

## 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

### Impressions of Spring Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Claude Debussy along with Presentation of Annual String Award



SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012  
3:00 P.M.

## PROGRAM

Song of the Month

"Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair"

Stephen Foster

Santa J. Peters, *piano*

Prelude No. 10, Op. 32

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Young Musician - Paul Peng, *piano*

Three Preludes

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

I. 1. Danseuses de Delphes (Dancers of Delphi): Lent et grave

II. 7. La terrasse des audiences du clair de lune (The Terrace of Moonlit Audiences): Lent

I. 10. La cathédrale engloutie (The Submerged Cathedral): Profondément calme

Albert Hofammann, *piano*

Claire de Lune

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Morceau Symphonique pour Trombone et Piano

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Richard Steltz, *baritone horn*

Jonathan Beitler, *piano*

Rapsodie pour Orchestra et Saxophone

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Bob Premecz, *alto saxophone*

Karen El-Chaar, *flute*

Children's Corner

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

1. Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum

2. Jimbo's Lullaby

3. Serenade for the Doll

4. The Snow is Dancing

5. The Little Shepherd

6. Golliwogg's Cakewalk

Jonathan Beitler, *piano*

## Presentation of Annual String Award

Susan Kuntz, chair

Sonata No. 1, Adagio and Fugue

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Matthew Stein, *violin*

## About the String Award Winner, Matthew Stein

Matthew Stein, a senior honor student at Parkland High School (PHS), currently studies violin with Charles Parker since 2009 and previously studied with Inna Eyzzerovich for four years. He began violin in 2003 along with piano from 2003 to 2009. He started viola in 2010.



Matthew serves as president of the PHS Orchestra along with being an active member of the Honors Chamber Orchestra and Serenata Strolling Strings. He played in the pit orchestra for the PHS theatric productions of *Aida*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Matthew participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 10, Regional IV/V, and All-State Orchestra Festivals over the past four years and sat as concertmaster of the 2012 District Orchestra. In June 2011, Matthew was selected to be a violinist in the National Association of Music Education (MENC) All-National Honors Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Matthew also greatly enjoys playing chamber music. He is the founder and violinist/violist of the klezmer/classical piano trio *M to the Third Power*. In 2011, Matthew played viola in the Temple University Music Prep Program's Youth Chamber Orchestra. He continued his studies of viola this past summer at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute (BUTI) Young Artists Orchestra program.

Academically, Matthew is a National Merit Finalist, a National AP Scholar, and a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish, Math, and Science Honor Societies. He also serves as secretary of the Political Science Club, vice president of Math League, and president/founder of the Scrabble Club at PHS. In his spare time, Matthew enjoys origami and hiking.

In fall 2012, Matthew will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT and plans to major in music and chemistry.

## Young Musicians of the Allentown Music Club

Will be performing at Cedarbrook Nursing Home

Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

Jane Gambone, *program coordinator*