



THE GUILD

of The Birmingham Music Club

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Conductor's Podium: From Laura Bryan, President

Dear Guild Members:

We've had many wonderful events since our last newsletter. I hope you were able to join us for some of these!

We had general meetings in November and in January. Thank you to Carolyn Long and Barbara Klyce for opening their beautiful homes to host these meetings. We enjoyed two incredible programs planned by Kim Strickland: pianist Anthony Pattin and vocal performances by Neal Hunter Hyde and Haley Holmes of The Red Mountain Theatre Company. Everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments at these meetings. Thank you to our Hospitality Committee chairman, Angie Holder, and her committee.

Our annual Prelude to the Holidays Party was held on December 7. This year's festive event was hosted by Cornelia LaRussa.

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Spring Meeting & Scholarship Luncheon Set for April 5

Join us as we recognize exceptional and aspiring musicians at our Spring Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon, to be held on Friday, April 5, at Mountain Brook Club.

We will recognize recipients of the esteemed scholarships our organization awards and also will enjoy performances from many of these talented musicians. Our Scholarship Luncheon is a fun event for our membership and is a wonderful opportunity to invite others who may be interested in being a part of our Guild. Invitations have been mailed to members. If you have misplaced yours, simply send a note and check for \$40 per person to: Elizabeth Broughton, 4229 Old Brook Trail, Birmingham, AL. 35243. Make checks payable to The Guild.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Elizabeth Broughton at elizabethjbroughton@icloud.com or (205)410-3969.

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Please Join Us For The
Annual Spring Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon

Friday, April 5th
Mountain Brook Club
11 a.m. Arrival 11:30 a.m. Luncheon

Mountain Brook Club
19 Beechwood Road
Mountain Brook AL 35213

Door prize drawings for attendees.

2019 Scholarship Auditions

The 2019 Birmingham Music Club Guild Scholarship Auditions were held on Saturday, March 9 at Birmingham-Southern College. A total of 36 students entered the competition from eight different Alabama Colleges and Universities, including:

- Auburn University,
- Birmingham-Southern College
- University of Alabama
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- University of Mobile
- University of Montevallo
- Samford University

Awards were given in three categories: Piano, Instrumental, and Voice. First Place winners received \$2,000, and Second Place winners, \$1,500.

In addition, the Walter Sechrist Best Performance Award was given for \$1,000 for the overall winner. The scholarship awards will be used during the 2019-2020 academic year toward music studies at their respective Alabama Universities.

Scholarship Winners for this year were:

Instrumental

First Place: Blake Adams, saxophone, student of Jonathan S. Noffsinger, University of Alabama

Second Place: Kaleigh McGee, clarinet, student of David Odom, Auburn University

Honorable Mention: J.T. Holdbrooks, bassoon, student of Jenny Mann, University of Alabama



Instrumental first place: Blake Adams, saxophone, University of Alabama; Piano first place and overall winner: Dina Kasman, University of Alabama - Birmingham; Voice first place: Abigayle Williams, University of Alabama.

Honorable Mention: Leah Warman, tuba, student of Jeremy Crawford, University of Alabama

Piano

First Place and Best Overall: Dina Kasman, student of Yakov Kasman, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Second Place: Weixiang Peng, student of Edisher Savitski, University of Alabama

Honorable Mention: Stephen Sheridan, student of Edisher Savitski, University of Alabama

Voice

First Place: Abigayle Williams, student of Susan Williams, University of Alabama

Second Place: Michaela Parker, student of Roderick George, University of Montevallo

Honorable Mention: Christopher Williams, student of Sharon Lawhon, Samford University

Notable Judges

We were pleased to have many fine judges for the competition. They include:

Instrumental Judges: Caroline Nordlund from Samford University

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Vocal winners with judges from left to right: Dr. Matthew Hoch -- judge from Auburn University; Michaela Parker, University of Montevallo, second place winner; Christopher Williams, Samford University, honorable mention; Abigayle Williams, University of Alabama, first place winner; Dr. Amalia (Maya) Osuga, judge from University of Alabama in Huntsville.



Scholarship Chair Margery Whatley and Dr. Anthony Pattin, Professor Emeritus from University of Montevallo, piano judge.



