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Conductor's Podium From Fran Howard, President

"The only love affair I have ever had was with music." Maurice Ravel

Dear Guild Members,

Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 Guild Year! It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your President. Over the summer the board and committee chairs have been working hard to plan an exciting year for us! I hope you will plan to support the Guild with your presence and participation in our meetings and events.

Our first Membership meeting is Friday September 15th at 11:00 am, Independent Presbyterian Church in Highland Hall. Peyton and Jackie Grant will be performing for us! TableScapes is coming again October 12th at Vestavia Country Club. Mark your calendars! Many of our gifted members are donating their time and talent to decorating beautiful tables for you and your guests. The Christmas party is scheduled for December 7th at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. If you have not paid your dues, please do so quickly! We want to make sure everyone is in the directory.

We have many new members. Please welcome them as you meet each one at our meetings and events. I look forward to seeing you all this year.

Warm Regards,

Fran Howard, President

FRAN HOWARD

Officers

President - Fran Howard

Executive VP-TBD

1st VP Project-Cheree Carlton

2nd VP Placement-Powell Owens

3rd VP Programs—Beth Elliott

4th VP –Locations-Beth Adams

5th VP Membership-Jeanne Bradford

6th VP Scholarship-Phyllis Pelham

Recording Secretary-Debbie Bennett

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Investment Trustees

Lesley DeRamus (2021-25), Mary Noel Sellers, Miriam Morris

Committees:

Addressing/mailing - Angie Holder

Audit-Linda Griggs

Bylaws-TBD

Christmas Party-TBA

Hospitality-Angie Holder, Debbie Bennett, Marlene Bodden

Marketing/Communications-Social Media-Sarah Rich

Website/Emails/Directory-Linda Cooper

Music Education-Pat Grant

Newsletter-Roberta Atkinson

Photography- Angie Holder

Publicity -TBD

Spring Luncheon-Cheree Carlton/Cindy Bowron

Calendar of Events

2023-24

September 15: General Meeting at 11:00 am

Location: Independent Presbyterian Church, Highland Hall

Program: Peyton & Jackie Grant

Light refreshments will be served.

November 17, 2023:General Meeting at 11:00 am

Location: Independent Presbyterian Church, Highland Hall

Program: TBD

December 7, 2023: Christmas Party

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

January: General Meeting

Location: TBD

May 21, 2024: Membership Coffee & Installation of Officers at 11:00 am

Location: TBD

Scholarship

March 9, 2024: Scholarship Competition at Birmingham Southern College April 5, 2024: Scholarship Luncheon at Birmingham Country Club at 11:00 am





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Social Media

"Where are they now?"

Sarah Rich has been on a mission to find past scholarship winners and she needs your help. I hope you have all been seeing them on facebook, Instagram or the website. Please remember to like and share our facebook page (@birminghammusicguild) so your friends can find it.

Sarah Rich, Social Media