

# THE MUSIC AND DRAMA CLUB

Fall, 2024



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Dear Members of The Music and Drama Club:

The 2024-2025 year has the promise of another wonderful year of sharing the Arts with you. The Board has begun planning for the year at the first Board meeting in early August.

The 2023-2024 year was quite eventful. The October Tea featured two of our members: Bruce Rose, piano and the poetry of Christine Howey. What a terrific beginning to the year! The year ended with a May Luncheon that featured two members: Laura Lindauer, soprano, and Marge Adler, piano. They performed music from 1904 – yes, the year that the Club was founded – marvelous!! And the programs “in between” were also superb.

The Board has a few changes for this year. The Membership Chair, Dorie Sopher, has resigned her position – this is sad news! The Board and I thank Dorie for all her time and hard work. Barbara Daniel, a member since 2021, will assume the responsibility of Membership Chair for the 2024-2025 year. Welcome, Barbara!

And yet another change on the Board! Rosemary Corcoran, the Chairman of Recitals – Music, has resigned her position. This is also sad news! Rosemary brought such a variety of talent to our programs. The Board and I thank Rosemary for all her time and hard work.

Wishing you a lovely September and hoping to see you at the October Tea!!

Sincerely,

Carol T. Zsulya  
President



## In Memoriam



*We remember Mary Ann Mahoney who recently passed away. She joined Music and Drama in 2015, which reflected her love of the Arts. Mary Ann was an excellent harpsichordist. She was very active in Apollo's Fire and also served as president of The Cleveland Opera League. Her enthusiasm and devotion to the world of music will be missed.*



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### *The Fruits of your Generosity*

*Thanks to the generosity of our members and their guests, we have been able to offer twelve \$1000 scholarships to area music and drama organizations. These funds were collected throughout the season along with membership dues and, of course, the big holiday fundraiser in December.*

*This year we disbursed funds to:*

*Beck Center for the Arts, CWRU/Cleveland PlayHouse MFA Program, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Cleveland School of the Arts, Dobama Theater, Ensemble Theater, Great Lakes Theater, Karamu House, The Music Settlement, The Musical Theater Project, Piano Cleveland (Cleveland International Piano Competition).*

*Save the Date: Music and Drama's yearly fundraiser will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at The Country Club in Pepper Pike.*

## Exciting News



*Music and Drama has been invited to become a member of the Western Reserve Historical Society's "100 Year Club." This is a very prestigious organization with membership of some of the leading Cleveland companies and organizations such as Lincoln Electric, American Greetings, Cleveland Metro Parks, City Club, and Junior*

*League.*

*WRHS loved our story about women founding our club to entertain each other in their homes when they could not perform in public. One hundred and twenty years later we are still meeting to be entertained by wonderful musicians and actors. The Music and Drama Club gave to arts organizations during the First and Second World Wars and the depression, just as we continue to give money each year to music and drama organizations who appreciate the Arts.*

*Our opening Tea is October 10<sup>th</sup> at Judson Manor. A guest from WRHS will be there to tell us about the 100 Year Club. So please try to join us. We also want to let you know that on December 5, 2024, we will be welcomed into this historic club at its annual event. More information to follow.*

**An upcoming gig:** *Shannon Eller will be appearing with the Dave Banks Big Band on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Robins Theatre in Warren, Ohio. There will be two shows honoring veterans: a matinee and an evening performance. During the first half of the show, Shannon will be singing songs from the 1930s and 1940s (think Andrews Sisters). The second half of the show will be Shannon's Barbra Streisand tribute.*

*Tickets are available by going to [www.davebanksbigband.com](http://www.davebanksbigband.com).*

**An upcoming event:** *The Western Reserve Historical Society will have an art exhibit about toys through the years. Three of Cathy Lincoln's Barbies (Prince Charming, Cinderella, and Midge) and a dollhouse will be in the exhibit. The dollhouse is not a typical one. This is a beauty parlor with a tattoo parlor on the first floor. The exhibit starts this October and runs for a year.*

## Music and Drama Comes in Different Forms

*Ellen Saltz writes;*

*On July 9<sup>th</sup> Dorie Sopher and I drove to Wooster, Ohio, to enjoy two productions, done by The Ohio Light Opera on the Wooster College campus. On Tuesday afternoon we saw a delightful production of *Guys and Dolls* and stayed overnight to see Gilbert and Sullivan's *Gondoliers* on Wednesday afternoon. This is a trip we together for many years. A lovely drive central Ohio to enjoy marvelous theater.*



*Gondoliers* on  
have done  
through

*Ginie Mast writes:*



*While traveling, I have a passion for acoustic response in the beautiful old sanctuaries in Europe. With permission of someone in charge, I find a sort of hiding place and sing a verse of "Amazing Grace." The Frauen kirche in Dresden was my latest in June of this year - about 4 seconds!!! And the sexton blew me a kiss when I waved him a silent thank you!*

