



The Music and Drama Club Spring 2023

A message from our President, Cathy Lincoln

Greetings dear friends. Music and Drama is approaching its 120th anniversary in 2024. That is a remarkable achievement for any group but especially our small and active membership. Over the years we have raised and donated tens of thousands of dollars for the education of arts minded students. This year we raised over \$10,000 and will give to ten different Cleveland area organizations.

Over the years we sent out a complicated ballot to choose which educational organizations we wanted the club to donate to. This year the board is asking for suggestions. Depending on how much money we have available, we plan to give \$1000 to each group. We choose an equal number of musical and dramatic educational departments, roughly 10 groups.

It has been my pleasure to be president for almost 4 years. Our biannual luncheon will be on June 22 instead of June 15, please mark your calendars. During that luncheon we will vote on our new bi-laws and elect a new board. The luncheon will be at Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River. We have always had a wonderful time at this beautiful club set by our great Lake Erie. Shannon Eller will give her final performance as a member. No one wants to miss her fabulous jazz trio. I look forward to seeing everyone at each of our teas and luncheons.

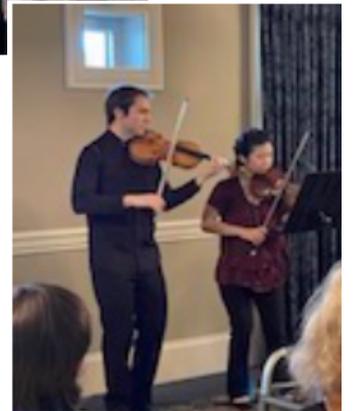
The 2022-2023 Season at a glance

Our Teas offer delectable food with a beautiful ambiance.

Just a reminder that Teas begin promptly at 2:00 with the program, followed by a tempting selection of goodies for all the enjoy. Luncheons begin at 11:30 with social time, lunch at noon and then the program.

October 13th Tea: Shoreby Club, Bratehahl

Performances by Cleveland Institute of Music, Paola Dara, violin, Karisa Chiu, violin



November 10th Tea: Mayfield Sand Ridge Club, South Euclid

Performances by Dobama Theatre. Heidi Skok, contralto, and Randall Fusco, piano



December 8th Annual Scholarship Luncheon: The Country Club, Pepper Pike

Performances by Musical Theater and Bill Rudman and Artists.





February 16th Tea: Mayfield Sand Ridge Club, South Euclid

Performances by: Case Graduate Program Showcase Pieces, Music by Zoya Reyzis, piano





March 9th Luncheon: Stonewater Golf Club and Grille, Highland Heights

Performance by Ann Elder, Drama.



PLEASE JOIN US ON:

April 13th Tea: Clifton Club, Lakewood; Performances by Anne McEvoy, Music by Sari Ben-Shachar, piano

May 11th Luncheon: Kirtland Country Club, Willoughby; Performance by Carol Starr - Kmiecik. Drama.

June 22 Biennial Meeting and Luncheon, Cleveland Yachting Club, Rocky River, Music by Shannon Eller Trio.

Reminder of our guest policy...We know you love sharing Music and Drama with your friends! Many a prospective member has become a new member due to a magnificent performance at a tea or luncheon. Unfortunately, the financial burden on our hostesses continues to increase each year therefore our guest policy will be as follows: members will be required to pay \$30.00 per guest per tea.

This changes the RSVP process slightly. If you are planning on coming without a guest you must still reply to the Club email address: (musicanddramacleveland@gmail.com) If you plan to bring a guest, you must contact Treasurer, Laura Lindauer, to arrange payment prior to the performance. Laura will be more than happy to take your reservation/credit card information over the phone. **Please note: All Credit Card transactions will be charged a convenience fee of 4%.** You may also mail back the RSVP card with a check if that is more convenient for you. We are constantly trying to come up with different ways to make our afternoons more cost effective for our members.

Besides enjoying wonderful music and dramatics we raise money for scholarships.

Holiday Scholarship Luncheon

More than 90 members and their guests gathered at The Country Club in Pepper Pike on December 8th for our annual luncheon fundraiser. After a delicious meal, guests were treated to The Musical Theater Project's holiday classic, A Christmas Cabaret. Guests were able to purchase raffle tickets for our popular Chinese auction gift baskets and perennial favorite miniature live Christmas trees, so beautifully created by Marylou Foley and her design team.

This year we also added a 50-50 raffle, won (and donated back) by Cathy Lincoln. Due to the generosity of our members and guests who attended and bought raffle tickets as well as members who were not able to attend but made donations, this event brought in \$5,802 towards the 22-23 scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who attended. Mark your calendars for next year's luncheon on December 7, 2023!

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Marilyn (Mickey) Montesanto

Mickey is an enthusiastic supporter of the visual and performing arts and she has been a member of Friends of Playhouse Square for many years. She was President of the Ohio University Women's Club. Mickey traveled nationally to recruit students and fundraise for the university. We welcome Mickey to the Music and Drama Club as an associate member.

Linda Wilmot

Linda is a pianist, but she will be joining the club as an associate member. She is very involved in the Cleveland Museum of Art and is a member of the Musical Arts Society. We welcome Linda to the Music and Drama Club.

Susan Downie Wheeler

Susan is a major gift officer at Case Western Reserve School of Arts and Science. She is a patron of CIM and serves on the Arts and Culture Committee at the Union Club. She has had a lifelong interest in art and drama. We welcome Susan as an associate member of the Music and Drama Club.

Anyone who would like membership information should contact Dorie Sopher 216-765-1267.

A Member we have lost: Joan Ostendorf



Joan devoted herself to organizations involved in health care and the arts upon her arrival, taking on leadership roles in the city's most renowned non-profit and civic organizations. She was a member of the Junior League of the City of Cleveland from 1964, including serving as VP in 1972-73. She served as a founder of the women's committee of the Cleveland Orchestra, serving as its first Vice President in 1975. Her involvement with the Cleveland Institute of Music spanned decades. She was President of the Board from 1980 to 1982. She was also President of the Music and Drama Club of Cleveland from 2001 to 2003 before becoming an Honorary Member.