

About the Allentown Music Club

The Allentown Music Club is a non-profit organization that supports quality music education. The club started in 1906 in Estelle Wright's living room as an outlet for performers, music study and a haven for music lovers. It took until 1915 to become affiliated with the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs. This gave us affiliation with the largest philanthropic musical organization in the world founded in 1898 called as you might guess, the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC). The NFMC is chartered by the Congress of the United States and is the only musical organization member of the United Nations. NFMC provides opportunities for musical study, performance and appreciation to more than 200,000 senior, student and junior members in 6,500 music-related clubs and organizations nationwide. Members are professional and amateur musicians, vocalists, composers, dancers, performing artists, arts and music educators, music students, generous music patrons and benefactors, and music lovers of all ages.

During the 1930's, membership increased and the Woman's Club, now known as the Barrister's Club, became our home. Our members did regular local radio broadcasts during the 1930's when the club's chorus formed. In the 1950's, a Junior Music Club (ages 13-18), now known as the Young Musicians Club (ages 6-18), began

performing for the sponsoring Senior Club and also at local churches and nursing homes. 1951 marked the year men finally were admitted to the club as members and artist performers. We now meet monthly on **Sunday afternoons** from October to May (no January) starting at **3:00 P.M.** at the **Hope United Church of Christ** located on 1031 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103.

Our monthly recital programs feature our Artist Members and occasionally a member of our Young Musicians Club and at the end of the season our scholarship winners. We also sponsor group bus trips to some outstanding productions and concerts in Philadelphia or New York at attractive rates.

Our projects include three scholarships: Outstanding String Performer in the Lehigh County Schools; Summer Music Camp for a qualified member of the Young Musicians Club; and Past Presidents Assembly Scholarship to a qualified student in the area who continues their education in Musical Performance. We also help host the PFMC Festival for the Philadelphia Region (Central). Come join us as either a Member or Artist Member. Persons interested in auditioning for Artist Membership need to contact Auditions Chairperson, Santa J. Peters at 610-797-2582. Members need only possess a desire to be a music lover who wants to join our cause to support quality music education.

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HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1031 FLEXER AVENUE
ALLENTOWN, PA

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011
3:00 P.M.

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PROGRAM

Song of the Month
"In the Bleak Midwinter" Christina Rossetti
Gustav Holst

Santa J. Peters, *piano*

Wie Melodien zieht es mir Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
O Holy Night Adolph Adam (1803-1856)

Young Musician - Wesley Clerge, *baritone*

Sharon MacCabe, *guest piano*

The Holy Boy John Ireland (1879-1962)
They Call Him Jesus Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)

Susan K. Smith, *soprano*

Joseph, lieber Joseph mein Heinrich von Herzogenberg (1843-1900)

Susan K. Smith, *soprano*

Dan Rambo, *baritone*

Sharon MacCabe, *guest piano*

A Christmas Carol Charles Ives (1874-1954)
The Three Kings Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

Dan Rambo, *baritone*

Santa Peters, *piano*

Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion George F. Handel (1685-1759)
from "Messiah" Arr. Robert M. Ewing

Rachel Holton, *oboe*

Sharon MacCabe, *guest piano*

Christmas Lullaby Jason Robert Brown (1970-)
Gesù Bambino Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)

Rebecca Pieper-Bohun, *soprano*

Rachel Bechtel, *guest violin*

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Rebecca Pieper- Bohun, *soprano*

Brian McAfee, *guest tenor*

Evelyn Thomas, *guest piano*

Silver Bells Jay Livingston (1915-2001) and Ray Evans (1915-2007)

Jingle Bell Rock Joe Beal (1900-1967) and Jim Boothe (1917-1976)

White Christmas Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

Robert Premecz, *tenor & soprano saxophones*

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert Mac Gimsey (1898-1979)

I Wonder As I Wander John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

Sleep Holy Child from "A Night of Miracles" John W. Peterson (1921-2006)

Michael Grather, *bass-baritone*

Patricia Grather, *guest piano*

Carol of the Bells Ukrainian Carol

In Dulce Jubilo Traditional Carol

Wassail Song English Carol

Karen El-Chaar and Recordante

"What is music anyway? It's a form of communication, and that's why I play the kind of music that I think - that I hope - can communicate with people."

Kenneth Bruce Gorelick

Susan Smith, *program coordinator*

Next *Allentown Music Club* program is entitled "Impressions of Spring"
Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.

Young Musicians of the Allentown Music Club
Will be performing at Jacob's Music Store, 2223 MacArthur Rd, Whitehall
Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.