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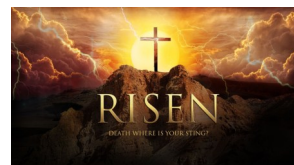
KAREN'S KORNER

I do love Spring! Although it's not my favorite season, I still love it. It's a time when it seems everything is fresh and new. We start to move away from our winter mentalities and come alive again. Bare trees and brown dead grass turn green. Flowers start to bloom and birds return from their homes down south. Actually, it is an inspiring time of the year. I just love the newness of it all!

Speaking of inspiration, this month's program, presented by member Sue Stevenson, *The Inextinguishable Symphony* is dedicated to just that. Come and learn about the Kunderbund, music, and love in Nazi Germany and be inspired! The meeting is on April 14, 2025 with refreshments at 9:30 AM and program at 10:00 AM.

And as always, *Let there be music!*

Karen



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !



April unfolds like a musical tapestry, where the gentle patter of rain weaves seamlessly with the delicate bloom of flowers resting upon a lush bed of green. It is a season of renewal, a time when nature composes a melody of fresh beginnings and endless possibilities. If the start of the year slipped by without resolutions or new aspirations, consider this your second chance—an opportunity to embrace growth alongside the blossoming world around you. Let the rhythm of the season inspire action, whether it's finally attending that concert or play you've been meaning to see or sharing your own musical or artistic talents with those closest to you. Just as spring breathes new life into the earth, let it rekindle your passion for creativity, connection, and the joy of experiencing something truly uplifting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our final educational meeting of the academic year, featuring a special presentation by Sue Stevenson on April 14th. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gain new insights and connect before we wrap up the season. To celebrate NFMC's National Music Week we will be holding our Honors Recital on Sunday, May 4th. This event will be a showcase of dedication and talent, highlighting the incredible achievements of our students. Be sure to join us for these meaningful moments as we close out the year on a high note!

Jessica Wood



APRIL MEETING INFORMATION !

JOIN US AT OUR APRIL MEETING !



THE INEXTINGUISHABLE SYMPHONY

By Martin Goldsmith

A True Story of Music and Love



Inspiration Provided
By
Dennis Lisak

Presented By
Sue Stevenson

April 14, 2025

LifePointe Alliance Church Music Room

Registration and Refreshment: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Hospitality Provided
By
Kathy Csellar
And
Kathy Kelso



The Jewish Kulturbund was a cultural organization made up of German Jews that lasted from 1933 to 1941. The Kulturbund included a talented orchestra, chorus and many dancers that performed operas, a film bureau, a publishing house that published a newspaper and even a lecture series. The program is based on a book entitled "The Inextinguishable Symphony by Martin Goldsmith; A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany."

Come to hear about this amazing organization from Sue Stevenson on April 14th at 9:30 am downstairs in the choir room at Lifepointe Alliance Church on 228 in Mars, PA.

Come and join us!

****Masks Are Optional!****

See you there!

MEMORIES OF OUR MARCH MEETING !



Opus I celebrated NFMC's International Music Relations with another program in March when Ruth Ann McChesney (in the blouse she bought on one of her 8 visits to Ukraine), presented "The Music of Ukraine". Beginning with everyone getting a map of Ukraine and a list of questions to answer during the program, Ruth Ann talked about everything from the history of the country, the flag, instruments, many famous composers and the group ended by singing Leontovych's best-known piece "Carol of the Bells". Of course the highlight was having guest violinist (with Ukrainian ancestry), Jennifer Sternick playing 3 pieces by Ukrainian composers. It was "educational and entertaining", as one member described the program. Numerous guests attended adding to the crowd.





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THE THEME THIS YEAR IS
“MUSIC ... IS UNSTOPPABLE” !**



**STUDENT HONORS RECITAL AND
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS !**

Recital features:

2025 Scholarship Award Recipients,
High School Senior Outstanding Musician Award
Students of Opus I Teachers

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2:00 PM—4:00 PM
LifePointe Alliance Church, Worship Center
A reception to follow after the recital



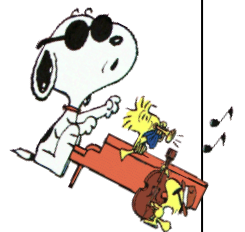
ATTENTION !

Teachers need to ask two of their performance ready students to perform! Teachers should have their student's name, grade in school, age, piece title and composer, and the teacher's name to Ginny Netchi by Monday, April 28, 2025. Her email is avnetchi@gmail.com

ALSO

Applications for the College Scholarship, both sophomore and junior music majors or minors need to be submitted to Linda Maurhoff. Her email is lindamahoff@consolidated.net.

