

ACCENTS

The newsletter for the
FRIENDS of the Artist
Series of Sarasota

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SAVE THE DATES

FRIENDS MEETINGS

MEETING LOCATION
Artist Series Concerts Office
1226 N. Tamiami Trail
between 12th & 13th Streets
Main Floor
941-306-1202

NEXT FRIENDS MEETING

Thursday, May 23rd, 2-4 pm
Entertainment by 2013
Competition Winner
Kyle Gee

END OF SEASON PARTY

Thursday, June 6th, 6:00 pm
At the home of our President,
Jane Riggin
8311 Cypress Hollow Drive
Sarasota 34238
914-924-4489

OFFICERS

Jane Riggin, President
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Join us at our next
FRIENDS meeting on May
23rd at 2 pm and enjoy
entertainment by the
**Winner of the 2013
Competition for Voice,
KYLE GEE. What a treat
and not to be missed!**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARTY

It is time to make plans for our **FRIENDS**
END OF SEASON POT LUCK DINNER PARTY.

WHERE: at the home of our President, Jane Riggin,
8311 Cypress Hollow Drive, Sarasota

WHEN: Thursday June 6th, at 6:00 pm

RSVP: If you want to attend, RSVP to Vicki at 309-3926
or at vtjdesigns@gmail.com by **June 3rd—IT'S A MUST!**

To make our Annual End of Season Party a fun and delicious evening, please get out one of your favorite recipes, to serve up to **8 people**, for either an **appetizer, entree, salad or dessert**. So that we have a balanced selection of dishes, and can plan ahead with an accurate head count, please let me know you are coming and what you will be bringing. **RSVP is a MUST!** I will respond to confirm.

As we have so many wonderful cooks and bakers in our midst, we are planning our very own Cookbook. If you would like to be included in the Cookbook, please email me your Potluck recipe or bring it to the party with your dish. Looking forward to the fun...Vicki Thompson-Jones

The purpose of the FRIENDS of Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota is to provide essential support to the activities and projects of Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota while offering FRIENDS members a nurturing, rewarding and positive volunteer experience.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *From Jane Riggin*

Dear **FRIENDS**,

It is so hard to believe that my first year as your President is just about over. The days have flown by and have been filled with music, laughter, and wonderful fellowship. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and hard work. Special thanks to our Board of Directors and the spectacular leadership of Lee and John.

I would like to share a few personal reflections on the past several months.

It has been wonderful to experience:

- *the thrill of watching the Scholarship competition, and knowing that we have helped these aspiring students continue to pursue their hopes and dreams
- *the magnificent programs that Artist Series Concerts presents and sharing those special moments when the audience jumps to their feet in appreciation
- *sharing wonderful times with friends as we enjoyed another terrific Gala
- *and **best** of all - finding new **FRIENDS** that have become a new family.

Just remember - we are not finished yet!

There are two more concerts (see schedule below) plus our next General **FRIENDS** Meeting on May 23rd which will feature our Competition winner, Kyle Gee. Then we round out this year's festivities with our End of Season Pot Luck Dinner party on June 6th. I hope you all will plan to attend, so I may welcome you into my home. I can't wait for our second year together.

Thank you for support and your love of the Arts. Warmly, Jane

Introduce a **FRIEND** to the



UPCOMING EXCITING CONCERTS



POPS CONCERTS Series—**Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th, both at 7:30 pm.**

Operetta's Golden Favorites feature an ensemble of outstanding singers. The operetta is a precursor of the modern musical theatre or the "musical".

SPECIAL May 12th Mother's Day BRUNCH and CONCERT.

Enjoy a Mother's Day Brunch at the Indigo Hotel beginning at noon, followed by the Operetta Concert at 2:00pm.

For Brunch and Concert tickets, call Donna Fisk at 306-1202. If you want to add the Brunch to a previously purchased May 12th 2:00 pm ticket for an additional \$20, also call Donna Fisk.

CLASSICAL RECITAL Series—**Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd, both at 7:30 pm.**

Asiya Korepenova, internationally acclaimed pianist, will perform Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky.

For tickets: online at www.artistseriesconcerts.org or call the Historic Asolo box office at 360-7399.
Check the Zip Codes in your Membership Directory to find a concert lover neighbor and share a ride.



