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NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Deborah Hughes

Ann and Phiz Lemmon

Charles and Geanina Marto

Alan and Marcia Watt

Carolyn and Bruce Mitchell

ABOUT MOZART

- By the age of 6 he was writing his own compositions.
- He wrote his first opera, *Mitridate Re di Ponto*, in 1770 when he was only 14 years old.
- He married Constanze Weber in 1782. They had six children, but only two survived infancy.
- In April 1787, Ludwig van Beethoven, then aged 16, arrived in Vienna to get two weeks worth of musical lessons from Mozart.

Soon it will be time for us to celebrate the 259th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - one of the most prolific and influential composers of all time. And it is at this celebration that we take pleasure in thanking our Society's Patrons and leaders.

Pro-Mozart Society mem-



The young Mozart being presented to Empress Maria Theresa.

bers who have joined at the Patron level or above are invited to a festive dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Our host that evening will be Hugh James. Hugh shared his beautiful home with us for the Patrons' Circle Party last January, and we are so very fortunate and grateful that he has again agreed to host this much-anticipated annual event.

To join or upgrade your membership to one of the Patron levels, visit www.MozartAtlanta.com. You may join online or print the membership form and mail in your application. Patron level membership

begins at \$175 for individuals and \$220 for couples. The party will include a social time and a delicious dinner-buffet, followed by a musical program featuring, of course, the music of Mozart, as well as that of other classical composers. This special occasion honors both our patrons and leaders.

For further information about this January 24 event, contact Pro-Mozart Society president, Kevin Pritchett, at 404-667-4700 or visit us at www.MozartAtlanta.com. Like us on Facebook, too!

Please plan to join us as we celebrate Mozart's birthday and honor the leadership of our Society.

Patrons' Party to Feature Prominent Atlanta Musicians

This season's Patrons' Circle party will feature two prominent Atlanta musicians, Arietha Lockhart and Todd Skrabanek, in a program that will include oratorio and opera arias by Mozart and music of contemporary Atlanta composers (living in Atlanta or have lived here). Most of the works composed by Atlanta composers were either premiered by or dedicated to Ms. Lockhart.



Soprano, Arietha Lockhart is an active recitalist and concert singer and frequently performs oratorio masterworks and new works by contemporary American composers. She is a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Choruses, the Georgia Council for the Arts Touring Roster and serves as co-president of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of

Mu Phi Epsilon international Music Fraternity. Her long-time vocal instructor is Classical Singer magazine's 2005 Teacher of the Year, Elizabeth Nohe Colson.

To follow Ms. Lockhart's schedule, visit her website: www.ariethalockhart.com



Pianist, Todd Skrabanek has a Masters degree in piano performance and is a talented solo performer, collaborator and composer. He has been staff accompanist for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church.

Pro-Mozart in Review

MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS PARTY - OCTOBER 5, 2014



Janice Broadhurst, Luca Marinkovic, Jeaninne Morrison



Luca Marinkovic, Rex Simms



Charles Marto, Geanina Fidiles



Arlene Martinides, Linda Wickham



Kevin Pritchett, Jamie Clements



Lana Cavassa, Sally White (foreground)



Lucia Pulgram, Beverly Bradley

DANIEL COLE AND WILLIAM RANSOM - NOVEMBER 9, 2014



Daniel Cole, Kevin Pritchett, William Ransom



Sally White, Grace Sanders, Gwen Bentley



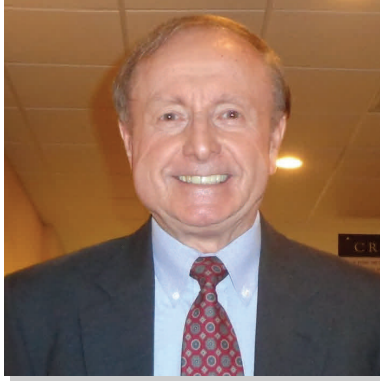
Mildred Cherry (right) and guests enjoy the post-concert reception



Gwen Bentley, Grace Sanders, Ann Bullard



Guests enjoy the post-concert reception



A Message from Our President

Warm New Year's Greetings to our Pro-Mozart Family,

I sincerely hope that you had a great Christmas with your loved ones and friends. Wonderful music was performed and heard throughout the Atlanta area, and I'm sure you were filled with joy as you experienced seasonal favorites.

In a letter to his sister in January of 1771, Wolfgang wrote: "Best-beloved Sister! It is long since I wrote because I have been busy with the opera. But now that I have time I will be more mindful of my duty. The opera, thanks be to God, pleases the public so that the theatre is full every evening, and everyone is astonished at it, and many say that they have seen no first opera so full as this one all the time that they have been in Milan. I and my Papa are well, God be praised and thanked, and I hope that I shall be able to tell Mama and you everything by word of mouth at Easter. *Addio! I kiss Mama's hand.* Yesterday the copyist was with us and told us that he is now copying my opera for the court of Lisbon. Meanwhile, farewell my dear Mademoiselle Sister. I have the honor to be, and to remain, from now to eternity, Your faithful brother"

Reading this reminded me of how blessed we are to be able to enjoy and appreciate the life and music of our beloved Mozart. His letter also expresses his tenderness to his family.

I wish for you, your family, and all of our faithful members a SAFE, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, and HAPPY NEW YEAR filled with great music! Please continue to attend all of our concerts and events (which are included in this newsletter and on our website). Patrons and Board Members, we look forward to seeing you at Hugh James' home January 24th, with special artists Arietha Lockhart, soprano, and Todd Skrabanek, pianist. If you are not a patron, there is still time to become one, and then you too, will be invited to this special event!

Thank you for an excellent 2014, and we anticipate an even better 2015...with your help and support. See you soon!

Yours for great music,

Kevin Pritchett

The Pro-Mozart Society 2015 Events

- January 24, 2015 (Saturday), 6:30 pm, Patron's Circle Party, Host: Hugh James, 3411 Nirmal Court, NE, Marietta, GA 30068
- February 8, 2015, 3:00 pm, Pan Harmoni (Trio): Kate Steinbeck, flutist, Karo Poorbaugh, violist, Fabio Parrini, pianist, St. John United Methodist Church, 550 Mount Paran Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
- March 8, 2015, 2:00 pm, Scholarship Competition, St. John United Methodist Church, 550 Mount Paran Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
- April 12, 2015, 3:00 pm, Tzu-Yi Chen, pianist (2014 Scholarship Winner), St. John United Methodist Church, 550 Mount Paran Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
- May 3, 2015, 2:00 pm, Spring Fling Concert (Members and Friends Concert), St. John United Methodist Church, 550 Mount Paran Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
- May 17, 2015, 3:30 - 6:00 pm, Annual Meeting and Picnic, Hostess: Sally Horntvedt, 320 Robin Hood Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

Deepest Sympathy

Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta members extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Fred Elarbee (BJ) who passed away recently; to Nancy Boyd Dickson in the loss of her father, The Reverend Harvey C. Boyd, who entered into eternal life on November 20th; and to the Chris Sarzen family in the sudden death of his wife Kathryn, on November 21st. Our thoughts and fervent prayers are with each of you.



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