up, and we'll be able to say "we saw him when".... Our last concert of the season will be the 2nd annual Bravo!Birmingham, which features Alabama artists with national and international recognition.

Season tickets are only \$75, plus another \$25 for the Westmoreland Parlor Concert. Please call the Samford Box Office today at 726-2853 and order your tickets. I suggest getting together with your friends, so you can all sit next to each other. If you prefer to order online, you can go to the Music Club web site at www.bhammusicclub.org and follow the link.

Plus....an exciting announcement....we will have **Valet Parking** for David Lomeli and Bravo!Birmingham. Simply pull your car up in front of Brock Hall. There is a circular drive there. You can get out of your car, and you will be on the same level as the Wright Center. No steps!

We appreciate your support!

Thanks, Ron



Condolences

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of our member, **Joan Zasa**, who recently passed away. We also extend sympathies to member, **Emily Omura**, on the passing of her husband, **Dr. George Omura**. Please remember these members' families with sympathy cards and prayers. If there are any other sympathy or illness concerns to share, please contact Sandra Holley at 970-6320.

The Birmingham Music Club Presents 2011-2012 SEASON Tickets On Sale Now!



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**Season ticket is
only \$75.00
and includes:**

- Best of Birmingham
- David Lomeli
- Bravo! Birmingham

Add the Westmoreland Parlor
Concert for \$25.00
(limited to first 100 people).

Tickets for the Young People's
Concert are also on sale now!

**Order online, or by phone
below, or fill out the ticket
order form on the back
and mail to:**

**Birmingham Music Club
PO Box 10486
Birmingham, AL 35202**

**To order tickets online visit
www.bhammusicclub.org or
by phone, call the Samford
Ticket Office today and
reserve the seats of your
choice! (205) 726-2853**

BEST OF BIRMINGHAM \$10

SAT., SEP. 24TH, 2011 • 7:30 PM • BROCK HALL

Exceptionally talented young artists from the Birmingham area will perform. This includes some outstanding students from the Music Departments of The Alabama School of Fine Arts, UAB, Samford, Miles, and more.



BMC – YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT \$5

WED., OCT. 26TH, 2011 • 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM • WRIGHT CENTER

This is an educational and highly entertaining concert for school children, with an 18-piece ensemble, including horns and strings, led by Ronald Bourdages. This year's theme is *Maestro Goes To The Movies*.

WESTMORELAND PARLOR CONCERT \$25

SAT., NOV. 12TH, 2011 • 7:30 PM

This will be a parlor performance at the home of the Samford President, Andy Westmoreland. Joe Hopkins, Dean of the School of the Arts at Samford University will perform with his wife Suzanne and a string quartet. Attendance for this intimate setting is limited to 100.



BIRMINGHAM MUSIC CLUB GALA

SAT., FEB. 4TH, 2012 • BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB

Presented by The Birmingham Music Club Guild, to raise money for the BMC scholarship program and to support the BMC season. Includes dinner and an auction. Save the date - details to follow.

DAVID LOMELI \$25, \$20, \$10

SAT., MAR. 3RD, 2012 • WRIGHT CENTER • 7:30 PM

The high point of our season will feature a brilliant young up-and-coming tenor. A first-prize winner in Placido Domingo's 2006 Operalia, Mr. Lomeli promises to perform favorites such as *Ridi Pagliaccio* and *Cujus Animam*.



BRAVO! BIRMINGHAM \$45, \$35, \$25, \$10

FRI., MAY 4TH, 2012 • WRIGHT CENTER • 7:30 PM

Don't miss the second annual BRAVO! Birmingham which was a great success of 2011. Once again, the production spotlights Alabama artists who have achieved national and international recognition.

Membership Party and Installation of Officers



President Mary-Noel Sellers called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

President Mary-Noel Sellers thanked Rosemarie and Jerome Ippolito for hosting the Birmingham Music Club Guild in their home, Hospitality Chair Judy Anderson and her committee for providing the refreshments, and Vera Day and Sylvia Patrick for creating the floral arrangements. She recognized Membership Chairs Julie Russell and Lauren Hays for their part in planning the meeting. Fifty new members were proposed for membership and approximately twelve new members have attended today's meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting published in the Newsletter were approved. The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as corrected.

