

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 Michelle Rushing, President

Dear Guild Members:

The Guild has had a busy Fall! The November 3 Cocktail Party at Nancy Canada's home was lots of fun. Thank you to Nancy, Beth Adams, and Mary-Noel Sellers for hosting such a fun event for our music scholarships. Then on November 8, Pat Grant hosted our General Membership Meeting at The Club. We enjoyed the beautiful view and listened to the Samford University String Quartet. Some of our lucky members even got copies of their new CD.

The Prelude to the Holidays Party is planned for Friday, December 6, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at ServisFirst Bank. Thank you to Elizabeth Broughton for hosting our party. ServisFirst Bank will provide the bar, so please bring an appetizer to share. Prospective members are welcomed to attend. I hope to see you there!

We will kick off the new year with a Membership Meeting on January 10 at Roberta Atkinson's home. Our program will be harpist, Abigail Workman. Thank you again to Kim Strickland for

arranging our excellent programs. Then on January 30, there will be a Party at Mom's Basement, benefiting our music scholarships. I can't wait for this party! It will probably remind me of some of my friends' basements in high school – paneled walls and shag carpet!

If you haven't had a chance to look at our website, please go to birminghammusicclubguild.org. Linda Cooper has done a wonderful job developing our website and

has plans for a member portal in the future. It includes our video that was produced last year. Click the "About" tab to find the video. It tells everything about the Birmingham Music Club Guild that a prospective member or donor would want to know.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season, and I hope to see you on December 6 at ServisFirst Bank.

- Michelle Rushing



Past Presidents of the Guild gathered for a luncheon at The Club on Oct. 24. A total of 13 past presidents attended, including, left to right, Pat Grant, Nancy Morrow, Kay Clark, Judy Anderson, Lochrane Coleman Smith, Elaine Clark, Judy Daniel, Cheree Carlton, Elouise Williams, Marsha Drennen, Carolyn Reich, Jeanne Bradford and Laura Bryan.

Love At The Lyric: Maestro Goes To Mardi Gras!

Time to get your season tickets! The best bargain in town at only \$50. First up is a great show at the Lyric Theater on Feb. 16th. We won't be having any horses singing, but we will be singing a couple of Louis Armstrong songs:

***Love At The Lyric:
Maestro Goes To Mardi Gras!***

Those of you who have been to our Young People's Concerts know how exciting they are, and it has been suggested that we make this year's concert available to the public which is exactly what we have done.

We've taken this year's Young People's Concert, changed it up a little to play for an older audience and still present all the excitement of the original. It is a lot of fun with a lot of great music and singing.

Also, this year we are doing The Red Mill by Victor Herbert as our Operetta. The funny story of 2 Americans in Holland, trying to get back to New York.

The story has mistaken identity, people in love with someone else, humor and great songs. All the elements of a classic operetta.

And then, for the Parlor Concert, (not included with the season ticket....limited to 88 seats!) we're presenting Choko Aiken, a great piano player from Japan. The 1st half will be classical music, and



Prelude to the Holidays!

The Guild of The Birmingham Music Club
Christmas Party

Friday, December 6, 2019
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

ServisFirst Bank
2500 Woodcrest Place

*Please bring an appetizer to share
ServisFirst Bank is hosting the bar
Prospective Members Welcomed*

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the 2nd half will be jazz. These concerts have turned into a really fun time with great music, and a wine and cheese party to boot.

To get your season tickets call 205-253-1313 or order online at bhammusicclub.org. See you at the concerts, and tell a friend!

**“All music is folk music. I ain’t
never heard a horse sing a song.”**

-- Louis Armstrong

November General Membership Meeting Showcases Samford University String Quartet

Members of The Guild were treated to a wonderful presentation by The Samford University String Quartet at the November General Meeting. Members of the quartet are Jeffrey and Angela Flaniken and Caroline and Samuel Nordlund, and are shown in the photo at right with meeting hostess Pat Grant.

They performed a program that included the Haydn String Quartet Opus 20 No. 2, Movements 1, 2, and 3, an arrangement of Gracious Spirit, and a lively rendition of The Orange Blossom Special.



A Fun Time at the November Cocktail Party at the Home of Nancy Canada!



