



THE GUILD

of The Birmingham Music Club

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Virtual Wine Tasting and Performances Set for Oct. 22

The Guild is excited about our first ever Virtual Wine Tasting featuring the Premier Virtual performance by our 2020 Scholarship Winners.

Join us on Thursday night, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom for a fun night of wine tasting followed by a virtual concert by the students!

Finch Fine wines is selecting a red and a white wine for us to sample. Our theme will be Italian. Finch will

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Conductor's Podium: From Linda Cooper, President

Dear Guild Members,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Guild year! It is my pleasure to serve this organization. And, even though this year is like none other, we can enjoy beautiful music, amazing talent, the connections we have with fellow members, and the accomplishment of collectively supporting aspiring talent in the state of Alabama. The reward for our effort is great.

The Board is committed to working hard for our members, adopting flexibility and creativity as the core of how we are proceeding. Although challenging, it's exciting that we have the technological resources to move The Guild forward. We want you alongside us!

What a privilege it is to promote music and education.

If you have not read the "Where They Are Now" articles

about Dawson Hull and Kim Strickland, former Guild Scholarship Recipients, find it on Facebook, Instagram or our website. Keep reading further. Sarah Rich has more to say on this!

Coming October 22, you'll FINALLY have the opportunity to hear from our incredibly talented 2020 Scholarship Recipients in a new and exciting venue that's perfectly safe and thoroughly enjoyable! You should have already received your evite. Click [HERE](#) for that link. For those who prefer mail delivery, be watching for your invitation. Susanne Thomas has creatively constructed a fun, informative social night! And, we are thrilled to see performances of the winners of our 2020 scholarship competition! More information follows.

Thanks to all who have paid dues. If you have not, it's not too late to make the directory but you must act quickly! You may join

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Social Media

“Where are they now?”

REALLY!!!

I'm on a mission to find them and I need your help! If you personally know past scholarship winners, would you please email me their names and contact info? I would love to feature as many scholarship alumni as I can in our new social media campaign, showing a variety of ages, universities, genders, and instruments. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Please remember to “like” and “follow” us on Facebook (@birminghammusicguild) and Instagram (@bmc_guild) and invite your friends to do the same.

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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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Virtual Wine Tasting

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lead our wine tasting, then we will sit back and enjoy our performance!

Ticket prices are \$30 for one bottle of red or one bottle of white. Or, try both for \$50! Options for two red or two white are also given. The last day to purchase a ticket is Friday, October 9.

To Purchase Tickets:

Go to our Website: <https://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org/> or mail check payable to:

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When you purchase a ticket, you will receive it in the mail by October 15. You will pick up your wine at Finch Fine Wines anytime Friday, October 16 thru Wednesday October 21 during their normal business hours. Present them your ticket and you will receive your wine. They have a parking space for drive up, contactless deliveries or you may go into their store.

Anyone needing assistance with pickup, please contact Susanne Thomas (sabtho@bellsouth.net, (205) 529-3013).

You will receive a Zoom link on Wednesday before the event. Log into the Zoom meeting at 6:30!

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for 2020-2021 via the website (<https://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org/donate/>) or mail your check to:

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We are open and ready to welcome new members that would enjoy music and friendship – the beauty, value and excellence of both! Please consider inviting friends, family and other acquaintances to check us out! For more information on membership, please contact Elise Warren, see our website, or find us on social media.

This year, we are moving forward virtually. Having the correct email on file is critical and the preferred method for communication! However, if you need information mailed to you, please let us know. We will also be working on an update to membership records. More to come on that!

