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A Mozart Thought ...

"If I could impress Mozart's inimitable works as deeply, and with that musical understanding and keen feeling with which I myself grasp and feel them, upon the soul of every music lover, especially those in high places, the nations would compete for the possession of such a jewel within their borders."

—Franz Joseph Haydn



GITTINGS

Pro-Mozart Society kicks off its Thirty-Seventh Season!

Please join us on Sunday, September 17, 2000 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. for our **Annual Members Reception**. This "kick-off" event provides members and potential members an opportunity to get together, renew friendships, and plan for a great season. For those of you who have received your renewal notice, this is a great time to renew "party style." If you are not due to renew yet, come and enjoy the fun anyway. If any member brings in a new member this year, prior to January 1, 2001, and we reach at least ten new members, we will honor the new members and their sponsors at a special festive gathering. So, please bring your friends and we'll

sign them up!

The reception will be held at the new home of Pro-Mozart's president, Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, 1155 Lake Shore Overlook, Alpharetta, Ga. It is a 15 to 20 minute ride from the center of Buckhead. Should you need a ride, please call one of our executive board members who will help arrange for carpooling. They are:

Ed White: 404.636.0372

Phil and Kay Alvelda:
404.352.1676

Kitty Anderson: 404.325.1229

Fay Selvage: 404.355.1945

Mike and Kathy Meivers:
770.476.1770

Please come and enjoy the refreshments, the music, the friendship, and bring a fellow music lover.

Directions: Route 400-N to Exit 10 (Old Milton Parkway). Exit right to next light, take a left on Morris Road. Right on Webb Bridge Road, 1.5 miles to Windward entrance, and left on Lake Windward Drive. Take a right on Clubhouse Drive, next right on Lake Shore Overlook. Go straight ahead, and on your right is 1155 Lake Shore Overlook. Enjoy the beauty of the Lake Windward!



The President's Corner by Mary Ann Hill-Meehan

The year promises to be a great one for Pro-Mozart! Summer is over, and it's time to settle in and enjoy the happenings around the great city of Atlanta. Pro-Mozart will offer you, once again, an exciting event each month. Our Concert Series will bring you the finest professional talent in a personal chamber-type of musical setting. The Scholarship Competi-

tion will provide listeners with the excitement and anticipation of observing who will next be off to Austria in 2001. The event is outstanding—seeing and hearing the varied talent—and selecting the winner. Talking about winners, be sure to see what the Mozarteum experience did for our year 2000 winner, Pamela Garner, clarinetist, when she performs for us in the spring time. Our gala

Scholarship benefit will be an event not to be missed! Please commence your Pro-Mozart activities by joining us at the Members' Reception at my home. Pro-Mozart will be the first party at my new home, and I would be honored if you would join us.

—Mary Ann Hill-Meehan
President

A Message from the Vice President of Membership ...



Edward F. Meehan

Members, whose renewals are due this fall, will receive their forms in the mail. Please bring it with you to the Members' Reception on September 17th, and renew with ease! Also, bring friends, and introduce them to Atlanta's best musical value. If you are unable to find your form, we have extras. Every member is invited to attend this social highlight. Prize for the best men's tie and lady's hat! Remember: renewing or upgrading as a Patron, or joining as a Patron, gets you a special invite to Mozart's birthday party, always a hit!



Please address comments to:

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~Publisher~
Lance G. Hill



CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 17, 2000

Members Reception. 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Home of Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, 1155 Lake Shore Overlook, Alpharetta, Georgia. All members are invited to attend. Fall renewals for membership. Bring friends to join! Refreshments, music, lake view, and friendship!

October-November, 2000

Fall concert. To be announced. Watch *Amadeus* for announcement.

December, 2000

Gala Noel Scholarship Event. Fundraiser to be held in a lovely large home in Atlanta. Music, buffet dinner, and silent auction. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund to sponsor a talented musician to study at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. This is a black tie event. Specific date will be announced later.

Friday, January 26, 2001

Patron's Party in celebration of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birthday anniversary. Music, food, an appreciation of Mozart, and we honor those members who have contributed to the Pro-Mozart Society by becoming a Patron. Black tie event. Invitations will be sent for this black tie event.

Saturday, February 17th, 2001

1:00 to 4:30 p.m. **Pro-Mozart Scholarship Finals**, Peachtree Presbyterian Kellett Chapel, 3434 Roswell Road, Atlanta (Buckhead). All members are urged to attend. The public is invited! A reception follows where the finalists can be met.

March, 2001

Spring concert. To be announced. Exciting details to follow.

April, 2001

Scholarship Competition Concert. Pamela Garner, clarinetist, and winner of our 2000 Scholarship Competition will present a recital following her summer session at the Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria.

May, 2001

Pro-Mozart's Fifth Annual Members' and Friends Concert. This has become one of the most popular concerts. The program includes operatic highlights, instrumental groups, classical and musical theatre selections. A must to attend!

June, 2001

The Annual Pro-Mozart General Meeting and Picnic. Elections of officers, and the grand finale to a busy musical year. Casual and friendly, it's a great time to share the lovely spring with fellow members and friends. Always a delightful, memorable time.



