



THE GUILD

of The Birmingham Music Club

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Conductor's Podium: From Laura Bryan, President

Welcome New Members!

- Cindy Bowron
- Elizabeth Crommelin
- Nancy Davies
- Sharon Denton
- Lassie Hatley
- Gail Ledbetter
- Martha Mims
- Jocelyn Palmer
- Sarah Rich
- Amy Roberts
- Katie Sellers
- Susanne Thomas
- Ann Vrocher

If you have any member name or contact information changes, please send those to Lesley DeRamus, ldramus@bradley.com or (205)541-2687.

You may still sponsor new members! If you know someone who would like to join, please send Lesley DeRamus the name and contact information for that person and she will send an invitation and membership card.

Dear Guild Members:

I hope you've had a wonderful summer and are ready for exciting events in the upcoming year! I've enjoyed meeting with several committees this summer as they prepare for the exciting times ahead. Their enthusiasm and hard work promise a successful year for The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club.

Our first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, at the home of Mrs. Roberta Atkinson, 314 Shades Crest Road. Coffee will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the program and meeting at 10:30 a.m. Our program will feature Honney Kim, Concert Master, Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra.

On Oct. 18, 2018, Lochrane Coleman Smith will be host the New Member Wine and Cheese party at her home. The board members and sponsors of the new members are invited to this party and are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres and/or wine. The sponsors are asked to see that the new members come to this event honoring them. It is a lot of fun and a great way


for new members to get to know other members of the Guild. It is not too late to sponsor a new member!

Our next general meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Long, 2880 Balmoral Road. Our program will be Dr. Anthony Pattin, pianist, recording artist, performer, retired professor of piano, University of Montevallo.

Our annual Christmas Party, "Prelude to the Holidays" will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at the home of Mrs. Cornelia LaRus-sa, 2524 Canterbury Road. All members who attend are asked to bring either an hors d'oeuvres and/or a bottle of wine. This is always a wonderful party and a great way to begin the Christmas season.

On Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, our general meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Klyce, 3340 Hermitage Road. Our program will be a vocal performance by a member of the Red Mountain Theatre Company.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, Sept. 21, 2018

Coffee at 10 a.m., Program/Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Home of Mrs. Jim Atkinson (Roberta), 314 Shades Crest Road, 35226
(205)822-5622, (205)902-5503
Program: Honney Kim, Concert Master Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018

New Member Wine & Cheese Party
**Call Lochrane Coleman Smith for details: (205)871-0094, (205)326-3482 x123

Friday, Nov. 16, 2018

Coffee at 10 a.m. Program/Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Home of Mrs. Thad G. Long (Carolyn), 2880 Balmoral Road, 35223 (205)870-0171
Program: Dr. Anthony Pattin, Pianist, recording artist, performer, retired professor of piano, University of Montevallo

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018

"Prelude to the Holidays" Cocktail Party 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Home of Mrs. Joe LaRussa (Cornelia) 2524 Canterbury Road, 35223
Bring food and/or a bottle of wine to share - **Prospective members welcome**

Friday, Jan. 18, 2019

Coffee at 10 a.m. Program/Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Home of Mrs. Robert Klyce (Barbara) 3340 Hermitage Road, 35223
Program: Vocal performance by a member of the Red Mountain Theatre Co.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019

Winter Gala with Music, Dancing, Cocktails, and Dinner
Mountain Brook Club, 19 Beechwood Rd, 35213
Chairs: Cheree Carlton and Linda Cooper

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Scholarship Auditions
Hill Hall, Birmingham Southern College
Chair: Margery Whatley

Friday, April 5, 2019

Spring Luncheon: 11 a.m. Arrival, Luncheon & Program at 11:30 a.m.
Mountain Brook Club, 19 Beechwood Rd, 35213
Program: Performance by Scholarship Winners
Chair: Elizabeth Broughton

Friday, May 3, 2019

Coffee at 10 a.m. Program/Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Home of Mrs. Ted Miller (Kathy), 54 Cross Creek Drive, 35213
(205)879-9634, (205)913-2725
Program: Installation of Officers

In Sympathy

We express sympathy to members Pat Grant in the death of her young cousin, and to Mary Berryman in the death of her brother.

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Our Winter Gala will be on Saturday, Jan. 26 2019, at Mountain Brook Club. This will be an exciting evening filled with delicious food, a wonderful band and a special evening for everyone!

Scholarship Auditions will be on Saturday, Mar. 9, 2019, at Hill Hall, Birmingham Southern College.

Our Spring Luncheon will be held on April 5, 2019, at Mountain Brook Club, 19 Beechwood Road.

We will conclude our year with our membership coffee and installation of officers on Friday, May 3, 2019, at the home of Mrs. Kathy Miller, 54 Cross Creek Drive.

As you can see, our board members have been hard at work planning for a wonderful year. I hope you will all mark your calendars to enjoy the music, meet new friends and support music scholarships for students in our area.