The Membership Directory is coming soon. It will be posted to the website immediately upon completion. Those that paid for the printed copy will receive it in the mail around mid-October. The release is delayed to allow unpaid members to submit dues for inclusion in the directory.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

Friday, Nov. 6, 2020

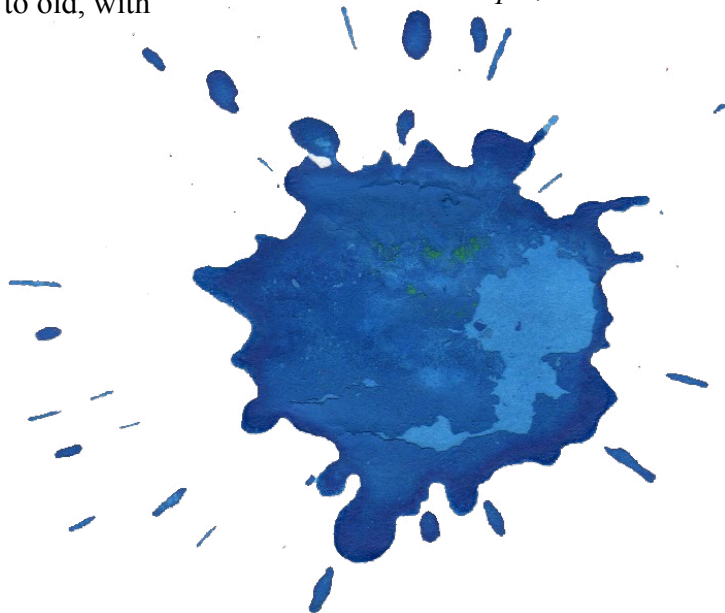
Friday, Jan. 8, 2021

As an organization, we have the opportunity to take a break from work, errands, a “To Do” list to spend a Friday morning enjoying amazing talent with our fellow members, our friends. When I joined The Guild ten years ago, I was working a consuming job, busy parenting a teenager, selling a house in Atlanta and looking for one in Birmingham. I was also my mother in law’s driver to her club events including The Guild’s membership meetings. My initial thought was ... I should be doing this, that or the other. Instead, I soon realized what a blessing to not only spend this time with her but to attend so many great performances by such an array of outstanding talent – students to professionals, young to old, with

varying instruments/skills/abilities. WOW. My time was well spent, never boring, never a regret. Instead, delightful and with the benefit of making precious new friends! And, as a bonus ... My daughter has developed an appreciation for our organization, the dedication and tenacity of talented musicians, and the beauty of classical music!

For those of you who attended our Membership Performance Meeting in September, I hope you enjoyed the fun and entertainment that Ray Reach provided us. I certainly did! It was so good to reconnect with all in attendance. Make note of the performance dates to come (November 6 and January 8). Kim Strickland has proven time and time again that she brings incredible talent for our listening pleasure! You don’t want to miss! The ZOOM meeting is truly one click away. And, you may catch the recorded performance via the website – Members’ Only portal. Check it out!

-- Linda Cooper, President



Spotlight on Scholarships Available To Members

Spotlight on Scholarships is an impressive recount of The Guild's central focus, the prestigious state-wide college scholarship program started by the Birmingham Music Club in 1941. It is available to all members personally and as a tool in recruiting new members and contributors.

The writer and editor, Janis Zeanah, created a beautiful resource. Her talent and commitment to The Guild has been that of perfection.

Spotlight on Scholarships was published April, 2019 with the excellent work and determination of our Historian, Jeanne Bradford. Jeanne recounts that many members were asking about the named scholarships awarded by The Guild each year. She set out to educate us. The result ... Spotlight on Scholarships, a great keepsake with interesting details. Every member of The Guild will know more than a few names mentioned in the booklet.

Of note is the story of the Stuart Mims Instrumental Scholarship. Stuart is a relative of our current president, Linda (Erick) Cooper and Guild member, Mary (Mims) Cooper.

Thank you, Janis and Jeanne, for creating a work of excellence, reminding us of our rich history and support of music and education in Alabama.

Visit <https://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org/about/> for these resources and to see the passion and commitment of The Guild when it comes to supporting music and education!

For a physical copy, contact Jeanne Bradford at (205)871-7739 or via email at jbbradford1230@yahoo.com, or Linda Cooper at (404)314-4000, or via email at theguildbmc@gmail.com.

Invite Fellow Music Supporters to Join us in The Guild!

Do you know any fellow Magic City residents who love music and are interested in supporting music education? We are always recruiting new members for The Guild! Send contact information for potential new members to membership@birminghammusicclubguild.org, or individuals can join at anytime at <https://www.birminghammusicclubguild.org/membership-registration/>.