President Mary-Noel Sellers reviewed the notice of the Joint Meeting and the proposals to be considered which had been distributed to the members by electronic and U.S. mail. She gave the membership the background for the Articles of Incorporation of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club, Inc.

Eleanor Cheatham moved and Julie Russell seconded that the membership ratify, confirm, and approve the Articles of Incorporation of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club, Inc. A discussion followed. THE MOTION PASSED. Janis Zeanah moved and Kim Lepley seconded that the membership ratify, confirm, and approve the Bylaws of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club, Inc., a Nonprofit Corporation. THE MOTION PASSED. (26 in favor; 6 opposed.)

Kay Clark moved and Tina White seconded that the membership ratify, confirm, and approve The Conflict of Interest Policy of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club, Inc. THE MOTION PASSED. (26 in favor; 4 opposed)

President Mary-Noel Sellers introduced Linda Whitney who installed the Board of Directors. She introduced each new Board member by presenting her with a flower which each in turn placed in a vase to form a bouquet symbolizing the Board's work together for the next year.

Newly installed President Kay Clark introduced the new Executive Director of the Birmingham Music Club, Ron Bourdages. His goal is revitalizing the Birmingham Music Club and returning it to its former glory. He outlined the 2011-2012 season, which emphasizes the BMC's focus on education and youth programming, small, intimate venues, and a rising new star, and incorporates the Guild's fundraising and scholarship programs.

Membership Vice-President Julie Russell introduced the new members of the Guild. President Kay Clark welcomed the new members and thanked all of the new officers for saying yes. She reaffirmed that the Guild is in support of the Birmingham Music Club. She thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

President Kay Clark recognized Mary-Noel Sellers for all of her contributions in the past year: working to achieve 501(c)(3) status for the Guild, overseeing the development of the website, redesigning a logo for the Guild, and overseeing a successful Gala. She presented gifts from the Guild to Mary-Noel in appreciation of her service. In addition, she thanked Suzanne McCain for preparing the beautiful scrapbook record of the historic year.

Kay concluded the meeting by thanking hostess Rosemarie Ippolito, Hospitality Chair Judy Anderson, and Linda Whitney for a memorable installation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Ramsey, Recording Secretary

The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club

2011 - 2012 Calendar

Friday, September 23, 2011

Guild Coffee & Meeting

Coffee: 10:00 am Meeting & Program: 10:30 am
home of Mrs. Margaret Hubbard

2924 Surrey Road, Mountain Brook Phone: 870-8347

Program: Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Hopkins, vocalists with piano accompanist, Ms. Linda Little

Directions: From Mountain Brook Village - Montevallo Road, right on Canterbury Road, and right on Surrey Road. 2924 Surrey Road is on the right.

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Member-Sponsor Wine and Cheese Party

home of Mrs. Lochrane Coleman-Smith

3135 Pine Ridge Road, Mountain Brook Phone: 871-0094

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Directions: From Mountain Brook Village - Montevallo Road. Right on Overbrook. Left on Pine Ridge Road. 3135 Pine Ridge Road is on the right.

Friday, November 4, 2011

Guild Coffee & Meeting

Coffee: 10:00 am Meeting & Program: 10:30 am
home of Mrs. Beth Adams

3124 Pine Ridge Road, Mountain Brook Phone: 871-9570

Program: Ms. Layla Humphries, violinist

Directions: From Mountain Brook Village - Montevallo Road. Right on Overbrook. Left on Pine Ridge Road. 3124 Pine Ridge Road is on the left.

Friday, December 2, 2011

"Prelude to the Holidays" Party

Robert Hill Antiques

3029 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham Phone: 326-0088

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Directions: Take 280/31 (Red Mtn. Express) towards Birmingham. Exit at US 78/3rd-4th Avenue South, turn right onto 27th Street South, left onto 4th Avenue South, left onto 31st Street South, left onto 3rd Avenue South.

