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We are excited to be planning our sixth Amici concert season. Mark your calendars now for Oct 27, Dec 8, Feb 9, Apr 6, June 1! Our October 27 concert will feature The Brahms Piano trio, Op. 8, with guest pianist Alexandre Dossin. February 9 brings us a Mozart string quintet that calls for two violas, with guest violist Leslie Straka. April 6 will feature our third all-Baroque program, with guest harpsichordist Julia Brown, and music by Bach, Vivaldi, Telemann, and Leclair. On June 1 we will perform Prokofiev's Sonata for two violins and Dvorak's Piano Quintet with guest violinist Jessica Lambert. We look forward to repeating many of these concerts out of town, and celebrating with our audiences afterwards on stage.

June 11 "Americana"



Our second concert this season in the Shedd, "Americana," will take place on June 11. It features Dvořák's "American" String Quartet, with synchronized slides from the "Looking Back: Lane County" series published by the Eugene Register-Guard. We have permission from the Lane Historical Museum to use these photos, which trace the development of Eugene and Springfield from sleepy logging towns to bustling commercial centers. With the slow movement of the quartet, we will show you spectacular photos of mountain wildflowers, taken by William Sullivan, our local trailblazing author. This concert also features Gershwin's "Lullaby" for string quartet, and Victor Steinhardt's piano quartet. We are looking forward very much to celebrating the history of Lane County with this concert. Our subscribers get a 20% discount on additional tickets for friends. This concert will be repeated June 12 at the home of Steve and Vera Kilston.

Art Contest Winners 2014

This year's Amici Art contest winners are (left, top to bottom) Iraenah Garoutte, "Music in the Air;" Gayle Macy, "Full Performance;" Elesha McCarthy, "Amazement of Possibilities;" and Renee Manford, "Red Key" and "Music Is On." The people's choice award goes to Leigh Brissenden, "Mountain Hymnal," below right. We are proud once again, thanks to the Rosaria Haugland Foundation, to be able to feature the work of local artists next season on our unique programs and posters.

This year's Art Contest reception for finalists helped Amici fulfill our educational mission by presenting a performance by the cello quartet of high school students, coached by cellist Sylvie Spengler, Principal Cello of the Eugene Opera Orchestra. We are proud to help fund the programs at South Eugene High School and the Eugene and Springfield Youth Symphony, which are helping to develop these young players.



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violin

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violin/viola

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cello

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Detail from *Rhapsody of
Color and Line*, Irene Henjum



Guy Few Performs with Amici, May 19

Don't miss Amici's performance with the Oregon Bach Festival's principal trumpet, Guy Few, May 19 at the Shedd. Beyond Guy, who will be coming from his home in Toronto, guests will include cellist Jed Barahal of Portugal, pianist Alexandre Dossin of the UO School of Music, bass player Tyler Abbot, also of the UO, and harpsichordist and harmonium virtuoso Julia Brown. The program includes Baldassare's piccolo trumpet concerto in F; Persichetti's "Hollow Men," with Guy reading T. S. Eliot's poem; Dvořák's Bagatelles for two violins, cello, and harmonium; and Saint-Saëns's Septet for trumpet, piano and strings.

Special activities for this concert include a UO trumpet master class; a free workshop for middle and high-school brass players; education

outreach to a Springfield grade school; a free performance at Cascade Manor, and a repeat performance in Oakland, Oregon. You can help sponsor this concert and all its educational activities by returning the enclosed pledge card to become a "Friend of Guy Few."

Guy Few Residency May 15 - 20, 2014

May 15, 1:00-2:30 pm, Performance for Children, Riverbend Elementary School, Springfield (free)

May 16, 4:30pm, Workshop for Middle and High School Brass, The Shedd (free)

May 17, 3:00 pm, Concert with Guy Few, Cascade Manor, Eugene (free)

May 19, 7:30 pm, Chamber Music Amici performs with Guy Few, The Shedd

May 20, Noon, Guy Few Trumpet Master Class, UO School of Music (free)

May 20, 7:00 pm, Repeat of May 19 concert with Guy Few, MarshAnne Landing Winery, Oakland, Oregon

The Chaucer Project: "The Rooster and the Fox"

We are in the early stages of developing a new educational outreach project for Spring, 2015: "The Rooster and the Fox." It will be a 24-minute chamber work for strings, piano, and winds, commissioned by us from a local composer, with original choreography by Ballet Fantastique, and narration. The story we have chosen is from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, the "Nun's Priest's Tale," the story of Chauncleer the rooster, Pertelote his hen-wife, and the evil fox who tries to eat him. We are very excited about applying for grants, so that once again we can bring thousands of public school students to the Wildish Theater for our free performances, create a video of the whole experience, and upload it on our website, along with our curriculum, for teachers and students worldwide to access for free, just as we did with the *Emperor's New Clothes*. Completing this project will depend on our ability to secure funding for it in advance. If you would like to contribute to help make this happen, please call Loi at 541.953.9204.