Save the Date for Scholarship Fundraiser!

Thursday, January 30, 2020

5-7 p.m.

Mom's Basement

4411 3rd Avenue S. (Avondale)

Birmingham, Al 35222

Please join us as we continue to raise money for
our Scholarships.

Step back in time to a basement from the 70s.

Happy Hour, Pictures of Past Presidents, Snacks
and a special game for the Guild.

\$30 at the Door (includes 2 drinks).

Attendees can bring a framed retro picture
from your young years (prom, wedding, etc.)

RSVP Beth Adams (205)807-6420
to reserve your spot!

Potential new members are welcome!

November Membership Meeting Minutes

President Michelle Rushing called the meeting to order on Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at The Club. President Rushing introduced The Samford University String Quartet. Members of the quartet are Jeffrey and Angela Flaniken and Caroline and Samuel Nordlund.

They performed a program that included the Haydn String Quartet Opus 20 No. 2, Movements 1,2, and 3, an arrangement of Gracious Spirit, and a lively rendition of The Orange Blossom Special.

Following the program, President Rushing presided over a short business meeting. She thanked Pat Grant for hosting the meeting.

Minutes from the September 13, 2019 membership meeting were read and approved. Roberta Atkinson presented the Treasurer's Report. Ron Bourdages, Executive Director of the Birmingham Music Club, called everyone's attention to a Save the Date flyer listing the 2020 Season of the Music Club.

President Rushing reminded everyone about the Holiday Party Friday December 6, 6:00-8:00 at Servis 1st Bank. Servis 1st will provide the wine and members are asked to bring appetizers.

The next membership meeting will be Friday January 10, 2020 at Roberta Atkinson's home and there will be a party on January 30, 2020 at Mom's Basement in Avondale.

Marlene Bodden was introduced as a new member and it was announced that Suzanne Graham had recently lost her mother. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

-- Ellen Tucker
Recording Secretary

September Coffee and Membership Meeting Featured Korean Love Songs



Left to right Ron Bourdages, Won Cho, Kyoung Cho, Carolyn Violi, Margery Whatley.

The September Coffee and Membership Meeting was held at the home of Margery Whatley. Members enjoyed a program featuring Won Cho, Bass; Kyoung Cho, Soprano; and Carolyn Violi, piano. The performers delighted the membership with a selection of favorites including “The Prayer,” “Summertime,” “Some Enchanted Evening,” and “Old Man River.” Won Cho is an Associate Professor of Music at UAB, and Kyoung Cho is on the music faculty of the University of South Florida. Carolyn Violi is the Musical Director and Accompanist for the Department of Theatre at UAB.



Guild Meetings & Events

Friday, December 6, 2019

Holiday Party

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Place: Servis1st Bank
2500 Woodcrest Place, 35209
Hostess: Elizabeth Broughton
Program: Cocktails, Appetizers
Members bring appetizers; Interested, prospective members welcome

Friday, January 10, 2020

Guild Coffee and Membership Meeting

Time: 10 a.m. – Coffee
10:30 a.m. – Program/Meeting
Place: 314 Shades Crest Road, 35226
Hostess: Roberta Atkinson
Program: Abigail Workman, harpist

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Party at Mom's Basement Party

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Place: Mom's Basement
4411 3rd Avenue South, 35222
Chairmen: Beth Adams, Nancy Canada,
Mary-Noel Sellers
Program: Wine, Music and Fun

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Scholarship Auditions

Birmingham Southern College, Hill Hall

Friday, April 3, 2020

Spring Luncheon

Time: 11 a.m. Arrival
Luncheon and Program
Place: Mountain Brook Club
19 Beechwood Road, 35213
Chairmen: Michele Smith and Susanne Thomas
Program: Performance by Scholarship Winners

Friday, May 1, 2020

Guild Coffee and Officer Installation

Time: 10 a.m. – Coffee
10:30 a.m. – Program/Meeting
Place: 2524 Canterbury Road, 35223
Hostess: Cornelia LaRussa
Program: Installation of Officers

We exist to award scholarships!

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.

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In sympathy

We extend condolences to Guild member Suzanne Graham in the death of her mother.

The Guild of the Birmingham Music Club

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