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Special Welcome to our New Members

- Lucy Cota
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Notes about Mozart:

Quotes on Mozart:

"If we cannot write with the beauty of Mozart, let us at least try to write with his purity." ~ Johannes Brahms,

"The marvelous beauty of his quartets and quintets, and of some of his sonatas, first converted me to this celestial genius, whom whence forth I worshipped." ~ Hector Berlioz, 1803 – 1869 French composer

"It is hard to think of another composer who so perfectly marries form and passion." ~ Leonard Bernstein

"Together with the puzzle, Mozart gives you the solution." ~ Ferruccio Busoni, 1866 –1924 Italian composer

"Mozart encompasses the entire domain of musical creation, but I've got only the keyboard in my poor head." ~ Frederic Chopin

In Concert Sunday, April 15

Jennifer Zuiff

2011 Scholarship Competition Winner



Join your fellow Mozart Atlanta members and bring neighbors, friends and colleagues to a free concert featuring soprano, Jennifer Zuiff, our 2011 scholarship winner. The event is 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta GA 30309, with a meet the artist reception following afterward.

As always, the concert is free and open to the public, though donations are accepted for our scholarship fund. Remember that your friends who join Pro-Mozart Atlanta at one of our concerts get an immediate 10% discount on their dues, regardless of the level at which they join.

As you may recall, the talented Ms. Zuiff is a graduate of Georgia State University (Bachelor's in vocal performance), where she studied with Magdalena Moulson. In addition to winning our scholarship, she also placed 2nd in the American Traditions Competition in March of 2010, has

performed as a staff singer at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, and performs frequently with the Capitol City Opera and Opera on Tap, Atlanta Chapter, and the Atlanta Chamber Singers.

"I continue to be amazed at the caliber of talent we see in our scholarship finalists and winners," says Mozart Atlanta President Herbert Buffington, "and I am grateful and heartened that our members and other supporters continue to make this generous, unprecedented scholarship available. To the many people who contribute – monetarily and otherwise – I am genuinely thankful for your help in fostering young talent and the appreciation of great music."

Pianist Benjamin Rollings, recently named the winner of Pro-Mozart Atlanta's 2012 scholarship competition, will be presented in a Pro-Mozart Atlanta concert in the spring of 2013.

Pro-Mozart Members & Friends Spring Fling Concert

Sunday, April 29 at 2:00pm



Randy Elkins, Organist



Herb Buffington, Organist



Edward Plott, Pianist



Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, Soprano

The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta annually celebrates the arrival of spring with the Members and Friends Spring Fling Concert. The Concert will be held at Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta GA 30309, with a meet-the-artists reception following afterward.

The "Spring Fling" concert will feature performances by members of the Pro-Mozart Society who are talented musicians and seasoned performers. The performances will include: Herb Buffington, President and Randy Elkins, Vice President for Programs performing a Mozart organ duet as well as solo performances by each artist. Member Edward Plott will perform pieces by Chopin and Liszt on the piano and member Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, Soprano will perform several operatic selections. The program will also include performances by musicians who are not members of the society.

The public is invited to the concert, as well as a meet-the-artist reception afterward. The concert and reception are free, though tax-deductible donations are welcomed, benefitting the scholarship fund.

Notes on Mozart



Taken from the book "Mozart's Women, His Family, His friends, His Music" by Jane Glover. Edited by Marilyn A. Dietrichs for Amadeus newsletter.

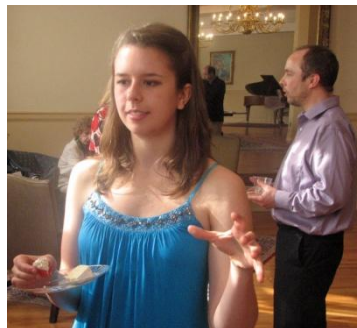
Wolfgang Mozart's parents were married in the Salzburg Cathedral on November 21, 1747. Leopold was 28 and Maria Ann Pertl was 27 years old. They moved into a small third floor apartment in Salzburg where Maria Anna went through a series of virtually annual pregnancies beginning immediately after her marriage. Between 1748 and January 1756 she bore 7 children, 5 of whom died in extreme infancy. The first 3 were born within two years. The summer of 1750, Maria Anna took a four day cure at Bad Gastein. Within a year, her next child was born – Nannerl, Mozart's only sister. Then two more children were born and died. On January 27, 1756, she gave birth (with dangerous difficulty) to her seventh and last child, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Very soon these parents realized that their two children, Nannerl and Wolfgang were extremely gifted.



