

A Newsletter of the Rockland County Music Teachers Guild

# Tuning Up!

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We are delighted to bring this beautiful presentation to you as the start of our season of "First Wednesday" morning programs: **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Valley Cottage Library at 10:15 a.m.**

## **The Palace of Versailles and Its Music**

This 90 minute presentation covers the history of Versailles and the music composed and performed over 150 years--- from approximately 1623 through the French Revolution. Originally begun in 1623 as a hunting lodge by Louis XIII, Versailles soon evolved into the prestigious palace of the "Sun King" that was widely imitated throughout Europe. Entertainment and music were closely intertwined with life at Versailles, with more than 150 musicians attached to the King's service.



Garden View of Versailles and Water Parterre, 1675

**Catherine Sprague, Presenter**

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## **Featured music:**

- Lully
- Marin Marais
- Michel Lambert
- Rameau
- François Couperin
- Mozart
- Gluck
- Royer

# Letter from the President

-Tedo Wyman



I look at last month's letter and it seems like a message from another planet compared to what's going on now. August and September - they are like the Yin Yang of months for me. I meet the new students and returning ones with happy expectations tempered by experiences of previous years. My students are just as stunned as I am to be suddenly back, steeped in their piano studies...but there is truly something delicious about the new music I have for them - and the fresh opportunity that the new season brings. Maybe there's a little more maturity, maybe able to laugh a little more, maybe grew a few inches and the hands now easily reach an octave, maybe entirely forgot how to read bass clef...let the teaching year commence!

On Facebook: Dear Members - did you know RCMTG has a Facebook page? I would love to see you there. We are considering starting a "members only" forum on Facebook so we can stay in touch and share ideas. If you're not on Facebook yet, you can create an identity on Facebook for yourself. It's easy. Once you are "on" you can "like" our Facebook page and when I post something onto the page you will see it. To find our Facebook page, just type RCMTG into the "Search" box and you'll see us. But first, you did need to create an identity on Facebook in order to see the posts. It's free. You can have it be as private as you want - just follow the instructions. I'll look forward to seeing you there!

Please plan to come hear two marvelous young performers as they present their Concerti with the Rockland Symphony on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 4 PM at Rockland Community College. Helen Gao, piano student of Fei Zhao, will be performing the 1st mvt of Beethoven's 1st Piano Concerto. Noah Goldmann, cello student of Carole Tilson, will be performing a movement of the Elgar Concerto. These students have worked so hard to be chosen by us as winners of our Annual Concerto Competition. Let's make every effort to support them with our presence and applause.

## About our Speaker: **Catherine Sprague**



Presenter Catherine Sprague is a pianist with musical training at Mount Holyoke College and Indiana University. She has lectured on classical music throughout New Jersey and is the author of a book on Mozart to be published in 2015 by Pendragon Press. She is a member of the Mozart Society of America and is an independent researcher. She conducts tours on Mozart to Germany, Austria, Prague and Italy. We are delighted to bring this beautiful Audio-Visual presentation as the first program of our new season - October 7, 2015

- Historical paintings of Versailles showing its changing appearance over the life of four kings
- Clips from a documentary about Louis XIV, the water fountains and the Hall of Mirrors
- Clips of music used for some of the fêtes during Louis XIV's reign
- historical musical instruments of the period
- a virtual tour of the Royal Chapel of Versailles, with some sacred music

## Announcements

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our long time member, the esteemed composer:

### **Stephen Covello**

who passed away this Spring. Many of our teachers still use the creative student music from his 'Winning Solos' series with their students to open their ears and imagination to contemporary music. Condolences to his wife and collaborator, our valued member, Susie Covello.

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On a happier note, we received a card from our Scholarship winner, Dionna Caiati, who is a vocal student of Bette Glenn.

***Dear Members of the Rockland County Music Teachers Guild,  
Thank you so much for this Scholarship. It makes me extremely happy that I won something based off my love for music.  
This means a lot to me and I greatly appreciate it!***

***Love, Dionna Caiati***

Dionna, received her prize of \$1,000 in August.

The Hudson Lyric Opera presents Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*. Performances will be Saturdays October 17 and 24 at 7:30PM, Friday October 30 at 7:30PM and Sundays October 18, 25 and November 1 at 2PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 47 East Main St., Stony Point NY. for information call: 845 709 2273

## Meet Your Board:

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## Calendar for 2015-2016

**September 27** (Sunday 6pm)

*Fall Dinner at The Hazan's home*

**October 7** (Wednesday 10:15 a.m.)

*"Versailles and Its Music": Catherine Sprague*

**October 18** (Sunday 4 pm)

*Young People's Concert at RCC Monsey, NY*

**November 4** (Wednesday at 10 a.m.)

*"Chamber Music & the Art of Togetherness": Joanna Jenner*

**December 2** (Wednesday at 10 a.m.)

*"Round Table on Collaborative Music Making"...members participate*

**December 5/6** (Sat and Sun. -all day)

*Annual Marathon at Palisades Center, West Nyack- to benefit "Helping Hands of Rockland"*

**January 23** (Saturday at 6 pm)

*Jamboree Pot Luck Dinner at The Waltzer Home*

**March 2** (Wednesday 10 a.m.)

*"Round Table on Pedagogy"...members participate*

**April 6** (Wednesday at 10 a.m.)

*Program (details to be announced soon)*

**May 1** (Sunday all day)

*RCMTG Auditions at the Rockland Conservatory*

**May 4** (Wednesday at 10 a.m.)

*"Beyond the Page"- Judith Thomas*

**May 15** (Sunday Afternoon)

*Blue and Gold recital of Audition winners*

**June 1** (Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.)

*Annual Luncheon -Place to be announced.*