Audience Survey Results



Don Hirst

We surveyed the audience at our opening concert this season, and we found out some nice things. Of the 60 people who responded, 21% had attended all 21 concerts. That's Amici loyalty! The most prevalent comments were "more of the same!" and "Keep up the eclectic mix of known and unknown composers."

It turns out that 56% of our audience members shop at the businesses that support Amici, with Oakway Center, Newman's, and Long's coming out on top. The vast majority of respondents said they were more likely to shop at a business that is an Amici sponsor. When asked what Amici should change, the most popular response was, "nothing." We asked what music you want to hear, too, and one responder suggested that we perform a Dvořák piano quintet, which we will do next season. More complete survey results can be found at our website.



But NOT on April 6 at 3:00 pm! Tony Buxton

That's when Chamber Music Amici, having had TWO MarshAnne Winery performances cancelled due to rare snow storms, will prove that "The Show Must Go On!"

Fran & Greg's fantastic venue, just down the road in Oakland, is a favorite of Amici musicians and a host of other performers. It is known for its warm acoustics, great food and award-winning wines. The winery also has panoramic views across the vineyard and the valley beyond. On December 6 and February 8, however, when we tried to perform, neither audience nor musicians could get there except by snowmobile or dog sled!

This time around it's safe to say that the weather won't be a problem for Victor Steinhardt, Steven Pologe and Kathryn Lucktenberg, when they play Beethoven's "Ghost" sonata. If you haven't experienced Chamber Music Amici in this setting, make your reservations now by calling MarshAnne Landing at 541-459-7998. \$30 includes abundant appetizers.

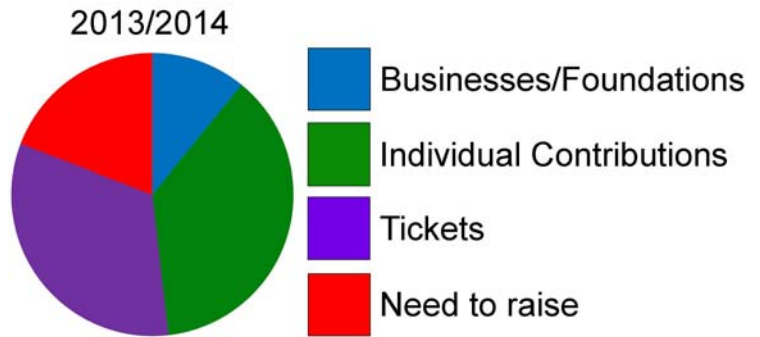
Composition Contest

This season we introduce our first ever Composition Contest, with both youth and adult categories, and prizes in each category, thanks to our Composition Contest sponsor, Don Gudahus. We hope to choose a 5-minute piece composed by a youth 17 years old or younger, and a 10-minute piece composed by an adult, to include in our repertoire for next season. We had 17 entries and will announce the winners at 7:30 pm, at our April 7 concert in the Wildish Theater. As with the Amici Art Contest, we are proud to promote the creative achievements of the artists in our midst, and we think you will enjoy these exciting pieces created just for us. Stay tuned for a world premiere next season!



For Financial Health

At the end of last season, when we were able not only to end in the black, but to add over \$1,000 to our reserves, we decided to add a concert this season and to perform our final two concerts at the Shedd Institute of the Arts, May 19 and June 11. Our concert with Guy Few, May 19, will be amazing, but also expensive, because it uses an unprecedented eight musicians and includes free outreach activities at all educational levels. We are therefore sponsoring this concert with donations from “Friends of Guy Few.” We have already raised over \$9,000 toward our goal. If you would like to join the party, please return the enclosed pledge card or call Loi at 541.953.9204. Thanks for helping us strike the right balance to help Amici create community with great music for years to come!



Kid-friendly Website

Are you planning to bring a child to an Amici concert? Visit our new website created just for kids! It is especially designed for ages 6-11, but of course it may be enjoyed by anyone. On this site you can:



- See descriptions of Amici and its members.
- Watch videos featuring music that is to be performed in upcoming Amici concerts.
- Read suggestions for activities kids can do to familiarize themselves with chamber music.
- Visit links to other websites with fun musical activities for kids.
- Download our voucher that allows students to purchase a \$5.00 ticket to any Amici concert.

Just click on the “Amici for Kids” link on the Amici website, or visit it directly: <https://sites.google.com/a/springfield.k12.or.us/amici-for-kids/home>.

Amy Danziger, Secretary of the Amici Board of Directors, and teacher at Riverbend Elementary School in Springfield, created the special Amici Website for kids.

Amy Danziger

Jack Zhang on Board

Yujie (Jack) Zhang is the newest member of the Amici Board of Directors. As a UO Master of Accounting candidate, he brings much-needed expertise to the position of Treasurer of the board. He is also our first twenty-something board member, our first student board member and our first board member from China.

As president of the UO Chinese Students Online Interactive Information Center and a volunteer tutor, helping to integrate new students from China into our community, he is in a good position to help bring more students to Amici concerts. Above all, Jack is an energetic, creative, engaging new force on our board and at concerts.



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