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... From the President

Thank you for another incredible evening!

We are so grateful to everyone who joined us for our April 11 Mancini Concert with guest vocalist Whitney Claire Kaufman. Your presence and enthusiasm made the night truly special as we listened to our incredibly talented orchestra who wowed us with the magical works of the late Henry Mancini. We hope to see you at our next and final concert of the season, Fantasia on Friday, May 9. We will soon have the new season 2025-2026 available for purchase and we are confident you will be extremely pleased at the “line-up” of concerts being planned.

Your support keeps live orchestral music thriving in our community. We invite you to continue celebrating and uplifting both the Dearborn Symphony and the Dearborn Youth Symphony—whether by attending future concerts, spreading the word, or making a contribution. Together, we create music that enriches lives.

For those of you who may not know exactly what The Dearborn Youth Symphony is ... it is a thriving instrumental music organization that offer instructional and performance opportunities to youth musicians. Membership is offered through audition and includes elementary through high school students ages 8-20 from communities throughout Southeast Michigan. We are proud to be a part of this endeavor.

So as I close, let me wish you a restful and enjoyable summer. Be assured that the Board of Directors from both the Symphony Orchestra and the Friends of the Dearborn Symphony will be working year round to create and develop magnificent concerts for your total enjoyment. See you in September.

*Take care and God Speed,
Yasmin Eloian*

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Dear *Friends*: Total Membership to date is

95

A **Big Heartfelt Thank-you** to LINDA FREITAG who has been handling the tasks of a Membership VP / Recording Secretary for our organization.



As a reminder, in preparation for the
2025-2026

Dearborn Symphony Concert Season

Be sure and purchase your Season Tickets
when available

There are two types of Season Tickets.

**Purchasers of Season Tickets are members of
the Dearborn Orchestral Society and are
eligible to vote at DOS annual meeting.**

Full Season – All Five Series Concerts

Mini Season – Any Three Series Concerts

Tickets will be mailed to you if your order is
received more than 1 week before the concert,
otherwise the tickets will be available at the Will
Call table in the lobby the night of the concert.



Dearborn Historical Society
Liaison
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May 2025

- 7- DEARBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: THE HISTORY OF DARNING EGGS LECTURE WITH HEIDI BRISTOL (MRH, 7pm)
- 10- DHSA PLANT AND BREAD SALE (MRH, 9AM)
- 30- DECORATION DAY CEREMONY (CQ, 6pm)

JUNE 2025

- 4-DEARBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY- UPPER PENINSULA ARCHITECTURE LECTURE JOSHUA LIPNIK (MRH, 7pm)

ABBREVIATIONS:

MRH= McFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE

CQ= COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS



Very soon we will publish our new Symphony Season which is still in the final planning stages. For now, here's a sneak peek at the dates so you can place a **'PUT A-HOLD ON THAT DATE'** on your calendars until you discover the fantastic Season that the Orchestra is planning.

2025-2026 Symphony Concerts

Dates: October 3 -- November 7 -- November 23 (Holiday) TBD (Nutcracker)
February 6 -- March 27 -- May 8



EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jane Mykytenko



Music Medley 2024-2025 is a **Done Deal!** and another successful year can close out the books. I have already started working on the new Season and find myself eager and enthusiastic to try and outdo our most recent season. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions that you feel would be beneficial, please let me know. Our “*Friends*” group is a “Team” and we welcome any input you’d care to give.

Additionally, remember you are also invited to attend a *Friends* Board Meeting if you so desire. You would find it inspiring and be surprised at the positive outcomes that result in our meetings. If interested, the dates of the future Board Meetings are always listed on the last page of our Allegro. All are welcome.

We have already started brain-storming for next season, and are planning at least one, or more, Taste of Music. Our “Taste of Music with the Maestro” was so successful ... and enjoyable ... we must plan for at least another for sure.

Something that you all may not realize is that our group sponsors Clinics in some of the Dearborn Schools. One of our past Music Medley Groups “Pure Winds” has volunteered to visit Dearborn’s Edsel Ford High School, and Stout and Smith Middle Schools to conduct a Music Clinic for the students. We are proud to be able to do this, and we thank you for your continued monetary support by renewing your membership and attending our Fundraisers.



Friends of the Dearborn Symphony

Dear Friends of the Dearborn Symphony,

As part of our mission at Friends of the Dearborn Symphony, we provide scholarships to youth musicians to help them improve their skills and techniques. We also provide clinics in our high schools, where professional musicians work with students to develop and improve playing their specific instruments. Additionally, we provide funding to offset the cost of one of The Dearborn Symphony's performances. To continue offering these valuable opportunities for our students and professionals, we need your support.

We invite you to consider becoming a sponsor of the Friends of the Dearborn Symphony.

