



NEWSLETTER VANGUARD - ALBANY SYMPHONY, INC. APRIL 2016, NO. 152

36th Annual Vanguard Designer
SHOWHOUSE 2016



“A Celebration of a Spring Symphony”

13 Sage Estate, Menands, NY
May 3 – 22, 2016



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is always an exciting time for Vanguard. It is the season when we prepare for our Designer Showhouse, the mainstay of our fundraising for the Albany Symphony, and then offer it to visitors who come year after year. This year is especially exciting because of the impressive house we have been offered as the venue for Showhouse 2016. Since this edition of the Newsletter is full of information about plans for the Showhouse I will not add details here. I do, however, want to share with you the enthusiasm I feel for the house and its location in The Sage Estate and to encourage you to become part of this important effort.

In previous years Vanguard members and supporters have enjoyed greeting Showhouse visitors and helping with the activities in it that contribute to its income. If you haven't already volunteered to work this year I encourage you to contact the staffing coordinator Marilyn Hunter by phone at 279-9353 or by e-mail at mhunter@emmawillard.org.

Even if you are unable to work in the Showhouse, there is much you can do to contribute to its success. Before the Showhouse opens to the public you can show your support by attending the Preview Party on May 1, when you can view the house and then enjoy the catered party at the spacious house next door.

Above all, be sure to come to the Showhouse. Tell your friends about it and encourage them to come to get ideas for their own homes as they see how the designers have transformed the house. Plan to have lunch in the Showhouse café and to shop in the Boutique. As you enjoy these experiences you will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to Vanguard's support of the Albany Symphony.

The Showhouse is not the only occasion for supporting Vanguard and the ASO. If you are a Vanguard member we hope you will mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on June 23, when we will present our annual check to the Albany Symphony and elect officers for 2016-2017. If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to join. Information and membership forms are available at ASO concerts or by contacting Membership Chair Julia Smart at 765-3622 or by e-mail at jsmart1@nycap.rr.com. All your support of Vanguard and the Albany Symphony is much appreciated.

Ruth Cook

The gift of time is priceless.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 10-16, 2016

Vanguard has been working diligently on behalf of the Albany Symphony Orchestra for over 50 years to raise monies and give them support in any way needed. Back in 1963, Sue Yager Cook (our first President) and 49 other ladies started fundraising – the original goal for their efforts was \$1500! Today, over 200 volunteers – both ladies and gentlemen – have grouped together to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for our Grammy-winning orchestra. We now want to congratulate everyone and thank them for all the hard work and their dedication to this wonderful cause.

A fun fact: did you know that besides the benefits to society, scientific studies have shown that individuals who volunteer enjoy psychological and physical benefits, including increased satisfaction, improved sense of belonging, lower blood pressure, increased protection from Alzheimer's and decreased mortality. We have given you even more reasons to join Vanguard and give back to the orchestra! Please call Julia Smart, Chair of Membership, at 518-765-3622 or e-mail her at jsmart1@nycap.rr.com.



DESIGNERS AND ARTISTS

Best Fire – Morgan Stritsman

California Closets - Melissa Hatch and Joy Rafferty

Custom Design Associates - Mary Korzinski

Elizabeth Rae Interiors - Betsy Rae Mattice

Ethan Allen - Lynda Caccamo and Sam Norman

Jewels Interiors - Julianne Bendick

K.D. Ellis Interiors - Kristina Ellis

Min Studio - Jae Schalekamp

Pamela Quick - Pamela Quick

Paula McCormick Interior - Paula McCormick

Rae Rau PaintFx - Rae Rau

Starlily Design Studio - Stephanie Salway

Trojan Horse Antiques – Astri Bryce
with Kim Kronau, Architect

2B Design – Michele Ahl

GETTING THE
CRAFTSMAN LOOK:



JOIN US AT THE SHOWHOUSE CAFÉ!

While visiting the Showhouse, don't forget to join us for a delectable lunch at our café. This year we are thrilled to welcome back Libby Thomas from the 333 Café on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Libby has offered delicious lunch choices and has a long history with the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Libby's mom, Harriet Thomas, played viola with the Symphony for over 40 years and Libby grew up playing in the shadows as her mom performed and rehearsed. Harriet also served as personnel manager of the orchestra for many years. She currently teaches violin and viola at her private studio. Libby is delighted to be working with Vanguard again and we are just as delighted to have her share these delicious lunches with us. Lunches are \$13.00 and available Tuesday through Friday with seatings at 11:30am and 1:00pm. Reservations may be made by calling (518) 439-4634.



