

MUSICIANS OF MA'ALWYCK



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Dear Friends,

As Musicians of Ma'alwyck rapidly approaches our 20th anniversary I have much to share with you. We have news on many fronts including a new residency at Hyde Hall (this historic estate outside of Cooperstown should be added to everyone's must-see list—it is simply incredible—read the special paragraph about the residency on the last page of this newsletter), the start of a series of festive events leading up to and celebrating our 20 years, starting in February, and our debut in the new fantastic Covenant Hall at the First Reformed Church in Schenectady in March. Since our last newsletter, we have had a number of important concerts and presentations. In September we performed on the lawns of Scotia's historic Flint House, working with village historian Beverly Clark, we presented a program celebrating the centuries of Scotia's history. October was a whirlwind of activity with a sold-out program at the Schuyler Mansion and lecture-recitals about violinist/soldiers of WWI. With our WW1 themed gala and the Armistice Centenary Commemorative concert with works of Samuel Gardner, Fritz Kreisler and David Hochstein presented in tandem with the 1918 silent film *Under Four Flags* accompanied by a brand new musical score by composer Max Caplan (composer of *Aleda*), November barely gave us a chance to catch our breath. December offered our annual appearance at the Ten Broeck Mansion, which was standing-room only! I am delighted that in our 19th season we continue to attract audiences, mount relevant and meaningful concerts, and offer our supporters an important musical outlet. I look forward to seeing you at one of our performances or celebratory events later this season.

Ann-Marie



Watch Your Step Annual Gala

Announcing Spring 2019 Season

By The Hearth

~~Sunday, Jan 20th @ 2:30 PM~~ TO BE RESCHEDULED

McChesney Room in the Schenectady County Public Library

This charming program features music for guitar and violin by Giuliani, Bizet, Telemann and others. As well as featuring a stunning period transcription of melodies from Meyerbeer's opera *Les Huguenots* and a fun set of American Colonial dances. Free and open to the public.



Subscription Concert #3 *American Dreams Of Russia* Saturday, March 30 @ 3 PM First Reformed Church, Schenectady



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Daniel Godfrey's *From a Dream of Russia* for clarinet, violin and piano is paired with Glinka's *Trio Pathetique* and Rick Sowash's *Daweswood Suite* as well as music of Gliere and Maude Powell for a special afternoon of Russian and American music. Professional cinematographer/editor of PilotGirl Productions, Sonja Stark, has volunteered to edit a beautiful montage that will complement the Godfrey. Her video footage and photographs were shot during her many trips to Russia with the Albany-Tula Alliance, and are happy to collaborate with them. Stark is the Public Relations Committee Chair for the sister-city organization. We are delighted, as well, to have composer Daniel Godfrey join us for this unique concert with a pre-concert talk at 2:30pm. Musicians of Ma'alwyck core members Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz and Petia Kassarova are joined by guest artists Paul Green, clarinet and Noah Palmer, piano. Tickets \$25/10. Check our website as the concert approaches for more information about this program.

Subscription Concert #4

The Match

Sunday, May 12 @ 3 & 5 PM

Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, Albany



Celebrate Mother's Day with an afternoon of 18th century French music and the recreation of the famous 1787 fencing match between the Chevalier de Saint-Georges and the Chevaliere d'Eon fought before the Prince of Wales. Saint-Georges was not only one of the greatest swordsmen of his day, but also a gifted violinist and composer. We examine both his skills as we perform his flute & harp sonata paired with songs for mezzo-soprano and harp by Hinner and Sterkel and delightful works for instruments of Jean-Baptiste Cardin and Philippe Meyer. Musicians of Ma'alwyck core artists Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz and Norman Thibodeau are joined by mezzo-soprano Tess McCarthy (you may remember her from the lead role in last season's opera *Aleda*) and

harpist Elizabeth Morse. The fencing match will be recreated by a professional fight choreographer and will occur between performances out on the lawn of the Schuyler Mansion. A reception will be offered as well. Seating limited. Tickets \$30/\$15.

Celebratory Events

A special series of events for you to celebrate our 20th anniversary with us!

Under Four Flags

Sunday, February 17 @ 1 pm
University Club of Albany
141 Washington Ave

We invite you to join us for a special viewing of this landmark 1918 silent film paired with Max Caplan's brilliant new score. Director Peter Jackson recently released colorized footage of important British films from WW1. *Under Four Flags* is an American documentary filmed in the last months of the war. Featuring shots from the front lines in France and incredible, un-staged scenes with soldiers, politicians and civilians, don't miss this moving experience. Musicians of Ma'alwyck teams up with the elegant University Club in Albany on Sunday, February 17th at 1pm for appetizers, a cash bar with WW1 cocktails, followed by the showing of the movie and a chance to meet the composer and musicians afterwards. Tickets \$25.

Beer-Tasting/Tour & Optional Dinner

Monday, March 4 @ 6 pm
Druthers Brewery
1053 Broadway, Albany

Private Beer-Tasting/Tour with brew master George de Piro with the option to stay for a superb Prohibition-themed dinner with additional beer pairings.

6 pm—Beer-Tasting/Tour only: \$50
7 pm—With dinner: \$80

Limited to 20 guests. Reservations by February 25th. We expect this to sell out, so reserve early.

Other events will include Tasting Tours of Troy and Albany in June, several exclusive dinners in historic sites, and many more events. Look for more information on our website.



Arkell Museum, Canajoharie

Around Town



Flint House, Scotia



Schuyler Mansion



Annual Gala at Mohawk Golf Club



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Announcing Our Hyde Hall Residency!!

Musicians of Ma'alwyck has been offered a residency at Hyde Hall on the shores of Otsego Lake near Cooperstown. This early nineteenth century house is a stunning reminder of a bygone American era, when powerful English families established vast estates in their former colonies. The house itself is considered the finest example of neoclassic country mansions anywhere in the United States. After a hugely successful concert in May of 2018, Musicians of Ma'alwyck will be in residence throughout 2019 with a series of concerts during the year, including a performance of *The Match* on May 11th and followed in the summer by a Civil War program and in October a truly *creepy* Macabre Music program (Hyde Hall has been featured on the TV Series *Ghost Hunters*). We are delighted to performing at Hyde Hall and tailoring our program for the unique qualities of this incredible manor. Look for updates on our concerts and programs in Hyde Hall on our website later this winter.



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