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## Newsletter

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### Special Welcome to our New Members

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Sid Hetzler

### Facts about Mozart

Mozart was in his mid twenties and up to his neck in work when his (often pushy) father, Leopold, made a request. He asked Mozart to write a symphony for some festive occasion in the house of the "Mayor" of Salzburg - Siegmund Haffner.

The story goes that Mozart composed the work at top speed (remember, he was swamped!) - so fast, in fact, that he finished it, sent it off to Dad, and then promptly forgot all about it. And then, when the manuscript eventually was returned, he was stunned at how good the work was. Today we know it as Mozart's SYMPHONY #35, the Haffner Symphony. Just another day at work for the musical genius.

## Pro Mozart Scholarship Competition Event

The final round of the Pro-Mozart annual competition will be held Sunday at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 805 Mount Vernon Highway in Sandy Springs at 2pm. Five musicians with residency in Georgia excelled in the first round of competition and are now in the final competition for a \$4,000 scholarship to the acclaimed International Summer Academy Mozartem in Salzburg, Austria.

We thank the judges, Dr. Haydon who coordinates the piano faculty at Georgia State University where he teaches piano, piano literature, jazz history and jazz theory, Fyodor Cherniavsky, Music Director & Conductor of the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra, W. Dwight Coleman, director of the School of Music at Georgia State University and general director of Harrower Summer Opera Workshop, Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, currently an affiliate artist at Oglethorpe University and teaches in a private Studio, Dr. Joanna Kim, director of Keyboard Studies at the University of North Georgia, Gainesville campus and nationally certified teacher of music in piano performance for their time and expertise. We also thank members of The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta whose decisive support makes this annual competition possible.



Chelsea Davidson, an award winning actress and singer from Ringgold, Georgia, has performed in roles such as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady, Rhoda in White Christmas, Susanna in The Marriage of Figaro, Lucy in The Telephone, and the Witch in Hansel and Gretel. She has been a soloist for Mozart's Requiem, Haydn's Missa Brevis in F, Hops and Opera: a tribute to Grace Moore, Advent Now, Summit Pianos Concert Series, and for President Obama's Second Inauguration with the Lee University Festival Choir. She placed in finals for the National Association of Teachers of Singing's first National Musical Theater Competition and the National Jenny Lind

Competition. She received first place in the Junior Women Division at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional competition this past year. Currently pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance at Lee University, after graduation, Chelsea intends to study on the graduate level and pursue a career as a professional opera singer.



In 2006, pianist Tzu-yi Chen joined the ranks of some of history's greatest musicians when she received the Premier Prix upon graduation from the Paris Conservatory. Her recent awards include first prize in the Georgia Music Teachers Association upper college level (2013), first prize in the Atlanta Music Club Scholarship Competition (2012), first prize in the Columbus State University Schwob School of Music's concerto competition (2012), and fourth prize in the Darmstadt International Chopin Piano Competition (2009). She is currently staff pianist at the Schwob School, Piano and Violin Instructor in its Preparatory Division, and co-

founder of the International Friendship Ministries' Arts Academy. She holds two graduate degrees from the National Karlsruhe Music University and an Artist Diploma from CSU where she studied under Van Cliburn gold medalist Alexander Kobrin. Ms. Chen has been invited by Distinguished Concerts International New York to debut at Carnegie Hall in October 2014.



Minhye Park, born in Seoul, South Korea is currently a doctoral student studying violin performance under Levon Ambartsumian at University of Georgia. And she was a master student under Andrés Cárdenes at Carnegie Mellon University. Her performance experience includes playing with the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in April, 2012. She also premiered a new piece called "Vapor" by composer Cole Ingraham as part of the Carnegie Mellon University ensemble which collaborated with an ensemble from the University of South Florida remotely using internet technology. Her aspirations are sharing this great music with many people.



Hao Feng, is a senior at Emory University studying under Dr. William Ransom as a piano major, while also following a pre-med path. When Hao first began learning the piano, he was an inattentive young boy who did anything to be excused from practicing. However, as time passed, he became more and more aware of what listening to music and being able to play and interpret pieces in his own way meant to him. Discovering this has allowed Hao to mature and realize what he wished to pursue in life while always holding music close to his heart. In attending Emory University, he knew full well that he would not have as many opportunities for musical encouragement as perhaps a school in New York might have to offer, but knew he wanted to attend Emory University because of the many medical opportunities. Ultimately, he hopes to become an orthopedic surgeon, specializing in procedures involving the hands. However, his wish is to continue learning and performing music for as long as he “continues to breathe”. Through the many years of toil, music has become an essential part of him and to give it up is impossible.



