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Special Welcome to our New Members

Roger and Brittany Marmol
Bart and Ying Wu
Jan and Catherine Lind
Yvonne and Sam Steger
Jeanne M. Henderson
Alexis M. LaSalle
Steve Morrisett
Louisa McFadden
Mary M. Luckie
Chris Syllaba
David Julian
Josephine Marto
Janet Dawson

Facts about Mozart – Did you know:

Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and Walter Scott were all alive during the time of Mozart.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart learned to speak 15 different languages.

He studied and admired the works of Bach, Handel and Haydn.

Mozart earned a substantial sum from his successful operas, but he was extravagant in spending and more often than not ended up in financial difficulties.

Holiday Gala

The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta's Scholarship Fundraiser

December 7, 2013

6:30 – 10:00PM

Cherokee Country Club

665 Hightower Trail, Atlanta, GA 30350



The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta celebrates its annual Scholarship Fundraising event this season at the Cherokee Country Club, 665 Hightower Trail, Atlanta, GA 30350. The black-tie-optional fundraising event which supports the organization's scholarship fund includes a sit-down dinner, a live concert and an exciting silent auction.

In addition to raising scholarship funds, this year's event will honor David White, Artistic Director and Conductor of the [Georgia Boy Choir](#) for his contributions to classical music. The Georgia Boy Choir will provide the evening's entertainment, singing songs of the season, including, of course, a little Mozart.

The Honorary Chair of Saturday's event is [The Woodruff Arts Center](#) represented by Virginia Hepner, its President & CEO. Plus, a Special Guest will be WABE's Lois Reitzes; [WABE](#) is, of course, Atlanta's NPR Station.

"We are excited to again gather for the Holiday Gala, with both long-time members and new friends," says Pro-Mozart Atlanta President Kevin Pritchett. "It's a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our unprecedented scholarship to the prominent Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria as well as honor people and organizations who contribute to our city, state and region's musical landscape. I am grateful that the Georgia Boy Choir's David White and the Woodruff Arts Center are allowing us to honor them in this small way. And to have a special guest like Lois Reitzes join us for the evening rounds things out so well."

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets for the gala through the Pro-Mozart secure online system. You do not have to be a Pro-Mozart member to purchase tickets or attend the event, however, you will be asked to register in order to complete a secure ticket purchase transaction. Member tickets are \$125 each and non-member tickets are \$145 each.

For offline tickets to the gala, further information or to donate a silent-auction item, please contact Pro-Mozart President Kevin Pritchett, 404-667-4700 or Kevin15120@aol.com.

Pro-Mozart in Review



Mary Ann Hill and Pianist, Gary Mensies



Everyone was enthralled with Gary Mensies' concert. Members speaking with Gary at the Meet the Artist Reception



Gary Mensies with Pro-Mozart President, Kevin Pritchett



Members and Friends at the reception for Gary Mensies, catered by Claire Hanson, Executive VP. Standing next to Claire are Gary and Holly Hadden



Above: Peter Wu, youngest fan of Gary Mensies with new member Mrs. Bart Wu and sister. Peter is a piano student of Kevin Pritchett.



Members and Friends enjoying the reception for Gary Mensies: Grace Sanders, Kevin Pritchett and Marilyn Dietrichs



Members and friends enjoying reception for Mitch Bush and Brink Bush



Pro-Mozart Past Presidents: Herb Buffington, Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, Kay Alvelda, Marilyn Dietrichs, President, Kevin Pritchett, Alice Oglesby and Fay Selvage



Pianist, Frank Mitchell Brink, Kevin Pritchett and Organist, Brink Bush. Below: Sally Parsonson, VP Membership and Pete Parsonson, VP Publicity



A Message from Our President



Greetings to all of our Special Members and Friends,

Colder weather has arrived, and it's time to bring out heavier clothing. And, speaking of clothing; a very exciting, special, festive, and formal HOLIDAY GALA is about to take place. The black-tie (optional) annual fundraiser to support our Scholarship Fund will be held at the prestigious Cherokee County Club, 665 Hightower Trail in Sandy Springs, Saturday evening December 7th from 6:30 until 10:00. We will enjoy a sit down dinner, songs of the season by the 32 voice Georgia Boy Choir, and look forward to honoring David White, Artistic Director and Conductor of his amazing choir.