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Guild Evening Meeting

Social: 5:30 pm Meeting & Program: 6:00 pm

home of Ms. Deborah O'Connor

2810 First Avenue South, Birmingham Phone: 617-7357

Directions: Take 280/31 (Red Mtn. Express) towards Birmingham. Exit at US 78/3rd-4th Avenue South, turn left onto 27th Street South, right onto 2nd Avenue South, left onto 28th Street South, right onto 1st Avenue South. Across from the Alabama Ballet.

Friday, January 20, 2012

Guild Coffee & Meeting

Coffee: 10:00 am Meeting & Program: 10:30 am
home of Mrs. Joy Clark

13 Innisbrook Lane, Shoal Creek Phone: 995-8334

Directions: Highway 280 East. Left on Hugh Daniel Drive, left onto Dunnavant Valley Road (CR 41), right at Shoal Creek Gate (guard house with flagpole), right onto Innisbrook Lane. 13 Innisbrook Lane is on right.

Friday, March 30, 2012

Scholarship Competition at Birmingham-Southern College

Hill Recital Hall

Birmingham-Southern College

*The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club
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Friday, April 13, 2012

Spring Luncheon honoring Scholarship Winners

The Country Club of Birmingham, at the invitation of Mrs. Lochrane Coleman-Smith
Arrival: 11:00 am 11:30 am Luncheon

Friday, May 11, 2012

Guild Coffee & Meeting

Coffee: 10:00 am Meeting & Program: 10:30 am
home of Mrs. Sally Hawley
3308 Dell Road, Mountain Brook Phone: 879-1360
Program: New Members Coffee and Installation of Officers

Directions: From Mountain Brook, Highway 280 East, left onto Cherokee Road, left on Dell Road. 3308 Dell Road is on right.

Board of Directors' - Meeting Dates

The 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Emmet O'Neal Library Conference Room, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

2011 - September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, December-no meeting
2012 - January 17th, February 21st, March 20th, and April 17th



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As the holiday season approaches, we all look for something extra to do to participate in the spirit of giving to worthwhile causes.

Please consider a holiday gift of a donation in honor, or in memory of a special person. Your donation will benefit our Music Scholarship Program, and the Birmingham Music Club.

A card is sent by the Guild to the person or family you choose to honor, and your gift is tax deductible. Make holiday shopping a little easier, and consider a meaningful way to remember someone whose life has been significant to you.

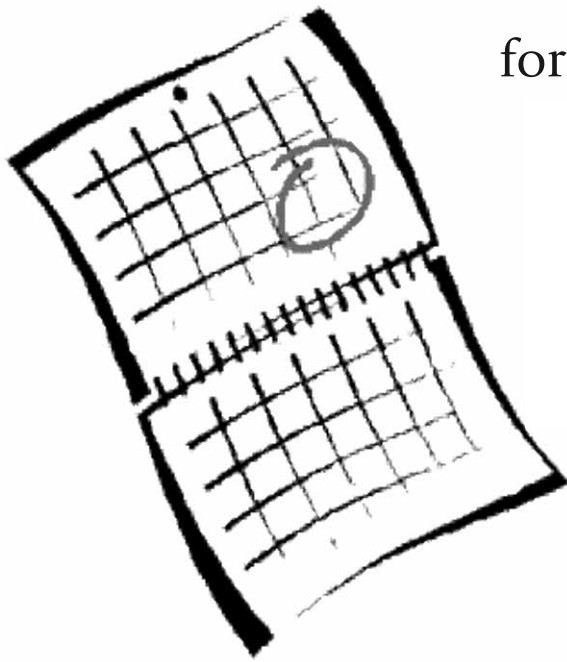
*Send information and your check to:
the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club.*

*Mail to our Treasurer, Tina White,
The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club,
P.O. Box 530323, Birmingham, AL 35253.*

For more information, contact Kay Clark, 802-7873.



SAVE THE DATE
for the Guild's annual fundraiser...



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Saturday, February 4, 2012
The Country Club of Birmingham

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