



February 2017 Newsletter

What a delightful season we have had at our Burlingame Music Club meetings! It's always good to get together with friends old and new to celebrate our love of music and to nurture outstanding young musicians. We have been awed by the excellence of the student competitors. Kudos to all of them.

In November we heard Heather Wei, age 14, Susanna Liu, age 15, and Aaron Wu, age 17, on violin. They are taught by Jane Singhal. We also enjoyed the music of Sumi Nagasawa's student Stuart Kerr, age 13, on piano.

December brought us John McCarthy's students Tia Tyng Chang, age 14, and April Chen, age 16, on piano. On violin we heard Mai Matsumoto, age 16, taught by Zhao Wei, and Ellie Kanayama, age 17, taught by Wei He. Visual artists helped us celebrate the season: Joyce Barron Leopardo with her paintings, Lisa Adasieweiz with bags, Janny Young with Chinese paintings, and Barbara Braun with note cards and ornaments.

At our January program we rang in 2017 with the music of pianists David Chong, age 16, taught by Shirley Yee, and Kevin Kim, age 16, taught by Thomas Hansen. On cello we heard Abigail Leong, age 13, a student of Jonathan Koh.

New members joined us in enjoying the music of our talented students and our wonderfully entertaining professional musicians. We are happy to have them with us: Ron Bunn, Denise Chatman, Carmen A. DeLano, Bianconi Ha, Rena Ling and Sari Melles.

So, members old and new, thank you all for being part of the BMC family. We look forward to seeing you at our future monthly concerts.

Please feel free to bring friends with you to performances you think they will enjoy.

Best wishes, Roz



Karen's Music Corner:

Our professional musicians for November, December and January were from incredibly varied backgrounds. The Balboa Brass Quintet, in November, was made up of musicians from the San Francisco Opera orchestra and freelancers. They had a rollicking program of American music standards from Broadway shows and standards of the American classical repertoire. Aleece Carson, Music Director of Hope United Methodist Church, presented the December program of Christmas Negro Spirituals with Mary as the main subject. Ms. Carson played the piano and taught the audience to do call and response singing. January saw Ron Sfarzo on accordion, and Andrei Bostan on violin. They played a wonderful program of French, Spanish, Brazilian, Italian, and American music. It was definitely a "feel good on a dreary day" concert.

Our February program will have Clairdee vocalist and Ken French on piano. The **Valentine's Day inspired theme is "It's Love!"** We are fortunate to have these international artists, who also perform for schools as volunteers.

"Scottish Thistle" with Patricia Heller on violin, and Patricia Farrell on flute will bring out the Irish in us for **St. Patrick's Day** at our March meeting.

Bradly Pupa on guitar will be our artist for April.

Our May Tea program will feature Mike Galisatus on trumpet. Mike is a professor of big band at College of San Mateo, a well-known musician in this area who is a great entertainer. What a fun way to celebrate our 2016-2017 season and the installation of our 2017-2018 board!

Karen



We look forward to seeing you at coming BMC meetings, 1:00 PM on the second Mondays of February, March, April and May, at the Burlingame Woman's Club, 241 Park Road, Burlingame.

Suggestions? Comments? Contact us: Karen (pianokaren@gmail.com) or Roz (rozkoo@hotmail.com) <http://www.burlingamemusicclub.net>

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