

Membership Benefits

ANNUAL YEARBOOK

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- Calendar of events
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUES., SEPT 24, 2019,
10:30 a.m. *Pearl River Library - Community Room*

- Members are encouraged to attend
- Executive Board yearly reports

MEET AND GREET SUN., OCT 6, 2019, 3 p.m.
Rockland Conservatory of Music
45 S Main St Pearl River, NY FREE
"Afternoon at the Opera Champagne Reception"

Victor Khodadad, *tenor*, has performed leading tenor roles across the US including Alfredo, The Duke, Ferrando, Romèò, Don Ottavio and Nemorino and studied with legendary tenor Nicolai Gedda from 2006 to 2009. As a co-founder of New Camerata Opera, a charity organization based in NYC, he is currently involved in presenting stage productions, and online video operas for children and adults.

Kathleen Reveille, *mezzo-soprano*, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Mercyhurst University and a Master's degree from Yale University. Past performances include Maurya in "Riders to the Sea" and Miss Jesel in "The Turn of the Screw." In May 2018 she made her debut as the mezzo soloist in "Mozart's Requiem" with The Cecilia Chorus of New York at Carnegie Hall. Miss Reveille joined the Apprentice Singer Program with the Santa Fe Opera in 2018.

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MEET AND GREET (continued)

James Rensink, *piano*, is Artist-in-Residence, Storm King School, Cornwall and Music Director, First Reformed Church, Nyack. He has performed in all fifty US states and over 25 countries. Having performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, James is unique in performing at Lincoln Center as a leading baritone, pianist, composer and conductor.

FUNDRAISER APRIL 2020 Ticket price TBD

Venue TBD

"Souvenir" by Stephen Temperley (Broadway hit, 2012). A fantasy play depicting Florence Foster Jenkins, a socialite and amateur soprano who was mocked for her costumes and poor singing ability. Starring Barbara de Deo and guest. Hilarious fun!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUES, MAY 12, 2020, 10:30
a.m. *Pearl River Library Community Room*

- Open to all members
- Election of officers
- Budget adopted
- Concert Series presented

LUNCHEON TUES, JUNE 9, 2020 NOON
Rockland Country Club, Sparkill, NY

- Open to all members and guests
- Club history showcased
- Guest Artist: Jazz Ensemble

MMC CHORUS - Find your voice!

- Open to all members; no auditions required.
- Rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 am at Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church to prepare for the annual Holiday Concert. Their performance is repeated in the community as part of MMC's Outreach Program.



Established 1924

2019-2020

*"...to serve as a cultural, educational
and charitable organization..."*

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(calendar of music events in Rockland County)

Morning Music Club

The love of music inspired seven women musicians in January 1924 to form the Morning Music Club of Nyack, meeting and performing in spacious Nyack homes on Tuesday mornings. A chorus was quickly created and on April 24, 1924, the "Chorale" and talented members performed in a public concert to a capacity audience. Many successful concerts followed with various notable artists. This *tradition* continues today with Morning Music Club's outstanding Concert Series engaging world-class and local artists. Our title dropped "of Nyack" since we embrace ALL of Rockland County free of charge!

An Outreach Program initiated in 1926, furnished a nurses' room at Nyack Hospital, donated a piano to the First Reformed Church of Nyack and in 1943 provided USO programs for World War II servicemen at Camp Shanks in Orangeburg, NY. Recognizing the positive, therapeutic attributes of music, the *tradition* of Outreach thrives today with Morning Music Club (MMC) sponsoring over a dozen programs yearly for the young, the elderly and those mentally and physically challenged.

Scholarships for Rockland County High School seniors intending to continue their music studies in college or conservatory began in 1950 with an award of \$100 to the winner. Honoring this *tradition*, MMC has in recent years donated approximately \$11,000 annually showcasing three, five or seven aspiring young musicians in an evening recital. Current awards are \$2500, \$2000, and \$1500 for the three top awards.

