



Lansing Matinee Musicale News

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**ASCENSION LUTHERAN
CHURCH
2780 Haslett Rd,
1:00 p.m.**

Make sure you go to the correct place. The trip away was nice, now we are back where we have been for a couple of years, waiting to hear what the program committee has planned for us.

The program at Patrice's studio was a great chance to learn to dance. Unfortunately the weather intervened and not many people came. We'll try again next year with the promise of no snow or rain.

The February program will be special too. "Cicola-Ripke World Jazz". Will Cicola, and Dan Ripke are the leaders of this jazz group. The songs will be announced at the program.

Will Cicola has been playing saxophone and clarinet professionally for 15 years. He has performed with a variety of ensembles, orchestras, and chamber ensembles. He currently plays with the Indian ensemble, Sumkall.

Dan Ripke has been playing and teaching guitar for 23 years. His academic studies include classical guitar, music education, theory and composition. He owns the Ripke Studio for private guitar lessons and music studies in Brighton.

We have heard The Gracewood Singers before and it has always been a great treat. Bill Lakos and Monty Bieber are the conductors. This group has 12 men singing a wide variety of songs; it is always fun and refreshing to hear them.

The program will show the remarkable variety of musical styles though which love has been expressed over the centuries.

They will sing Songs of Love from all over the world, some of which are: "The Gift of Song", "Dream a Little Dream", "Shenandoah", "I know that one, "Sentimental Journey", and "We'll Meet Again", "As Time Goes By". Gee I know several of them.. This will be a very nice way to spend an afternoon, hearing all those familiar pieces.

Following the program you go greet and eat thanks to Marilyn Ellena, chairman of the tea committee for the day.

That's a big job to do and Liz Doyle, Pat Smith, (me), and Joan Wierzba will be her helpers. I promise not to eat all the cookies before you get there... maybe.

LMM SCHOLARSHIP TIME

Application deadline for all Performer's Awards February 19

This information is for parents, students and all of the teachers who will be reading this. Your teacher has the forms, and if not available, give Sunny Cirlin a call and she will see that you have one.

CHORAL ENSEMBLE MEETS

TUESDAY MORNING 9:30 a.m.

You may think they don't rehearse any more since they just sang for us, but they do. Maybe you should join them. It's a great group of Lansing Matinee Musicalers and they would welcome you.

For more information contact Rick Uren, 517-410-5408, conductor or Irma Hough, 484-2018.

STUDY CLUB WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20 2:00 P.M. BURCHAM HILLS

February 20 seems a long time away, but here it is only a few weeks away. This program will be the Gracewood Singers, a good chance to go hear them again. They are well worth it.

Who knows how all this got started?....going to Burcham Hills that is. If you do remember, please give me a call, so we can share that information.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE MARCH MEETING

IT'S SPECIAL

Make a really big effort to attend this meeting. It will be well worth it. We will be reviewing the history of LMM in 25 year segments.

A couple of our members have been very active in putting this program together.... none other than Penny and Bill Draper. When you see them, give them a big "thank you". This must have been a pile of work and taken much time and effort.

There has been a poetry contest going on in the area, organized by Bill Draper. The winner will be announced and will read the poem that received the award.

Not only that, a special work for the chorus has been commissioned for the 125th celebration. The piece, written by the director, Rick Uren will be premiered at the meeting. That is another reason to come. Also,,

We will be taught dance by PK our President Pianist, Verna Holley will combine a bit of Chopin and a hymn in her improvisational manner.

A real flute quartet, all flutes.

More music, soprano, Laura Stebbins will present entertaining vocal solos.

A flute quartet, but it's strings and a flute.

We can all sing in a "sing along" during the program as well, so no one catch any kind of a cold.

Bill Draper is preparing a power point with

excerpts from our past which will be played before the program and during the reception.

Stay for all of these, especially the haiku competition. The winners will also be on the program.

Joan Wierzba will give a brief history of different periods of LMM as we do the singalong.

There will be commentary from members of LMM who perhaps have been around, maybe not for 125 years, but could give us some thoughts about the history of the group, and when and where we have met.

The program leader for this big event is Sandy Hassen.

Carol Broughton is in charge of the reception so it will also be special.

PLAN TO GO.

Editor's Corner

This sounds like the best program in maybe 100 years. Imagine all the work it took to start a music club in the Lansing area, or any other area. I would guess that some ladies got together and decided that this was the thing to do, so they did it!

I have been a member for a long time and knew some of the members back then...nice people, all of them. The new members are nice too, in fact all of Matinee Musicale members are fine people and work hard for the club, for young musicians and the community. That's us!

See you soon

Pat Smith