



# THE GUILD

## of The Birmingham Music Club

the official newsletter of the The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club  
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## Conductor's Podium: From Laura Bryan, President

Dear Guild Members:

The members of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club have had a wonderful and exciting fall with more fun to come!

Our first meeting was on September 21 at Roberta Atkinson's home. The program was Honney Kim, the incredible violinist who is the Concert Master of the Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Lochrane Coleman Smith hosted the New Member Wine and Cheese Party on October 18 at her home.

Our most recent meeting was on November 16 at Carolyn Long's home. Dr. Anthony Pattin, pianist, recording artist, performer, retired professor of piano at University of Montevallo presented a flawless performance. (See photos from this event on page 3.)

There are many exciting events planned for the coming months. Committees have been working tirelessly and have exciting plans for us!

Kick off the holidays with our "Prelude to the Holidays" cocktail

party to be held on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at the home of Mrs. Cornelia LaRussa, 2524 Canterbury Road in Birmingham. All members who attend are asked to bring 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.

Later in January, join us for our Annual Gala. Cheree Carlton and Linda Cooper have been working hard on plans for this wonderful event which will be held at Mountain Brook Club on Jan. 26, 2019. This celebration will take our fundraising efforts in a new direction. In lieu of the auction we have previously held at the Gala, this year we will simply celebrate the Guild with a delicious dinner and lively dance  
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happy  
holidays

"Prelude to the Holidays"

Cocktail Party

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018

7 - 9:30 p.m.

at the home of

Mrs. Joe LaRussa

2524 Canterbury Road

Birmingham AL 35223

Bring hors d'oeuvres and/or  
a bottle of wine to share.

Prospective members welcome.

# Celebrating Harmony

The Music Guild is celebrating...  
Your effort, generosity, and commitment to  
aspiring students, higher education and  
beautiful music.

## The Gala

Saturday evening,  
January 26, 2019 at 7 p.m.  
Mountain Brook Club

Dinner and Dancing  
with  
*Panama Jack and the Hangouts*

You'll receive your invitation and  
more information in the mail by the  
end of December.

Gala Chairs: Cheree Carlton and Linda Cooper

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band. This is a wonderful event to invite potential new members.

For all of our fundraising efforts this year we have embraced the theme of Harmony. The efforts of every one of us is needed. If each of us donates, we will raise funds for scholarships in perfect harmony.

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

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





# Photos from November General Membership Meeting



*Laura Bryan, Dr. Anthony Pattin and Barbara Klyce.*



*Roberta Atkinson, Elise Warren and Elaine Clark.*



*Elouise Williams, Jocelyn Palmer and Pat Grant.*



*Carolyn Long, Marsha Drennen, Cheree Carlton and Dr. Anthony Pattin.*



*Suzanne Thomas, Linda Cooper, Liz Warren, Margery Whatley and Nancy Canada.*

# Your Contributions Make A Difference

Music touches our lives in every way. It soothes, inspires, invigorates, teaches, shares, heals, unites. It takes mainstage or a backseat. It dominates or provides a backdrop. It's the cake...and the cherry on top!

It is personal and it is community. Music is timeless or a moment in time. It is versatile, classic or modern. It's for all moods. It's sunshine and it's rain. It's for all seasons. It's for all people. Music is a messenger. It's universal. It can bring change.

We can all agree that music has an impact. And, so can YOU.

Your donation will directly impact the development of outstanding potential. Potential that will expand the beauty and harmony in our future. Let's support, enjoy and celebrate beauty and music. Now... Let's Make Perfect Harmony

**Harmony is a beautiful composition, which requires more than one... note, chord, idea, effort.**

And, further your impact...

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

2. 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.).

3. Provide names of prospects to the committee. We will gladly make any contact you refer. Send prospects to TheGuildBMC@gmail.com or to Linda Cooper at (404)314-4000.

## To donate:

Pay online: <http://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org>  
Or, mail your check to: The Guild of The Birmingham Music Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 530323, Birmingham, AL 35253

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## General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2018

The regular general meeting of the Birmingham Music Club Guild met on November 15, 2018 at the home of Carolyn Long at 2880 Balmoral Road. President Laura Bryan called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She called on Kim Strickland who introduced Dr. Anthony Pattin who presented a wonderful piano program.

1st Vice President Cheree Carlton stated that the Christmas party would be at Cornelia LaRussa's home on December 7, 2018 at 7 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or wine. Eric Carlton will be playing and singing as guests arrive. The invitations have already been mailed and everyone should have them.

Ron Bourdage from the Music Guild stated that season tickets reservations are being taken now. He introduced Ann Vrocher who passed out flyers for the season.

Margery Whatley spoke about scholarships.

The minutes were approved as read.

Cheree Carlton and Linda Cooper reported on the Gala. It will be January 26 at Mountain Brook Club with a benefactor reception from 6-7 pm and the Gala following. It will be a celebration with no silent auction. The band will be Panama Jack and the Hangouts. The invitations will be mailed the end of December. The theme is Celebrating Harmony. Fundraising for scholarships will be a separate thing and the Gala will be a celebration of our success. Please consider making a contribution to scholarships. If you know of a business that might donate please let Linda know.

Laura Bryan thanked Carolyn Long for hosting and Angie Holder for procuring the food and thanked those who brought it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

*by: Roberta Atkinson, Recording Secretary*



# 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 Sympathy

We express sympathy to the following members in the loss of loved ones:

- Nancy Davis in the death of her father
- Marsha Drennen in the death of her father
- Shirley Evans in the death of her sister-in-law.
- Judy Jackson on the death of her husband, Gary

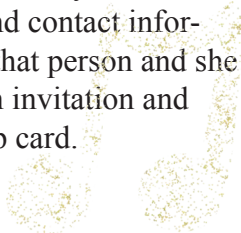
In addition, we note with sadness the passing of former member Dale Evans Riley, and past Guild president Martha Schoel, who served as president 2006-2007.

## Welcome New Members!

- Anna Williams
- Enslin Crowe
- Jennifer Smith
- Beth Morrison

If you have any member name or contact information changes, please send those to Lesley DeRamus, lderamus@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.



# Calendar of Events

## 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



# The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club

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