Diane Turner, a native of McDonough GA, is currently a senior Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy double major at Shorter University in Rome, GA. She has studied under the direction of Dr. Jerico Vasquez for the past four years. In 2011 she was selected as the winner of the Rome Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. She is a recipient of scholarships from the Rome Music Lover’s Club, the Atlanta Steinway Society, and the Floride Dean Piano Scholarship Audition. Most recently she was selected as a concert recitalist and co-presenter for the 2013 GMTA state conference. In addition to her studies, Diane is the president of Shorter University’s collegiate MTNA chapter and regularly organizes fundraisers to send the chapter to the national conference in Chicago, IL. She teaches privately and accompanies solo musicians and musical theatre productions. She has served as pianist for such churches as 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Baptist Church and Rush Chapel United Methodist Church. Her heartfelt love of music has led her to pursue a Master of Piano Performance following her graduation in May of 2014.

## *Patrons’ Party - A Birthday Celebration!*

Hugh James hosted the 257<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in his beautiful home. This annual event, The Patrons’ Party, is an opportunity for “thank you” to those who so generously support The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta with donations, time and talent. Hugh, the perfect host, with the help of Kevin Pritchett, set exquisite dinner tables with flowers, linens and silver making for a memorable evening for all. Music was provided by global artists, Dr. Peter Marshall, pianist and Sarah Kapps, cellist receiving a standing ovation. This special occasion honors both patrons of the organization as well as our current and past leaders. We encourage you to become a Patron member and/or give of your time and talents as a board member.



Hugh James, host with  
Sarah Kapps, Cellist



Artists, Sarah Kapps, Cellist and Dr. Peter Marshall, Pianist



Hugh James, host and Kevin  
Pritchett, President



## *Pro-Mozart In Review - Peter Fletcher Concert*



## *Message from Our President*

Dear Pro-Mozart Family and Friends,

Warm greetings are in order after all the snow, sleet, and ice we experienced. What a nightmare our two storms were!! Hopefully, they are behind us, and I look forward to warmer weather very soon, as I'm sure you do as well.

We extend our sincere apologies to the many of you who arrived for Peter Fletcher's concert, but left once you saw there was no seating available or you could not hear. At least 175 would have attended if there had been space. We are especially sorry some of our long time members and supporters left because of the crowded and uncomfortable situation. Efforts are being made to secure different venues for next season so we don't anticipate a situation like this ever happening again.

An exciting Scholarship Competition is in store for us Sunday afternoon, March 9th beginning at 2:00, in Brensinger Hall at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church. We are holding the competition there (instead of the sanctuary) because of the problems with the Steinway piano normally used.

Without going into details about our finalist as each is highlighted in this edition of the Amadeus, I do encourage you not to miss the opportunity to listen to, witness each contestant, and find out who the winners are at our "Meet the Artist" reception. I say "winners", because at our last Executive Board Meeting, a motion was made by Rex Simms, Vice President of Scholarships, and approved to present a \$1,000 Encouragement Incentive Award to a finalist who does not win the \$4,000 scholarship. Our contestants are always amazingly talented and I'm glad I'm not a judge. They are ALL winners in my opinion, so we appreciate our judges, who decide for us.

Please view our up-coming events, and plan to be with us for each one. Our Special 50th Anniversary Celebration will be for members who will receive an invitation. Members must RSVP in order to be admitted.

I'm eager to see you at the competition!



Yours for great music,  
Kevin Pritchett

## ***The Pro-Mozart Society Up-Coming Events***

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

**April 13, 2014, 2:00 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, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**, 3:00 - 5:30 at the home of Ed and Judy Garland, 801 W. Paces Ferry Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA

**May 11, 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

**Don't miss the April 13<sup>th</sup> concert with our 2013 Scholarship Winners performing. Tyler Walker and Mark Hadden are sure to present an astounding performance following their studies at the International Summer Mozartem in Salzburg, Austria.**

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