Let's all join together to make this the best year ever!

- Laura Bryan



Let's Make Perfect Harmony

This year, The Guild will approach our fundraising efforts in a different way. There are generous Guild members, interested individuals and businesses statewide that would welcome the opportunity to give directly to promote music and education in Alabama.

A reminder of our history and our mission... The Guild's history is rich, stemming from The Birmingham Music Club (BMC), one of the oldest cultural organizations in the Southeast. Our roots are deep, dating back 113 years to 1905.

The Guild of The Birmingham Music Club was organized in 1988...

"To foster appreciation of music and the performing arts."

Incorporated on May 13, 2011, the Guild funds and administers an annual Music Scholarship competition for young musicians who attend an institution of higher learning in the State of Alabama. This Scholarship program founded by BMC has been in existence since 1941. Through the years, the prestigious college music scholarship program has awarded more than \$600,000 for developing talent in our state.

FYI... Your annual membership dues pay the cost of running our organization. Funding for Scholarships has been raised primarily at The Gala and with the Silent Auction. This year, we will not have a Silent Auction but broaden our reach beyond this one evening.

As a Guild member, please consider the following in making your impact.

1. Contribute monetarily, directly to the scholarship fund.

2. Ask individuals and businesses in our community for monetary contributions.

3. If any businesses that you support prefer to contribute an item it will be included in a "mini" fundraising event. "Experience" items work well with our group (e.g. personal care services, dining out, get-away trips... mountain/beach/lakehouse, concert/museum tickets, group dinners/parties, cooking classes, etc.).

4. Provide names of prospects to the committee. We will gladly make any contact you refer.

We are requesting that all Guild members contact a minimum of 2 individuals and/or businesses.

YOU are The Guild. Our most valuable resource is your personal contact with prospective donors. Your time, energy, enthusiasm, commitment, and personal connection are the keys to success!

Tools...

In order to handle solicitations with the utmost professionalism, we have some tools available to use in your communications/presentations to businesses and individuals. These are available in electronic and/or paper form and include the following:

Solicitation letter, Donation Invoice/Receipt, IRS 501 (c) (3) tax exempt letter

You may request via email or phone: TheGuildBMC@gmail.com or Linda Cooper at (404)314-4000.

We ask that any contact to be made with businesses be communicated to Linda Cooper for tracking. We do not want to inundate anyone with multiple requests or duplicate effort.

The point...

**"Teamwork is vital.
One cannot make
harmony alone.
It takes the help
of others to make
beautiful music."**

- Kaitlyn Sleyster

Our future will be more beautiful and enjoyable as a result of supporting excellent music students in pursuit of a higher education. Please contact Linda Cooper with questions.

Thank you for your consideration and engagement. Now... Let's Make Perfect Harmony

- Linda Cooper

Recognition for Contributions

<http://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org/>;
Facebook page: The Guild of The Birmingham Music Club;
Monthly Newsletter, The Guided Note;
Annual Gala Program;
Spring Scholarship Luncheon Program.

Notes – Up to \$250

Chords - \$250 +

Melody - \$500 +

Music - \$1,000 +

Harmony - \$2,500 +



In Remembrance of Toula Fulford, Founding Organizer of The Guild

In 1988 Penelope Cunningham asked Toula and Jo Campbell, who worked in the Music Club office, to assist her in creating The Guild of The Birmingham Music Club. Along with these ladies, there are twelve other founding members listed in our Guild directory.

Toula died on July 6, 2018 at the age of 95. Her former husband was well known attorney, Cliff Fulford, and she is the mother of longtime Guild member, Mary Helen McCoy, also a founder, who lives in Memphis, Tenn. Mary Helen is known for her interior design skills and knowledge of antiques.

Toula was an outstanding opera singer who after winning the Miss Alabama contest in 1943 went on to win Miss Congeniality in the Miss America contest that year.

A native of Birmingham, Toula was always involved in music and music performance in our city and supported many cultural organizations with her fund raising skills, talent and love.

Toula was a longtime Music Club board member and for many years was the liaison between The Guild and Music Club. She was delightful to know, always smiling and very pleasant to be around.

The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club 2018-2019 Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers

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| President: | Laura Bryan, laurahbryan@gmail.com |
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Committee Chairs

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| Christmas Party: | Cheree Carlton, Erichere@bellsouth.net |
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General Meeting Minutes May 11, 2018

The General meeting of the Birmingham Music Club Guild was held at the home of Carmen Morrow, 3551 Kingshill Road on May 11, 2018. President Judy Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. She welcomed all new members. She introduced Pat Grant who presented the outgoing Board of Directors for 2017-18 with red roses for their service. She then installed the 2018-19 Board of Directors using red roses, a music theme and musical charms. She presented the gavel to Laura Bryan incoming President. Nancy Morrow stated that if you need to know if you have paid your dues, see her. The scrapbook and a gift were presented to outgoing President Judy Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

by: Roberta Atkinson, Recording Secretary