

THE GUILD

of The Birmingham Music Club

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Conductor's Podium: From Michelle Rushing, President

Dear Guild Members,

December and January were busy and fun months for the Guild. Thanks to our Party Chair, Elizabeth Broughton, the Prelude to the Holidays Party at ServisFirst Bank was just beautiful. The January Membership Meeting, held at Roberta Atkinson's home, was well attended and everyone enjoyed hearing harpist, Abigail Workman. And then to cap off the month, the Mom's Basement party, hosted by Beth Adams, Nancy Canada, and Mary-Noel Sellers, was so much fun! This party was not only a fund raiser for our scholarships but also a great membership drive.

Our Scholarship Competition will be held at Birmingham Southern College on Saturday, March 7. Margery Whatley has been busy lining up an impressive list of judges for the competition. Their job is not an easy one, with the talented students that are competing.

We will then have the opportunity to hear the winners of the Scholarship Competition on Friday, April 3, at the Spring Lun-

cheon. Michele Smith and Susanne Thomas, Luncheon Chairs, will be sending invitations for the event. Our Spring Luncheon is the highlight of our year. Please make every effort to attend.

To cap off the year, our New Member Meeting and Officer Installation will be held on Friday, May 1, at the home of Cornelia LaRussa.

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Charla Mobley, Roberta Atkinson, harpist Abigail Workman and Michelle Rushing at the January General Meeting.

January General Meeting Photos



Linda Cooper, Kim Strickland and Eileen Widjanarko.



Cheree Carlton and Marsha Drennen.



Anna Williams, Ellen Tucker and Liz Warren.



Becky Keyes and Barbara Klyce.



Miriam Morris, Michele Smith and Linda Griggs.

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General Meeting

January 10, 2020

The general meeting of the Guild of the Birmingham Music Club was held on Friday January 10, 2020 at the home of Roberta Atkinson 314 Shades Crest Road. President Michelle Rushing called the meeting to order at 10:35 and thanked Roberta for hosting us. She then called on Kim Strickland who introduced harpist Abigail Acker Workman. Abigail briefly talked about her harp and her background and then played a selection of pieces ranging from classical to sacred. Abigail also answered a few questions from members.

Following the program, President Rushing presided at a business meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as distributed in the newsletter.

Roberta Atkinson gave the treasurer's report.

Ron Bourdages reminded members to purchase season tickets for the Birmingham Music Club 2020 season. The first concert Maestro Goes to Mardi Gras will be February 16, at the Lyric Theatre.

President Rushing told everyone about the party on January 30, 4:30-6:30 at Mom's Basement in Avondale. Tickets are \$30. Scholarship auditions will be March 7. She also reminded members of the Spring Luncheon, Friday April 3, at Mountain Brook Club and the Coffee on Friday May 1, at the home of Cornelia LaRussa.

The meeting was adjourned.

– Ellen Tucker
Recording Secretary

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If you have not contributed to the Scholarship Fund, there is still time. Either mail your check to the BMC Guild at Post Office Box 530323, Birmingham, AL 35253 or include your contribution with your Spring Luncheon reservation.

I look forward to seeing you on April 3!

– Michelle Rushing



Mark Your Calendar!

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

Booklets available for Guild Members on Music Club History, Scholarships

Interested in the history of the Music Club? A 32-page booklet is available on the website that gives a very interesting, comprehensive history. It was published in 2005, the year of its 100th anniversary.

Also, there is available a “Spotlight on Scholarships” which covers the 30-year history of The Guild. This will be available at the Scholarship Luncheon for anyone who does not have one.

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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