Scholarship Chair Margery Whatley, Guild Board President Laura Bryan, Guild members Amy Roberts and Elaine Clark.



Several volunteers from Birmingham Southern helped everything go smoothly. Shown are Angus Durham, Kianna Muse and Emily Kate Hayes.

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sity and Alabama School of Fine Arts and Dr. Robert Janssen from Alabama School of Fine Arts and Birmingham-Southern College

Piano Judges: Dr. Lucy DeSa from Alabama School of Fine Arts and Dr. Anthony Pattin, Professor Emeritus from University of Montevallo

Voice Judges: Dr. Matthew Hoch from Auburn University and Dr. Amalia (Maya) Osuga from University of Alabama in Huntsville

Scholarship Chair Margery Whatley would like to give special thanks to Guild members Laura Bryan, Elaine Clark, Lassie Hatley and Amy Roberts for volunteering

at the auditions, to Angie Holder who so generously provided the delicious lunches from Honey Baked Ham for our judges and volunteers, and to Guild members Laura Bryan, Elaine Clark, Sandy Eichelberger, Lassie Hatley, Powell Owens, Amy Roberts, and Katie Sellers for providing assorted snacks and drinks for everyone. No one left hungry! It was also most helpful and fun to have six students from BSC assisting throughout the day with registration and serving as pages. All-in-all – a successful day!

We look forward to hearing our first-place winners perform at the April 5 luncheon!

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Many thanks to Cheree Carlton for planning the wonderful party.

The Gala was a wonderful celebration of fundraising for our scholarships. The venue, the centerpieces, the food and the entertainment were all absolutely superb. The great success of this event was due to our Projects Committee led by Cheree Carlton and Linda Cooper. Thanks to both of them and all their committee members for working so hard to create such a special celebration.

Our Scholarship Competition was held March 9. Margery Whatley did a great job planning the competition. Thanks to all the members who worked that day and provided beverages, snacks and lunch for the judges, volunteers, and participants. Please make plans to attend our Spring Luncheon on April 5 where you will hear the first-place winners perform. Elizabeth Broughton has been busy planning the luncheon and it promises to be delightful!

I hope to see you all at the Spring Luncheon and again at the New Members Coffee on May 3 where the 2019-2020 officers will be installed. Please invite friends that you consider to be prospective members!

- Laura Bryan

Scholarships are central to our purpose!

Awarding scholarships to exceptional, aspiring talent is why The Guild exists! These winners will impact the future of quality, beautiful music in Birmingham and throughout our state.

Let's support music and education. Let's do more...TOGETHER.

All Guild Members, please give to the scholarship fund. Your donation will make a difference. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

To donate:

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P.O. Box 530323, Birmingham, AL 35253

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In Sympathy

Please join us in expressing sympathy to the family and friends of Guild member Roxanne Raley Given (Mrs. Samuel Perry Given, Jr.), who passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Also, we extend sympathy to Guild board members Lesley Deramus and Linda Cooper, on the deaths of Lesley's mother in law, Elizabeth "Betsy" Lanier Deramus, and Linda's brother, Jeff Houston.

We Welcome New Members!

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, 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 General Meeting Minutes January 18, 2019

The general meeting of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club met on January 18, 2019 at the home of Barbara Klyce, 3340 Hermitage Drive, Mountain Brook. The meeting was called to order by President Bryan at 10:30 am. She thanked Barbara for hosting us, Kim Strickland for procuring the house and entertainment and Angie Holder for providing refreshments. She then introduced Kim Strickland who called on our entertainment, Neal Hunter Hyde and Haley Holmes from Red Mountain Theatre, Inc. They gave a great program of Broadway Musical hits.

The minutes of the November meeting were published in the Guided Note and approved as sent out.

Laura asked members to introduce the guests they brought. Michele Rushing talked about the Gala on January 26 at Mountain Brook Club. It is not too late to get tickets. Linda Cooper is still taking donations toward the scholarships and will be doing so throughout the year. 100% of your donations to scholarships go to fund scholarships.

Birmingham Music Club's "Love at the Lyric" is February 24 at 2:30 pm and is going to be a vaudeville show featuring a lot of local talent. Season tickets are \$50 and include the first and last shows.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Roberta Atkinson
Recording Secretary

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