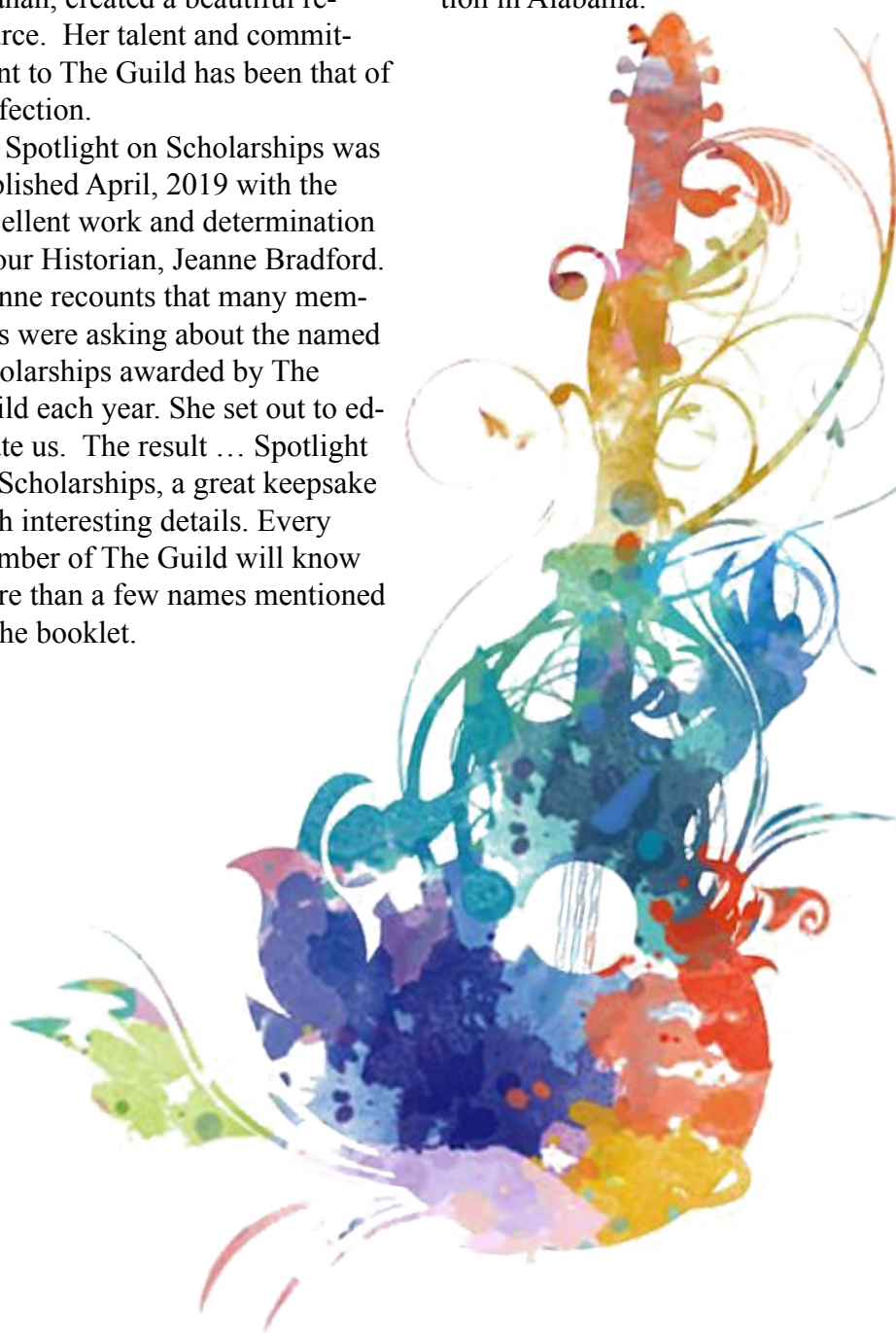
As a reminder, dues are \$50 per member. For a printed/mailed directory, add an additional \$5. Members always have the option of viewing/printing the directory from the website, free of charge.

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