**Sponsorship**

Morning Music Club welcomes your support to continue honoring talented young students from Rockland County with scholarship awards. We also welcome your support for our outstanding Concert Series. Your contribution to MMC, a 501(c)(3) organization, is tax exempt and if received prior to April 30, 2025, will be noted in our annual May Scholarship Recital Program.

Select your level of giving, as listed below and mail this completed form with your donation to our Treasurer:

Bernice Rice Gerstein

4 Baltic Court

New City, New York 10956

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# **Concerts and Events**

# MMC features professional musicians from Rockland County and beyond offering a wide range of music. Concerts are free, with a suggested donation of $10.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **-** TUESDAY, SEPT 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m., *Valley Cottage Library,* Rt 303 Valley Cottage, N.Y. Members are encouraged to attend. Come and meet the executive board members. Annual Reports will be read.

**MEET AND GREET** - TUESDAY, SEPT 17, 2024, 11 a.m. *Valley Cottage Library,* Rt 303 Valley Cottage, N.Y.

**Jacquelyn Drechsler**, *flute*, local artist, teacher and performer. She has performed with small ensemble groups and is a member of the Rockland Symphony.

**James Rensink,** *piano,* has performed in all fifty US states and over 25 countries including at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center.

They will provide entertainment. Guests are welcome!

Noon - Light lunch will be served!



**FALL CONCERT** - SATURDAY, NOV, 2, 2024, 3:00 p.m., *New Hempstead Presbyterian Church*, 484 New Hempstead Rd, New City, N.Y.

**Albert Ahlf**, *piano,* was a MMC Scholarship winner continuing his education at Ithaca College and Suny Purchase. He has performed in jazz clubs and on Norwegian cruise ships.Albert continues to perform, educate, record and arrange music mostly within the styles of Swing, Jazz, Blues, Gospel, and occasionally Classical!

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**HOLIDAY CONCERT** - SUNDAY, DEC 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m., *Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church*, 51 Sickletown Rd, Pearl River, NY

**Ridgewood Choral** (Women In Song and Service Since 1928) a not-for-profit organization, will be our guest performers. Refreshments will follow.



**SPRING CONCERT** -SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025, 3:00 p.m. *Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church*, 51 Sickletown Rd, Pearl River, N.Y.

“Stand Partners Ensemble” with **Barbara Allen**, *harp*, **David Gould**, *clarinet*, and **Kathleen Nester**, *flute.* Barbara Allen has been performing with the American Ballet in New York City since 1990. David Gould plays clarinet and bass clarinet with the American Ballet. Kathleen Nester has been a member of the New Jersey Symphony for over 25 years. These three artists have performed with chamber groups and symphonies in prestigious concert halls.



**SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL** - SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025, 3 p.m. *New Hempstead Presbyterian Church*, 484 New Hempstead Rd, New City, N.Y.

MMC‘s annual Scholarship Recital features Rockland County Scholarship winners.



**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** -May, 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m. *New City Library,* 220 N Main St, New City, N.Y.

Slate of officers, budget, concert dates and artists for 2025-2026 will be presented.

**LUNCHEON** - June 10, 2025 Location to be determined.



 

*Established in 1924*

2024-2025

**Celebrating**

**100 Years!**

***Oldest Music Organization in Rockland County***

 *“…to serve as a cultural, educational and charitable organization…”*

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**Morning Music Club**

In January 1924, thelove of music inspired seven women musicians to form the Morning Music Club of Nyack. They met and had performances in spacious Nyack homes on Tuesday mornings. A chorus was quickly created and on April 24,1924, the “Chorale” with its 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”, simply calling ourselves Morning Music Club 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 performing for the public in a special recital.

Current scholarship awards are $2500, $2000, and $1500 for the three top awards. Many people have donated generously throughout the years and have even had scholarships given in honor or memory of loved ones. MMC is so appreciative of these donations.

MMC was recognized in its 70th year with both the County Executive's Arts Award and the County Legislature Award. 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 the 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 honors recognized MMC’s dedicated preservation efforts to perpetuate the rich musical, cultural, and historical heritage in the communities 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.

Visit our website at

[www.MorningMusicOfRockland.org](http://www.MorningMusicOfRockland.org)

**2022-2024 Achievements**

* Following our previous successful fundraising concert to benefit Ukraine, MMC produced a concert to benefit Soup Angels of Nyack and People to People of Rockland.
* Presented free concerts featuring world class artists to the community
* Awarded scholarships to 5 talented high school seniors ranging from $1000 to $2500 each
* Outreach had many visits at Nyack Ridge, Northern Riverview, Dowling Gardens, Tappan Zee Manor, and Thorpe Village.

 

This year we will continue to celebrate our 100th anniversary, making MMC the oldest music organization in Rockland County. In celebration MMC will present amazing concerts ending the year with a fabulous celebratory luncheon featuring our past scholarship winners that went on to have successful careers in music.



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FOR MORE COMPLETE BIOS ON ARTISTS PERFOMING THIS YEAR AND UP TO DATE CHANGES VISIT **www.MorningMusicOfRockland.org**

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#### orning Music Club’s main thrust is to support and promote fine music. MMC provides music lovers a venue to enjoy and appreciate professional musicians from Rockland County and the greater NYC area. Scholarships are awarded annually to Rockland County High School seniors to further their music education. MMC provides outreach to community charities by sponsoring local musicians to perform.

#### Be a part of an organization that makes a difference in our community. Join MMC by completing and mailing the application form below with $40 annual dues payable to: “Morning Music Club.”

MAIL TO:

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**MMC FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH OF FOLLOWING YEAR**

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