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Jill Catullo  
Lynn Griley  
Jonathan Jarrell  
Melanie Mincemoyer  
Buzz Mincemoyer  
Madeleine Zimmermann (Max)

### Facts about Mozart:

 **Mozart's first musical composition**  
Mozart, widely regarded as a genius, only took roughly thirty minutes to learn his first musical composition which he played on January 24th 1861. He was not even five years old yet. As an adult, Mozart would compose music in his head during long, uncomfortable carriage rides and store it in his brain until he could write it down.

## *The McClellan - Shafer Trio Concert* *Saturday, November 5 at 5:00pm*

Our first official concert of the season features artists Sara Shaffer, soprano, D. Ray McClellan, clarinet, and Timothy Shafer Saturday, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex in Sandy Springs, 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, 404-705-4900.

These performers are amazing and you do not want to miss this event. Please note this concert will take place on a Saturday instead of Sunday.



Acclaimed for "a remarkable technique, tone and lyricism," clarinetist D. Ray McClellan is Associate Professor of Clarinet at The University of Georgia and a member of the Georgia Woodwind Quintet.

Twenty-three year old soprano Sarah Shafer from State College, PA, studies in the opera program at the Curtis Institute of Music with Joan Patenaude- Yarnell.



Timothy Shafer received the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Teacher of the Year Award for 1997. He teaches studio piano and coordinates the class piano and piano pedagogy programs at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Seating for the November concert is limited because members of the Benson Senior Center will be attending, too. On October 27, our president, Herb Huffington, will send a special registration email to the entire Pro-Mozart membership. When you receive it, please indicate whether you will attend or not and give us the total number of people in your party (including yourself). We need this extremely important information so that we may arrange adequate seating for the concert and prepare enough food for the meet-the-artists reception. Look for Herb's email on October 27; thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to it.

The event is free, but does require an RSVP. For further information visit [www.mozartatlanta.com](http://www.mozartatlanta.com) or call or email Herb Huffington, 678-488-3591, or [info@mozartatlanta.com](mailto:info@mozartatlanta.com).

## *A Message from Our President*



Greetings to all of our members and friends.

It is hard to believe that our 47th season is already underway! Our annual Members and Prospective Members Party, held at Brandon Hall School September 18 was a huge success. Attendance was really good, given that the Atlanta Music Club, the Steinway Society and The Pro-Mozart Society all scheduled their opening events on the same afternoon! Next year, we will do our part to see that this does not happen again!

Thank you, Randy Elkins (VP for Programs) for hosting us, and thank you to Jenny Ham (VP for Membership) for organizing a great party. And thank you to the other Board members who helped wherever needed, especially Shirley Ebert and Lance Solaroli who distributed brochures and calendars and welcomed and registered guests. Harpist Ellen Foster and flutist Kelly Via provided outstanding music for the event, and Chef Joseph of Brandon Hall School prepared a beautiful and delicious spread for the reception. If you were unable to be there, we missed you.

Welcome to new members joining at the party: Lynn Griley, Melanie Mincemoyer, Buzz Mincemoyer and Jill Catullo! I am happy to report that we have additional new members, and elsewhere in this edition of AMADEUS are the names of all members joining since the list published in the September AMADEUS. Again, welcome to all of you. We are so glad to have you with us.

October program was a lecture on the life and music of Mozart, given by Georgia State University Professor Dr. Lee Orr. Dr. Orr's presentation was both informative and entertaining and contained both musical examples and video. We had a great crowd that included 30 guests, many of whom knew about us through our Facebook Fan Page or by visiting our Website, so well maintained by member, Gene Sanders. It was exciting to see so many new faces and everyone had a great time. And thank you to new member Max Zimmermann, who will be providing food for our receptions. The food after the lecture was simply top-notch.

Our first official concert of the season will be on Saturday, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. (See a complete article about that event elsewhere in this issue of AMADEUS.). For now, two notes about the November 5 concert: It will take place on a Saturday instead of Sunday, and, because of space considerations, it will require a reservation: You'll receive an e-mail October 27; please respond to that e-mail to make your reservation.

If you haven't marked December 3rd on your calendar, you will want to do so. That's the day of our annual Gala Noel. This year we will return to historic Glenridge Hall in Sandy Springs. As you know, this is the primary fundraiser for the Pro-Mozart scholarship fund. And this year, we will present an award to Atlanta music luminaries Elizabeth Nohe Colson and Gregory Colson.

Elizabeth maintains one of Atlanta's premiere voice studios and was named by *Classical Singer* as the Best Voice Teacher in the United States in 2005. More than a handful of her students have gone on to win the

Metropolitan Opera competition and many have successful careers singing in opera houses around the globe. Her husband Greg recently retired from a 60+ year career as a church musician and was for two decades head of the music department at Georgia Tech. During his long and illustrious career he conducted more than 500 concerts of major works for choir and orchestra. I know you will want to be a part of this wonderful evening as we support our scholarship fund and honor these two extraordinary musicians who have done so much to help the careers of so many young musicians.

Look for your Gala Noel invitation in the mail soon.

Remember to share the good news about the terrific things taking place in YOUR Pro-Mozart Society. Reach out to others and bring a friend to concerts and encourage them to join!

Yours for great music,

Herb Buffington  
President

## 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.*

As a very young child, little Mozart had a phobia of trumpets. Merely to hold a trumpet in front of him was like aiming a loaded pistol at his heart. His father, wanting to cure him of his childish fear, told Herr Schachtner, a close friend of Herr Mozart, to blow his trumpet at Wolfgang. Upon hearing it, he grew pale and began to collapse. Had the trumpeter continued the child would have gone into a fit. As Mozart became an adult, he overcame his phobia; but his own adult writing for the instrument often reflects this early terror.



### *Save the Date* *Holiday Gala Noel at Glenridge Hall*

Our Holiday Gala benefiting the Scholarship Fund will be held Saturday, December 3, 6:30pm at the exquisite, historic Glenridge Hall, 598 Abernathy Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA, 30328, which is still home to a private family and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Glenridge Hall is a favorite of movie producers having been included in such familiar films as *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Remember the Titans* and *Stroke of Genius*, the story of Bobby Jones. There have also been television commercials and catalogue shoots including the 2005 Neiman Marcus Christmas Wish Book.

The evening will include musical entertainment, cocktails and dinner, and a silent auction. Bring your friends to this festive occasion which is the primary fundraiser for Pro-Mozart Atlanta's scholarship to the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Vienna.

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

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**, 5:00 pm, The McClellan-Shafer Trio, The Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multi-Purpose Complex, 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

**Saturday December 3, 2011**, 6:30pm, Holiday Gala and Silent Auction, Historic Glenridge Hall, 598 Abernathy Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA, 30328

**January 29, 2012**, 6:00pm, Patron's Circle (Mozart's Birthday Party), at the home of Mary Ann Hill-Meehan 1155 Lake Shore Overlook, Alpharetta, GA 30005

**February 12, 2012**, 2:00pm, Pro-Mozart Scholarship Competition, Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

**March 18, 2012**, The Parrini Trio, 3:00pm, Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

**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

**June 3, 2012**, Pro-Mozart Annual Meeting and Picnic, 5:00pm, Herb Buffington & Brian Freeman, 3434 Habersham Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

### **Special Celebration of Mozart's 256th 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 29, 2012 at the beautiful home of Mary Ann Hill-Meehan.

Browse our Website at [www.mozartatlanta.com](http://www.mozartatlanta.com) to keep abreast of Pro-Mozart concerts and events.



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