MMC was recognized in its 70th year with both the County Executive's Arts Award and the County Legislature Award. This year in celebration of our 95th Anniversary MMC was recognized by the Rockland County Executive's Historic Preservation Merit Award, by County Executive Edwin J. Day; The Distinguished Service Award of the County of Rockland; Rockland County Proclamation declaring June 8, 2019, 'The Morning Music Club Day' by Honorable Toney L Earl, Chairman of the Legislature; Certificates of Merit from the Towns of Clarkstown and Ramapo by Supervisors George Hoehmann and Michael B Specht respectively, and Special Commendation from New York State Assembly by the Honorable Kenneth P. Zebrowski, all in recognition of MMC's dedicated preservation efforts to perpetuate the rich musical, cultural and historical heritage in the community of Rockland County and the Great State of New York.

We are very proud of our rich tradition of bringing fine music and the love of music into the lives of so many, and are most grateful for your support and generosity.

Concert Series 2019-2020

MMC features professional musicians from Rockland County and beyond offering a wide range of music. Concerts are generally held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am at Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church, 51 Sickletown Rd. Pearl River, NY unless otherwise noted. Concerts free, suggested donation of \$10.

FALL CONCERT - WILDERNESS QUARTET
TUES, NOV 12, 2019 10:30 am *Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church*

Rebecca Eckfeld, *violin/viola*, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music was a member of the Rochester, Oklahoma, Dallas, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestras and Ballet Companies. Currently she is a member of Opera Orchestra of NY, St. Thomas Orchestra and the Eckfeld Duo and maintains an active studio for violin and viola.

Carole Tilson, *cello*, a graduate of New England Conservatory with further studies at Peabody Institute. She was a member of Orquestra Sinfónica de Veracruz, Mexico. In NY she played with Queens Oratorio and Gilbert & Sullivan Societies and the Brooklyn and Hudson Valley Philharmonic Orchestras.

Steven Miller, *clarinet*, a graduate of the Juilliard School performed with the NY Gilbert and Sullivan Players and toured with the National company of Jesus Christ Superstar. Currently he serves as band director at Fieldstone Middle School in North Rockland.

William Eckfeld, *piano*, a graduate of Eastman School of Music and Lehman College studied composition with John Corigliano. He has composed numerous works for, soloists, orchestras and chamber groups. He served as a dedicated orchestra director at White Plains High School (1987-2013) Currently he is the organist at the Holy Trinity Church in New Rochelle and assistant conductor of the St. Thomas Orchestra.

Concert Series 2019-2020 (continued)

HOLIDAY CONCERT TUES, DEC 3, 2019
10:30 a.m. *Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church*

Morning Music Club Chorus, Melissa Manning, *director*, has conducted MMC Chorus for the past 9 years and serves as keyboard artist at the West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, NJ. **Martin Fisher**, *baritone*, sang with the NYC Opera, career highlights include performances at The Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

Reception to follow.

SPRING CONCERT - DUO RECITAL SUN.
MARCH 29, 2020 3:00 p.m. *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 112 N. Main St Pearl River, NY*

Diana Hughes (née VIKyung) *pianist*, has performed as soloist, chamber and orchestral pianist in South Korea, Spain, Canada and the US. Currently on the faculty at Montclair State University, and Bergen Community College, she also serves as Choir Master of the United Methodist Church, New City and pianist with Rockland Camerata.

Andrew Hughes, *viola*, currently on scholarship at the New England Conservatory of Music. As a member of the National Youth Orchestra, he toured 7 countries and performed at the Pacific Music Festival in Japan. In 2017 he was the winner of the Director's Award (NY Youth Chamber Program) and the Florence Reinauer Scholarship Award.

SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL Tues. May 26, 2020
7:00 p.m. *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 112 N Main Street Pearl River, NY*

MMC's annual Evening Scholarship Recital features Rockland County Scholarship winners followed by refreshments.

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