Platinum Sponsorship – \$500.00

- Brand or Sponsor Name visibility on all printed materials, including event materials and the Allegro for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year
- Listed as a Friends Partner on our website
- Social media shout-outs before each Friends event
- Free full-page ad in our Friendship Tea booklet
- 4 free tickets to the Friends Music Medley

Gold Sponsorship – \$250.00

- Brand or Sponsor Name visibility on all printed materials, including event materials and the Allegro for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year
- Listed as a Friends Partner on our website
- Social media shout-outs before each Friends event
- Free half-page ad in our Friendship Tea booklet
- 2 free tickets to the Friends Music Medley

Silver Sponsorship – \$100.00

- Brand or Sponsor Name visibility on all printed materials, including event materials and the Allegro for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year
- Listed as a Friends Partner on our website
- Social media shout-outs before each Friends event
- Free half-page ad in our Friendship Tea booklet

You can also purchase a full-page ad for \$50.00 or a half-page ad for \$25.00 in our Friendship Tea booklet.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share well wishes, memorials, or advertise your company while contributing to the event and supporting music in our community.

Lastly, we welcome donations for raffle baskets for the Friendship Tea, whether full baskets, individual items, or in-kind gifts.

All donations and sponsorships are tax-deductible. If you would like to participate in any of our donation opportunities, please contact Linda Freitag at 313.294.9006 or lindafreitag@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Yasmin Eloian

President – Friends of the Dearborn Symphony

Friends of the Dearborn Symphony Presents

Friendship Tea

Tournament Players Club
One Nicklaus Drive
Dearborn

Sunday, May 4, 2025
12:30 P.M.

Tickets - \$35 Member - \$40 Non-Member
Contact Linda Freitag for reservations or more
information at (313) 294-9006 or
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Menu: Speciality Teas, Sandwiches and Sweets
Cash Bar Available

Attire: "Sunday Best"
Door Prizes: Best Dressed & Best Hat
50/50 and Gift Basket Raffles



Although deadline for Reservations was originally April 25, we do still have a few tickets / spots open. Please contact Linda Freitag ASAP if you are still interested in attending and forgot to do so. You will have a Great Time!



OH NO!
I FORGOT ...
SOMETHING ...
... BUT WHAT ?



Prepare for an unforgettable evening as the Dearborn Symphony presents *Fantasia Favorites*, an electrifying season finale that promises to captivate audiences of all ages. This special performance features iconic orchestral masterpieces that have sparked the imagination through vivid storytelling and timeless music, including *Night on Bald Mountain*, *The Firebird Suite*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, and *Dance of the Hours* from Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*.

Experience the thrilling intensity of Modest Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, with its dark, swirling melodies that evoke the mysterious and supernatural. Let yourself be swept away by the evocative power of Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, ranging from haunting beauty to triumphant brilliance. Paul Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* enchants with whimsical energy and playful charm, while Ponchielli's *Dance of the Hours* adds elegance and humor through its graceful ballet themes.

Adding to the excitement of the evening, the Symphony is proud to present the world premiere of *In Other News* by local composer Anthony Joseph Lai.

Fantasia Favorites
Friday, May 9, 2025 • 7:30 PM
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn
Tickets & Info: dearbornsymphony.org

Where Have I Heard That?

Ever found yourself humming a classical tune and wondering, "Where have I heard that?" Two pieces featured in our upcoming *Fantasia Favorites* concert—Modest Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* and Amilcare Ponchielli's *Dance of the Hours*—have permeated popular culture in remarkable ways.



Night on Bald Mountain

Mussorgsky's dramatic composition, known for its dark and swirling melodies, has become a go-to soundtrack for the eerie and otherworldly. It made a powerful impression in the original *Fantasia* film and has since been used in American Halloween specials, theme park attractions, and even *The Simpsons Treehouse of Horror IV*, where it underscored a climactic moment with its unmistakable sense of dread and excitement.

Dance of the Hours

Ponchielli's light-hearted ballet has long delighted audiences with its graceful and playful themes. It became widely recognized in American pop culture thanks to Allan Sherman's 1963 hit parody, *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh* (A Letter from Camp), and has made appearances in everything from *The Carol Burnett Show* to television commercials, often used for comedic contrast—pairing elegance with absurdity. One memorable example? A dancing hippo and alligator duo in *Fantasia*, capturing imaginations for generations.

As we celebrate the 85th anniversary of the original release of *Fantasia*, we invite you to experience the music live in all its vivid color and emotional depth. Join us for an evening where timeless classics meet the memories they've helped create.



Friends of the Dearborn Symphony

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Calendar of Events



May	4	Noon	Friendship Tea
May	9	7:30 pm	Concert <i>Fantasia Favorites</i>
May	13	5:00 pm	Board Meeting
June	10	5:00 pm	Board Meeting
July	27	12:30 pm	Annual Meeting

All concerts begin at 7:30 PM at
Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.
To order your new season subscription, call (313) 565-2424.