Executive Board Spotlight



Kay Alvelda

Kay Alvelda is one very fine lady, indeed. Pro-Mozart is delighted to have her join our executive board in this most important capacity. Kay was born in Macon, Georgia and grew up in Hendersonville, NC. Her formal education includes a BA in Spanish from Randolph-Macon Women's College, and an MBA from Emory University. She joined Coca-Cola in 1968, and advanced through the human resources area in international compensation and benefits for Latin America and Greater Europe. Preparing for her retirement, Kay took up the piano two years ago. She enjoys traveling, cooking, skiing, fitness, opera, the symphony, theater, movies, bridge, and more. Kay certainly will not find it difficult to fill up her time during her retirement. She is also married to our Vice President of Finance, Phil Alvelda. Together they are an unbeatable team—as both, executive board members, and as great people. Be sure to meet Kay and welcome her to our executive board.

About the Pro-Mozart Society Scholarship ...

The Pro-Mozart Society again offers a \$4000 scholarship to the winner of a competition for study at the Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria, Summer Session 2001. Those desiring an application should call Kay Alvelda at 404.352.1676 *very soon!* Deadline for applying, including a tape, photo, and résumé, is January 15, 2001. Applicants must be a resident of Georgia, or attend a Georgia school, and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Majoring on



MOZART

by Lance G. Hill

It is always interesting to delve into the lives of the great composers, particularly one of the most incredible of all time, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart [1756-1791]. When it came to the matter of money and finances, Mozart certainly was anything but a genius! He was plagued his entire life with financial matters, owing people money, over spending (imagine what he'd do with a credit card!), late bills, and never feeling he was receiving due compensation for his work. During the late 1780s, Mozart seems to have been at his lowest point financially. At this point, he had some of his finest compositions, such as his "Prague" symphony (No. 38), his third and fourth horn concertos, the piano concertos numbered 24, 25, and 26, and the operas *The Marriage of Figaro*, and *Don Giovanni*, just to name a few. Mozart was constantly begging people for money. The one person he could depend on was a fellow Mason, Johann Michael Puchberg. Here is a letter Mozart wrote to Puchberg from Vienna on May 17, 1790, in a most pleading manner:

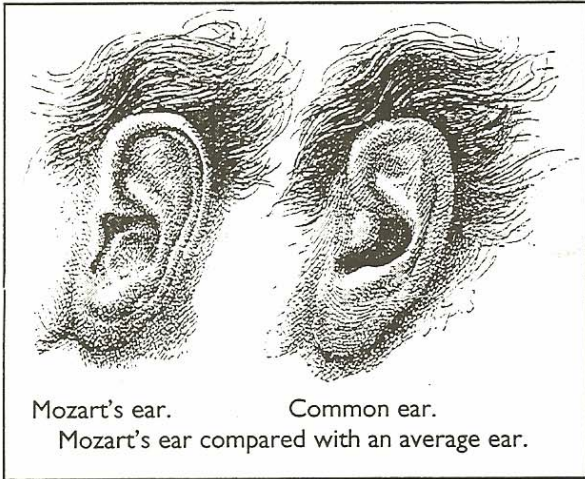
Dear friend and brother Mason ... I am at the moment so devoid of funds that I must beg you, dearest friend, in God's name, to support me with however much you can spare. If, as I hope, I get the other money in a week or two, I will immediately repay what you lend me now—as to what I have owed you for so long already, I must ask you to continue to be patient. If you only knew what grief and worry all this causes me ... Next Saturday I intend to perform my quartets at my home, and you and your wife are most cordially invited. Dearest, best friend and brother, please do not withdraw your friendship on account of my importunity, but stand by me. I rely wholly upon you and remain ever yours in deepest gratitude. —Mozart

P. S. I have two pupils at present and should like to increase the number to eight—please spread the word that I am willing to give lessons.

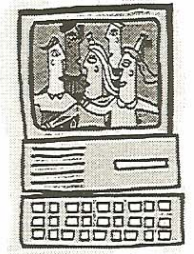
By July 6, 1791, the money situation was still not positive. Mozart must have been chastised by his wife, Constanze, expecting her to take care of *all* his financial matters. On that date, he writes to her: "I cannot remember writing to you that you should settle *all* my bills! How could I, a rational creature, have written that? But so it is—I must have done it without thinking ..."

"A prophet in his own time ..." as the adage goes, seems to apply here. If Mozart were alive today, and could receive his proper royalties ... life, at times, seems so unfair! ■

Mozart's "ear," an interesting observation!



Big News! We're on line!



Thanks to **Ed White**, our Executive Vice President, Pro-Mozart is on the Internet, accessible to all who are interested in Mozart. Ed did a superb job in creating, designing, and placing our site on the World Wide Web. Please take a moment to visit the website, aptly named **www.promozart.org** and what an exceptional job Ed did. You may even see yourself as you browse the various sections. Please inform your computer-literate friends about our site ... perhaps they will want to join Pro-Mozart! We are proud of this advancement and extend our heartfelt thanks to Ed for his excellent work.

Quotable Quotation:

"The sonatas of Mozart are unique; they are too easy for children, and too difficult for artists."

—Artur Schnabel, pianist



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