

A Letter from the President

October 1, 2009

Dear Fellow WMC Members,

We have gotten off to a great start in the 2009-10 Season. Our first program on September 19 was a tremendous success. Each and every performance was fabulous. Many thanks to all of you who played. Thanks, also, to all those behind the scenes who helped make the evening such a complete success. For our next program on October 24, we continue to ask that members bring an appetizer, fruit, or sweet for the reception.

Members received their yearbooks after the first concert. We have many yearbooks left for members who were unable to attend. They will be available to you again at the next program. Please remember to pick up yours that evening or contact me to make other arrangements.

I want to personally invite all of you to the next program where my son, Sean, and I will perform two highly programmatic works from the 19th Century: Pictures at an Exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky (Sean) and Carnaval by Robert Schumann (me). I have truly enjoyed reworking Carnaval after not performing it for many years, and I look forward to sharing this dynamic work with you. I believe you will really enjoy Sean's performance of the Mussorgsky – it is an extremely colorful piece, and Sean's rendition brings the "Pictures" to life.

Here is a timeline of our upcoming events:

- **Saturday Evening Performance – Elaine Brady, pianist, and Sean Brady, pianist**
Saturday, October 24 7:00 p.m. St. Paul United Methodist Church
- **Student Recital – Sunday, November 22 2:00 p.m. St. Paul United Methodist Church**

Entries are due no later than November 7 to Grace Reid at gjandcbfamily@yahoo.com. Be sure to include first and last names of composer, title, name of performer, age, grade, and level of study. Entrance fee is \$7.50 (\$10 per family).

- **Saturdays at Five House Concert November 7 Home of Betty McCary**

Address: 1608 Ashford Place, Woodbridge, VA 22191. All members are invited to perform or simply attend and enjoy the music. This will be our American Music Celebration this year so please consider playing something that evening by an American Composer. Contact: DonnaBaldwin@comcast.net.

- **Saturday Evening Performance – Alan Chan, tenor**
Saturday, November 14 7:00 p.m. St. Paul United Methodist Church

Mr. Chan comes to us highly acclaimed. Be sure to mark your calendars.

More information for the Woodbridge Music Club:

- If you intend to take students to the NFMC Festival in February, you must federate your class. Forms for those who have sent students in the past have already been mailed out and are due no later than November 30. If you are a new member and would like to participate this year please contact Nathalie Steinbach at ymsfred@earthlink.net as soon as possible so you have time to receive the form and mail it back in. If you don't have a festival bulletin or if you have questions concerning the festival please contact Margaret Hunt at 703-368-8766 or VAfestivalfairy@cs.com. Margaret knows anything and everything there is to know about the NFMC Festival.
- A flyer concerning a LOGO Design Contest for Students K-12 will be coming soon. The Logo will be used for National Music Week the first week of May. The winner will receive a \$50 card from Music & Arts. Please encourage your students to enter.
- We are trying to pin down a date and time for our holiday dinner (or luncheon). We thought it might be nice to have a dinner with members and spouses this year. However, one of our options is a luncheon as we've done in the past. Please vote for one or other possibility by replying to me by email or phone message. We will try to arrange the holiday gathering for a time that meets the busy schedules of most of our members. Options are:
 1. Saturday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. – dinner with spouses
 2. Saturday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. – dinner with spouses
 3. Tuesday, December 8 at 11:30 – luncheon
- Remember to check the WMC web site frequently for information. If you haven't seen the results of the online web site survey, you can download it. While you're on the web site check out the wonderful collection of pictures from the last concert which were made into a video! This newsletter will appear on the web site for your easy access. The address is: www.WoodbridgeMusicClub.org.

Our club has grown this past year and, our membership is more diversified than ever. We have vocalists, pianists and organists, instrumentalists of all kinds, conductors and choir directors, composers and poets, and music lovers of all kinds. We want to continue to grow our club, and we need your help in doing that. Please spread the word and encourage others, musicians and non-musicians alike, to join our club. Invite them to our programs and tell them what our club is all about. Remember to refer to the web site for any information about our club.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and the October holiday – Halloween! Hope to see you on October 24.

Musically,
Elaine Brady, D.M.A.
President
Woodbridge Music Club