There are three choices each day:

- Cranberry Chicken Salad on a garlic herb wrap with a side of Pasta Salad
- Field Green Salad with Veggies, Black Bean and Corn Salsa and Cilantro Vinaigrette
- Braised Pork BBQ Wrap Sandwich with a side of Pasta Salad

A CELEBRATION OF A SPRING SYMPHONY

House has been selected ✓
Designers picked ✓
Sneak-a-Peek ✓

Now comes the hard work.....it is the designers turn; their talents will be transforming this beautiful home into a regal one, fitting the blue-print for Vanguard's 36th Annual SHOWHOUSE!

But there are other things necessary to make this 5,000 sq. ft. house in the exclusive gated community of Sage Estate into a fabulous home. Our volunteers will be house sitting the house to allow our Designers access, publicity, program book and flyers must be completed, the Preview Party arranged, the Boutique and Café organized and set up, and the list goes on and on. But it will all get done, it always does!

I take this opportunity to thank ALL our volunteers who are part of this huge endeavor. We all have said it before but it is so true....our fundraiser could NOT happen without each and every one of you. As Chair, I appreciate all you do; as a member of Vanguard, I am in awe of all the work you do; as a fan of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, I thank you for helping to raise much-needed funds to keep beautiful music alive in the Capital District!

Lynne Nisoff, Chair



SHOWHOUSE 2016

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO HELP!!

- Be a HOST/HOUSTESS and greet our visitors in various rooms of the home!
- Be a CHAIR OF THE DAY and organize about ten other volunteers during a shift or two. (Even better, involve your friends for a shift and share the fun!). Call me for details!
- Help serve lunch in the CAFE during the week!
- Help out in our delightful BOUTIQUE, a shopper's paradise!
- Sell RAFFLE tickets on site during our Showhouse hours!

ONE VERY IMPORTANT DETAIL: You MUST ATTEND a SHOWHOUSE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION either on Wednesday, April 27 OR Thursday April 28 at the Colonie Public Library.

I look forward to hearing from you AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so you won't miss out on this special opportunity to help!

MARILYN D HUNTER, Volunteer Coordinator
Questions? CALL ME at 279-9353 or 366-7697 (cell)!



SHOWHOUSE HOURS OF OPERATION

Mondays – Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday – 10:30 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday – 10:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday – 12 Noon to 5:00 pm

Admission \$18 (Watch for Coupons in the Times Union)

In all cases, last admittance is one hour before closing

Please check Vanguard's website – www.vanguard-aso.org – for directions

SPECIAL EVENTS

We are pleased to offer the following lectures and events FREE of charge with the price of admission.

Designer Days will be held on the following days:

Friday, May 6 – 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Saturday, May 14 – 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday, May 17 – 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Friday, May 13 – 2 pm

Outside In - Adding a natural touch to your home.

Denise Maurer, Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rensselaer County

Thursday, May 19 – 2 pm

Louis Bannister, Proprietor of The Enchanted Florist

Each Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm, piano students from the Empire State Youth Orchestra and The Music Studio will be performing on our baby grand for your listening enjoyment!

Please keep checking our website at www.vanguard-aso.org to find out about other exciting events that will take place during our SHOWHOUSE.

CAFÉ

Lunch will be served Tuesday thru Friday

Our very popular café will be catered again this year by 333 Café in Delmar.

To make reservations, please call (518) 439-4634



PREVIEW PARTY



This year's annual Showhouse Preview Party is scheduled for Sunday, May 1. Earlier in the day guests are invited to tour the Showhouse at 13 Sage Estate from 3 pm to 5 pm to get a first look at this magnificent home. The house does not open to the public until Tuesday, May 3.