2013 COMPETITION FOR VOICE



Joy McIntyre, Competition Coordinator



(l) Ryne Cherry and Samina Aslam, Performance Level Finalists (Ages 21-25) and (r) Kyle Gee, Competition WINNER



(l) Raul Escalona, Timothy Wilt and Caitlin Ruddy, Performance Level Finalists (Ages 21-25) and (r) Don Britt, our Corresponding Secretary and Arts advocate who funds The Donald Britt Award.



(left) Brian Rodriguez, Scholarship Finalist (middle) Virginia Mims, Scholarship WINNER (right) Monica Gonzalez, Scholarship Finalist Scholarship Level (Ages 16-20)

The Competition auditions were a great joy for all who participated and heard the young singers perform. Twelve semi-finalists sang on April 6th for the three highly qualified semi-finalist judges (and audience) who determined the six finalists; they were Phyllis Elhady Hoffman, David Walker and Kathleen Wilson. The finalists sang again in the evening for three different highly qualified judges; they were Warren Jones, Stephanie Sundine and Robert White. Avis Romm, a Steinway artist, was the principal accompanist at the competition. Cash awards totaling \$22,500 were given to the six finalists. The Donald Britt 'Incentive Awards' were given to the six semi-finalists who did not make the finals. Joy McIntyre, Competition Coordinator and our dedicated volunteers made it all work beautifully.
To make a gift to the Scholarship Fund or create a new Scholarship, please call 306-1202.



MASTER CLASS in progress, conducted by Competition judge, Warren Jones (left) and Performance Finalist, Timothy Wilt (right)



EDITH AND DON DORSEY



Thanks to the diligent work of Edith and Don Dorsey, as our Concert brochure distribution Chairpersons, many people throughout Sarasota have seen news of the Artist Series concerts. In addition, Don is the treasurer of FRIENDS of Artist Series Concerts.

Edith is German born and was working toward getting her visa when she met Don, who was in Frankfurt working as an engineer for ITT. They married in 1964 and came to the states a year later. Don got a degree in accounting, and worked for Arthur Anderson for a few years, but later opened his own accounting practice, while Edith worked for a pension consulting firm. They are blessed with twin sons, born in 1969, who both still reside in Baltimore. One son, a CPA, has taken over his Dad's accounting practice. Their other son is an Assistant Principal at a high school. He has given, with his wife Molly, to Edith and Don, the special joy of being grandparents.

Having retired to Sarasota in 2007, Don enjoys golf and ancestry research while Edith plays tennis, swims, and rides horseback. Together they enjoy family, opera, ballet, here in paradise, and to be sure,they have been a vital addition to the Artist Series family.

FRIENDS of Artist Series
Concerts of Sarasota welcomes
our newest members:

Deborah Berioli
Jay Berman
Bohdan Bulawka
Connie Bulawka
Barbara Byrne
Michael Harris
Isabella Paspas
Christine Schapfler

May your experiences with us
bring you much enjoyment. If you
know someone who would like to
be a **FRIEND** call 309-3428 or
email me at
jeankinnamon@yahoo.com and
I will send you an application.

Jean Kinnamon
Membership Secretary

HELP WANTED

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? We need you!

Distribution Help distribute Artist Series Brochures to key locations in your neighborhood. Call Edith Dorsey at 706-3991

Office Work Lend a hand at our main office and assemble concert brochures etc. Call Donna Fisk at 306-1202

Special Events Use your culinary talents and prepare treats for our General FRIENDS meetings. Call Vicki Thompson-Jones at 309-3926

SAVE THE DATE CELEBRATE SARASOTA SEPTEMBER 15TH



Celebrate Sarasota, the event when Artist Series presents the many musical organizations in Sarasota, will be held September 15th at the Opera House.

This is a date to put on your calendar!

There will be afternoon and evening performances showcasing the various artists within the fabulous arts community of Sarasota. Look for upcoming newspaper ads and emails with details of this fabulous event.

Thank you so much to Belinda Bencin, Julia Dadekian, Bob Iezzi, Jean Kinnamon, Jane Riggan and Donna Stewart who provided our delicious food for our April meeting. If you would like to bring an appetizer, dessert or drinks to our May meeting, please call 309-3926 or email me at vtjdesigns@gmail.com Thank you, Vicki Thompson-Jones, Events Chair