In addition, we are extremely pleased to have The Woodruff Arts Center as our Honorary Chair this year to be represented by Virginia Hepner, its President and CEO. Lois Reitzes, from WABE's "Second Cup" will be our

special guest and have you ever heard a more charming voice!? What a treat we have in store for us, as we eagerly await this year's GALA NOEL. We hope to see you there!

Other upcoming events will be mentioned in this edition of our newsletter, one of which will be of particular importance. We honor and show appreciation to our PATRONS and EXECUTIVE BOARD with a special dinner party, and to celebrate Mozart's Birthday. This much anticipated evening will take place January 25, 2014, and will be hosted by Hugh James. Invitations will be sent out in early to mid January.

As 2013 is almost history, I wish to thank all of our Pro-Mozart members and friends for their interest and continued support of our wonderful society. I look forward to your being with us for our upcoming concerts and events, and our SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

I extend my best of wishes to you and your family for a BLESSED THANKSGIVING, ADVENT, AND CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Yours for great music,

Kevin Pritchett

Mozart Over Time – The Operas of Mozart Taken from the book *“What We Hear in Music”* by Anne Shaw Faulkner. Edited by Ingrid Hanson for Amadeus Newsletter.

Mozart was influenced by the Italian opera of the day, which he heard in the courts of Salzburg and Vienna. It was not until his visit to Paris in 1778 that he became acquainted with the reforms of Gluck and learned to know the true possibilities of the music drama. Mozart's early operas before this period are rarely given. His first great work after his return to Germany was “Idomeneo”, produced in 1781 and modeled after a French work on the same subject, but the music is, for the most part, purely Italian in form. There is one important point in this work which must be noted; for the first time the chorus becomes a part of the action on the stage and is no longer retained as a passive spectator to the scene. The orchestration of “Idomeneo” is superior to any previously found in opera.



Mozart's next opera, “The Elopement from Serail” was produced in 1782 and followed the old German form of his early works. With his famous work “The Marriage of Figaro” in 1786, Mozart shows his rarest dramatic genius as this charming comedy adapts itself wonderfully to the form of opera buffa which the composer chose as the medium of expression.

In his next work, “Don Giovanni”, produced in Prague in 1787, we find that the extremely complicated libretto has been so wonderfully adapted by Mozart that “Don Giovanni” will ever be regarded as one of the few immortal musical works in the old form of opera.

***** To be continued in the next issue of the Amadeus *****

The Pro-Mozart Society Up-Coming Events

December 7, 2013, 6:30 - 10:00 pm, Holiday Noel Scholarship Fundraiser Gala, Cherokee Country Club, 665 Hightower Trail, Atlanta, GA 30350

January 25, 2014, 6:30 pm, Patron's Circle Party, Saturday, Host: Hugh James, 3411 Nirmal Court, NE, Marietta, GA 30068
(For Patron's and Executive Board Members only)

February 9, 2014, 3:00 pm, Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist (Concert), Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

March 9, 2014, 2:00 pm, Scholarship Competition, Sunday, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 805 Mount Vernon Highway
Sandy Springs, GA 30327

April 13, 2014, 3:00 pm, Mark Hadden, and Tyler Walker, pianists (Joint Concert), 2013 Scholarship Winners, The Steinway Piano Galleries, 1600
Northeast Expressway, (Clairmont Access Road), Atlanta, GA 30329

May 4, 2014, 2:00 pm, Spring Fling Concert, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 805 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, GA 30327

May 18, 2014, 4:00 pm, Annual Meeting and Picnic, at the home of Sally Horntvedt

Special 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – to be announced



See you at the Holiday Gala!

Save the Date: Celebration of Mozart's 258th birthday

You will be invited to a very special event when you join or upgrade your membership at the **Patron** level or higher. The special event of **Mozart's Birthday Party** will be held January 25, 2014 at the home of Hugh James, 3411 Nirmal Court, NE, Marietta, GA 30068

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