

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, 2026, 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 10956-7002

LEVELS OF DONATION

Composer	\$2,000+
Patron of the Arts	\$1,000+
Maestro	\$750+
Virtuoso.	\$500+
Conductor	\$350+
Orchestra	\$250+
Soloist	\$100+
Chorus.	\$50+
Audience	\$25+

Scholarship Series Amount: _____

Concert Series Amount \$ _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

NAME _____

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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 \$20 except where noted.

STARS COME OUT IN THE AFTERNOON - SUNDAY, SEPT 14, 2025, 3 p.m. The Angel, 18 S Broadway, Nyack, N.Y. Featuring Stars from the Metropolitan Opera and NY Philharmonic.

Admission: \$25, Under 18 - Free

Korliss Uecker Metropolitan Opera soprano
Jerry Grossman Principal cellist, Met Opera & PBS American All-Star Orchestras
Nancy Wu, Associate principal, Concert master - Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.
Kathleen Reveille, International mezzo soprano
Yulia Ziskel, Patron’s chair, Principal – NY Philharmonic
Benjamin Baron Nationally renown clarinetist
Scott Kuney Dean of American guitarists

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m., New City Library, New City, N.Y. Members are encouraged to attend. Annual Reports will be read.

FALL CONCERT - SATURDAY, NOV, 15, 2025, 3:00 p.m., New Hempstead Presbyterian Church, 484 New Hempstead Rd, New City, N.Y.

Ani Kalayjian, *cellist* has performed as soloist and chamber musician at Weill Recital Hall, Saugerties Pro-Musica, Montauk Music Festival and held a summer residency at Wellesley College. She received her B.A, from the Mannes College of Music under the tutelage of Timothy Eddy and her M.A. with distinction from the Royal Northern College of Music, England.
www.anikalayjian.com

HOLIDAY CONCERT - SATURDAY, DEC 6, 2025, 2:00 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 - SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026, 3:00 p.m., New Hempstead Presbyterian Church, 484 New Hempstead Rd, New City, N.Y.

Dr. Diana Hughes, *pianist*, Montclair University Faculty, **Bill Hughes**, *French horn*, Albany Symphony, **Yuri Hughes**, *violist*, Boston Symphony, **Christina Hughes**, *flute*, President’s Marine Band, **Tanner Antonetti**, *trombone*, Virginia Symphony, and **Jennifer Hughes**, *Broadway actor/singer*.

SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL - SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026, 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 - WEDNESDAY, MAY, 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. New City Library, 220 N Main St, New City, N.Y.

Slate of officers, budget, concert dates and artists for 2026-2027 will be presented.

LUNCHEON – June, 2026 Location to be determined.



Established in 1924

2025-2026

Celebrating
100 Plus Years!

Oldest Music Organization in Rockland County

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



Morning Music Club

In January 1924, the love 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 \$2,500, \$2,000, and \$1,500 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

2022-2025 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 4-5 talented high school seniors ranging from \$1000 to \$2500 each
- Outreach had many visits at Nyack Ridge, Northern Riverview, Dowling Gardens, Tappan Zee Manor, Meals on Wheels Centers, Thorpe Village, Dowling Gardens and more.



This year MMC, the oldest music organization in Rockland County will continue to present outstanding concerts, provide artists to perform for our outreach program and award scholarships to musically talented Rockland County High School seniors.



FOR MORE COMPLETE BIOS ON ARTISTS
PERFORMING THIS YEAR AND UP TO DATE
CHANGES VISIT
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Morning 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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4 Baltic Court
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MMC FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH OF FOLLOWING YEAR
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