*Katherine Callahan writes:*

*My big news is that I stayed with Notre Dame College until the very end. I was the last person standing in the Development office. Lots of tricky questions about endowments and will commitments, many still unanswered by the time I left.*

*I have accepted the job at Partnership Schools which supports 4 inner city Catholic schools: St. Thomas Aquinas (where my grandmother and her siblings attended and where she taught afterwards), Archbishop Lyke, Metro Catholic, and St. Francis. I am the Vice President of Advancement. I'm really excited about that. So that's my news of the summer!*



## Poetry

*Barbara Daniels was kind enough to share this poem, written for her grandmother as she was dying. December, 1989*

### *Alzheimer's*

*Premature, it slowly progresses,*

*The destruction is constant and sure.*

*First the mind, then the body.*

*Remembering a date from long ago, but not a face today.*

*Hiding a meal, losing a shoe.*

*Eyes sometimes void, sometimes reflecting fear,*

*But not knowing of what.*

*Sometimes like a dying animal, the eyes are sad and pleading.*

*Gaunt, pale, blue veins showing through transparent skin.*

*Mouth gaping, always ready to be fed, but tasting nothing.*

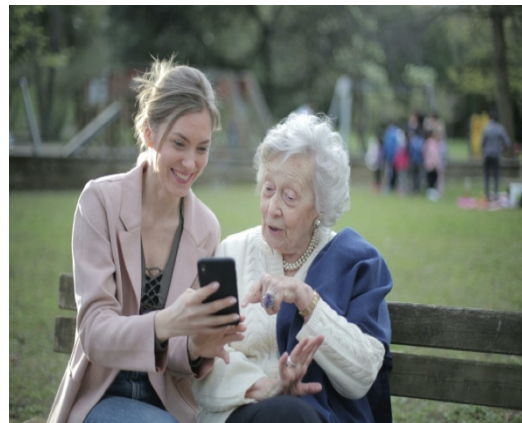
*Without speech, unaware of feeling, a life not worth living.*

*Beyond hope, without future.*

*Trapped in the unknown*

*Quicken the cure, or hasten the death.*

*But do it soon.*



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*November Tea  
at Mayfield Sand Ridge Club*



*The Music  
Marlene Krause,  
Betty Meyers, and  
Susan Blackwell*



*The Drama  
Rachel Fink  
with  
Debbie Neale*

*Some of our attendees:*



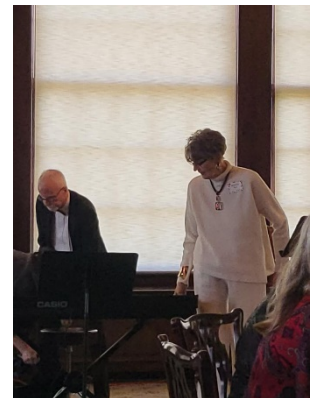
# *December Holiday Scholarship Luncheon at The Country Club*



*Members and guests enjoying the elegant ambiance and delicious lunch at our December gathering. It's always a festive time with friends, and we're supporting the arts.*



*Bill Rudman preparing to entertain us with his always lovely Christmas Cabaret.*



*Oh, those coveted trees that MaryLou Foley and crew create!*



*Kudos to our co-chairwomen, Joanne Balantzow and Linda Hosler, for another fabulous Holiday Scholarship Luncheon.*

*February Tea  
at Mayfield Sand Ridge Club*



*Heidi Skok,  
Contralto, Opera Faculty CIM*



*Members of 2026 class, CWRU, Cleveland Play House MFA, performing  
selections from the play Middletown.*





## *March Luncheon at StoneWater Golf Club and Venue*



*As we arrived that day, we were greeted by the warmth of a crackling fire.*

*Later, after a delicious lunch Carol Zsulya, our president, had a conversation with Todd Kríspínsky, Managing Director, Great Lakes Theater, and Laura Welsh Berg, actor, Great Lakes Theater, and Associate Professor of Acting and Directing, Baldwin Wallace University.*

## *April Tea at Kirtland Country Club*



*We will borrow Jan Pae's words to describe our pictures of April's Tea:*

*"The rainy weather didn't dampen the spirits of the members who enjoyed a creative program at Kirtland in April. Nathan Motta, the Artistic Director of Dobama Theatre, presented a preview of their upcoming season along with six actors who read segments from each of the productions the audience will be able to enjoy this summer. Following their presentation we sampled a lovely tea menu of traditional small sandwiches, a fruit tray, and flavorful desserts."*



And, now...  
*the Piece de Resistance*

May Luncheon  
at Cleveland Yachting Club  
120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

So many pictures, so many people who worked very hard to make this a truly memorable event. Here goes! Lots to share!





*Roses for all past presidents,  
present this special day*

*The style and elegance  
of a by-gone day*



*Memories*



*Laura Lindauer, soprano, and Marge Adler, pianist, carried us back to 1904 in Song. It was the perfect way to end our perfect day.*

*Brava to all who played a role in producing this beautiful tribute to the Music and Drama Club of Cleveland*

*120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