Pro-Mozart in Review



Lance Solaroli and Kevin Pritchett with artist Fabio Parrini, pianist, at the meet the artist reception. Fabio Parrini is the father of Maria Parrini.



Maria Parrini cellist, age 14 also plays the piano. The Trio played to a standing ovation.



Kate Steinbeck providing insight on Aaron Copeland's Duo for Flute and Piano. She plays on a flute manufactured by her husband, Chris Abell of Abell Flute Company.



A Message from Our President

Greetings to all of our members and friends,

We have two fantastic concerts coming up to round out the season. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, soprano Jennifer Zuiff, Pro-Mozart Atlanta's 2011 scholarship winner, will be in concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Peachtree Christian Church. If you have not had an opportunity to hear and meet this talented young lady, this is your opportunity! And be sure to stay for the meet-the-artist reception afterward.

Two weeks later – on April 29 – will be our annual Members and Friends “Spring Fling” Concert, also at Peachtree Christian Church, at 2:00 p.m. We will be treated to outstanding performances by several Pro-Mozart members: Mary Ann Hill-Meehan (soprano) will sing works by Puccini as well as American and English Songs; Edward Plott (pianist) will play works by Liszt and Chopin; Randy Elkins and Herb Buffington (both organists) will perform music of Mozart for four-hands. Additionally, we may even have a special guest artist join in the fun! It definitely will be a most enjoyable afternoon of splendid music-making.

Our Annual Meeting and Picnic will be held on either June 3 or June 24. Details about this event will follow in the next several weeks – look for news in your May/June issue of AMADEUS and be sure to check our Website frequently (www.MozartAtlanta.com).

Where did the season go? More importantly, where will next season take us? As always, I would love your ideas and participation. Please call on me at any time to share your wishes for the Society, including any talents you can lend to make more great things happen!

Some time before the Annual Meeting and Picnic, we will debut the next phases of an enhanced Pro-Mozart Website. As you may know, last November we added a new feature to our Website which allowed members and friends to buy their Gala Noël tickets online through the Website.

The next stage of Website enhancements will add to this capability by giving members the option to renew and pay online (and non-members to join), and also will enable donations, ticket purchases and more – all online. Of course, members may still do things the way they have done in the past, if they prefer – nothing about that will change, and that will always be possible. But, we hope this new option will make it even more convenient to join or renew membership. Just think, no more having to print the form, fill it out, write a check, put everything in an envelope, mail it, and then wait for the VP of Finance to receive it and record your membership. Just go to our Website and a few clicks later, your information and payment have been transmitted to us, instantaneously. I hope you will give the new system a try as you renew your membership this August/September (dues year ends August 31).

And, I simply cannot mention these exciting Website changes without thanking two of our dedicated members for their pointed support on this initiative: Lance Solaroli, Vice President of Publicity, and Gene Sanders, Website Coordinator. I rely on them more than you know to ensure our Website is current and complete, and also to help ensure that the additions and enhancements are what our members want, need and expect. Thank you, Gentlemen.

Of course, my thanks go out to each of you who are a part of Pro-Mozart. We are an active group bringing great classical music to our community – and we have fun doing it!

Yours sincerely,

Herb Buffington,
President

More Pro-Mozart in Review



Charlesey Brown, Joy Sims, Sally White at the meet the artist reception



Herb Buffington and Pete Parsonson at the reception



Sally Parsonson and Sally White at the reception

April 15, 2012, Jennifer Zuiff, soprano, 2011 Scholarship Winner, 3:00pm, Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

April 29, 2012, Members and Friends, Spring Fling Concert, 2pm, Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

Annual Meeting and Picnic -- details to follow in May/June AMADEUS and on the Website (www.MozartAtlanta.com)

Browse our Website at www.MozartAtlanta.com to keep abreast of Pro-Mozart concerts and events.



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