You can find an application on our Facebook page facebook.com/groups/opusonemusic/files or request one by emailing Jessica Wood at jessicawoodmusicstudio@outlook.com. **DEADLINE** to apply is **April 15th**.



ONE MORE THING!

We are looking for volunteers to bring cookies and punch for the reception! If you are donating cookies/punch, please let Jessica Wood know. So far we have Susan Cooper, Linda Maurhoff, Karen Douglass, and Daphne Maddix bringing cookies. Jessica's email is jessicawoodmusicstudio@outlook.com



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POSTER CONTEST !



This contest is for students grades K - 6.

Posters should be the size of a standard piece of paper and be based on the theme for National Music Week. The theme is “Music...is Unstoppable”.

The theme should be printed on the front of the poster with the student’s name, grade in school, and teacher’s name on the back.

Bring entries to the Opus I Meeting on April 14, 2025 or to LifePointe Alliance’s office BEFORE Thursday, May 1, 2025. Prizes will be awarded to 3 age groups and all posters will be displayed at the May 4, 2025 recital! Questions? Contact Ruth Ann McChesney at pfmccram@hotmail.com.



MEMBER NEWS !



A big shout-out and happy birthday to our member, Margie Rinaman, who celebrated another 90's birthday on April 2, 2025. We are SO proud of Margie and grateful for the inspiration she gives to all of us. She continues to play the piano each week at LifePointe church, sings in the choir, teaches students at home and does a 'sing-along' every week at a Senior Center. God bless and keep her!

Over 10 active members of Opus I volunteered at the NWW Festivals event on March 3, 2025 at Grove City College. Besides those 10 there were at least 4 or 5 relatives recruited for different responsibilities and Opus I thanks them, too. Bless Linda Maurhoff and Joyce Gindlesperger as well as all the rest that worked so hard that day (and the make up day at LifePointe on March 29, 2025).

Don't forget to have June 26, 2025 on your calendar for the evening that Opus I will present the Butler Co. Symphony Orchestra concert at Cranberry Park. We'll need some volunteers to greet folks and make Opus I known that evening. If you haven't heard this amazing orchestra, DO PLAN to attend and bring your family and friends (and lawn chairs and blankets)!

Word of mouth and personal invitations brought numerous guests to the March program on the music of Ukraine. Do the same for April and enjoy Sue's program.





FESTIVAL RECAP !



Festivals was a success this year! The main event was held on March 22nd at Grove City College. We had 428 registered events from Federated Studios in our region participating this academic year. 83% of participants received Superior ratings. Kudos to all our students and their teachers! Contributing Opus I teachers include: Kathy Csellar, Joan Eisenreich, Joyce Gindlesperger, Linda Maurhoff, Susann Pinkerton, Margie Rinaman, and Jessica Wood. Many thanks to members Ruth Ann McChesney and Sue Stevenson for also volunteering their time in the Theory Room for the event.

YOU ARE INVITED !

FREE CONCERT !

Member Jeannie Allen is giving a free concert on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM and we are all invited to attend! There will be a musical guest and they will be playing music written by Jeannie.



Where:
GLADE RUN CHURCH
1091 Pittsburgh Rd. (Rt. 8)
Valencia, PA 16059

When:
May 4, 2025

Time:
6:00 PM



PFMC BIENNIEL SPRING CONVENTION !



As you are aware, we are quickly approaching our 2025 Biennial Spring Convention and Board Meetings. This will be a wonderful time of encouraging one another, sharing great things from our clubs over the past year, and simply enjoying our "tribe"! Head to

[https://pfmc-music.org/ events](https://pfmc-music.org/events)

Just past the above link into your browser for convention and itinerary info. Then select Pennsylvania Events for more information.



PFMC BIENNIAL CONVENTION and BOARD MEETINGS

Dates – April 25 2025

Time—2:-00 PM until 8:30 PM

Location – Holiday Inn Express & Suites & Holiday Inn, Williamsport

90 & 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

<https://www.holidayinnexpress.com/williamsportpa>

Just past the above link into your browser.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

April 14, 2025

The Inextinguishable Symphony

A True Story of Music and Love

Presented by Sue Stevenson

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 9:30 AM Registration and Refreshment

10:00 AM Program



April 25, 2025

PFMC Spring Biennial Convention and Board Meeting See page 9 for info

May 4-11, 2025 National Music Week

Theme: *Music...It's Unstoppable*



May 4, 2025

Opus I Student Honors and Scholarship Awards Recital

Where: LifePointe Alliance Church in the Music Room

When: 2:00 PM Church Sanctuary With Light Refreshment Afterwards



May 4, 2025

Free concert given by Jeannie Allen See page 8 for info

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Our link is:

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