The afternoon continues with a lovely catered event provided by The Old Daley Inn, a long time supporter of Vanguard, from 4:30 pm to 7 pm at the home of Elissa Campbell. The Preview Party house is conveniently located at 12 Sage Estate. Both of these homes are located in the gated community of Sage Estate in Menands, NY. Please note that parking for this event will be at the Sage Mansion; when you arrive at Sage Estate, just beyond the gates take the first left into the parking lot. There will be a shuttle that will drive you down to the Showhouse and Preview Party.

This event is a part of the major fundraiser for our Grammy-winning Albany Symphony. Please mark your calendar for this year's annual Showhouse Preview Party; formal invitations to be mailed in March. If you are interested in becoming a patron for the party which will include your name on the invitation, please contact Jean Fogarty at jfogart1@nycap.rr.com.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING ENJOYMENT

Evelyn Glennie in Dreammachine

Saturday, April 16, 2016, 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 17, 2016, 3:00 pm - Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

EVELYN GLENNIE, Percussion

RAVEL - Le Tombeau de Couperin

MICHAEL DAUGHERTY - Dreammachine

DEREK BERMEL - "Mar de Setembro"

HAYDN - Symphony No. 103 "Drumroll"



Evelyn Glennie

Mahler's Resurrection Symphony

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30 pm – Palace Theatre

ALBANY PRO MUSICA - Chorus

MAHLER - Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"



Gustav Mahler

American Music Festival: Dogs of Desire

Friday, June 10, 2016, 7:30 pm – EMPAC

The power of a rock band, the sophistication of a classical chamber orchestra: "Dogs of Desire" performs new works by America's best young composers, exploring all that is wild and wonderful in American Pop Culture, with dazzling multimedia works and freewheeling, fabulous creations and collaborations.

American Music Festival: Festival Concert

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 7:30 pm – EMPAC

TALISE TREVIGNE - Soprano

STEVEN STUCKY - Silent Spring

AARON JAY KERNIS - Simple Songs

JESSICA MONTGOMERY - New Work

LOREN LORIANO - New Work



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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS

If you'd like to donate a gently-used instrument or a monetary contribution to help defray the cost of repairs, please call Jill Rifkin at 439-1843.

Jill Rifkin, Chair

THINK SPRING CLEANING

Start poking around in your drawers, closets, attic and basement to find those wonderful items just lurking there you no longer need. Let's find "stuff" a new home for someone that might love to have it. Start thinking of items that are good, clean and appealing to someone else who would appreciate having them in their home. You will be making a wonderful donated contribution to the Vanguard's Designer Showhouse and its Encore Presentations (aka Attic Treasures) and you're welcome to ask us for a receipt. Please call Gloria VanDerpoel at 462-1004 for a time to drop off your special items.



Sneak-A-Peek for the 2016 Vanguard Showhouse was held on a lovely Sunday afternoon, February 28. There were over 70 guests enjoying home baked goodies, chips, dips and a vegetable tray prepared by Vanguard members. The visitors were very impressed with our beautiful residence and are now anxiously waiting to tour the finished SHOWHOUSE!

Tina Bosco, Chair



Our Guests and Committee enjoying Sneak-a-Peek

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who
lightens the burden of another.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
VANGUARD'S ANNUAL MEETING**

VANGUARD OFFICERS		
President	Ruth Cook	462-9464
Vice Presidents		
Administration	Jean Fogarty	438-4740
Development	Lynne Nisoff	482-9170
Designer Showhouse		
Education & Community	Peg Schalit	346-7234
Orchestra Support	Anne Brewster	269-4380
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
	Mary Rodriguez	495-4274
Corresponding Secretary	Joy Emery	584-0582
Treasurer	Reese Satin	767-3509
Assistant Treasurer	Stephen Corson	439-3286
Technology Administrator	Lucy Song	487-1331
Past President	Suzanne Waltz	489-5923

The 2016 Annual Meeting for will be at the Albany Country Club on Thursday, June 23 2016. Cash bar is at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. Please plan to come since at this meeting our officers for 2016-17 will be voted on, reports from all Committees will be given and our check from all our hard work will be presented to the Albany Symphony. Watch your mail for your formal invitation!

Bernice Allison & Cathie Horvath, Co-Chairs

VANGUARD/ASO SCHEDULE 2015-2016 SEASON		
Tea and Symphony	Sunday, September 20, 2015, 2-4 pm	Home of Wes & Nancy Frank 19 White Fir Dr., Loudonville
Board Meeting	Monday, September 28, 2015, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, October 9, 2015, noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, October 10, 2015, 7 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
ASO Gala	Saturday, October 10, 2015, 9 pm to 12 am	Palace Theatre, Albany
Newsletter Deadline	Thursday, October 15, 2015	Lynne Nisoff
Fall Luncheon	Thursday, October 22, 2015	Schuyler Meadows Country Club
Board Meeting	Monday, October 26, 2015, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, November 6, 2015, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, November 7, 2015, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, November 22, 2015, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Board Meeting	Monday, November 23, 2015, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Holiday Party	Saturday, December 5, 2015 2-4 (Snow Date – Sunday, December 6)	Waltz Home, 1 Fairway Ct. Alb
Magic of Christmas	Sunday, December 6, 2015, 3 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, December 18, 2015, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, December 19, 2015, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, December 20, 2015, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, January 8, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, January 9, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre, Albany
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, January 15, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, January 24, 2016, 3pm	Zankel Music Ctr., Skidmore
Board Meeting	Monday, January 25, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, February 19, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, February 21, 2016, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, February 22, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Showhouse		
Sneak-a-Peek	Sunday, February 28, 2016	13 Sage Estates, Menands
Newsletter Deadline	Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Lynne Nisoff
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, March 18, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, March 19, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre
Sunday Symphony	Sunday, March 20, 2016, 3 pm	Palace Theatre
Board Meeting	Monday, March 28, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, April 15, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, April 16, 2016, 7:30 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
ASO Concert	Sunday, April 17, 2016, 3 pm	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
Board Meeting	Monday, April 25, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Preview Party	Sunday, May 1, 2016	TBD
Showhouse 2016	Tuesday, May 3--Sunday, May 22, 2016	13 Sage Estates, Menands
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, May 13, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
ASO Concert	Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30 pm	Palace Theatre
Board Meeting*	Thursday, May 26, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church
Tiny Tots Concerts	TBD	TBD
Pre-Concert Prevues	Friday, June 10, 2016, Noon	Albany Public Library
Dogs of Desire	Friday, June 10, 2016, 7:30 pm	EMPAC, RPI, Troy
American Music		
Festival	Saturday, June 11, 2016, 7:30 pm	EMPAC, RPI, Troy
Annual Meeting	TBD	TBD
Board Meeting	Monday, June 27, 2016, 9:30 am	Delmar Reformed Church

VANGUARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS ANNUAL MEETING	
Bernice Allison	383-0568
Cathie Horvath	477-6162
CONCERT PREVUES	
Marcia Cockrell	459-1229
FALL/SPRING LUNCHEON	
Pat Fallek	765-4692
Frankie McDonald	785-5617
GARDEN PARTY/TEA & SYMPHONY	
Marcia Cockrell	459-1229
Ellen Jabbur	482-5511
HISTORIAN	
Ursula MacAffer	463-1716
HOLIDAY PARTY	
Kathy DeWeese	874-9114
Julia Smart	765-3622
MAILING	
Jean Fogarty	438-4740
MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY	
Julia Smart	765-3622
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STUDENTS	
Jill Rifkin	439-1843
NEW MEMBERS	
Marilyn Hunter	279-9353
NEWSLETTER	
Lynne Nisoff	482-9170
NOMINATING	
Suzanne Waltz	489-5923
ORCHESTRA HOSPITALITY	
Pat Corbett	784-4352
David Emanatian	235-1775
Joy Emery	584-0582
PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY	
TBD	
SCHOLARSHIPS	
Rosemary Brown	439-6832
SUNDAY SYMPHONIES	
Lucy Neubauer	869-1088
SYMPHONY GUESTS	
Findlay Cockrell	459-1229
Pat Fallek	765-4692
Sylvia Kaminsky	439-7173
TELEPHONE	
Lois Spicer	462-0233
TINY TOTS – ALBANY	
Margaret DeJohn-Tolar	237-6740
Jan Satin	767-3509
TINY TOTS – SARATOGA	
Jan O'Hare	383-4768
Ruth Weintraub	899-7610
TRAVEL	
Judy Coppie	439-8087
USHER LIAISON	
Concetta Bosco	456-8030

*Please note change of Day for Board meeting.