# Millied Arts of Renton

# ALLIED ARTS PROUDLY PRESENTS The Annual Fall Family Concert featuring the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 2 p.m.

The Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Adam Stern, will be bringing lush sounds to the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. with a concert comprised entirely of Slavic music: composers of Czech, Polish, Russian and Slovenian origin will be featured.

Two staples of the concert repertoire will be spotlighted: Bedrich Smetana's symphonic poem *The Moldau* and Frédéric Chopin's hauntingly beautiful *Piano Concerto No. I* with the Serbian-born pianist Milica Jelača Jovanović as soloist. *Autumn*, the most popular portion of Alexander Glazunov's radiant ballet score *The Seasons*, will be appropriately presented at this fall concert. A little-known delight by Antonín Dvořák, his *Polonaise*, completes the program.

Young student musicians from Lindbergh, Hazen and Renton High schools and Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra will participate on one selection in the program. Each student is mentored by a SPO member and are enthusiastic about this rare opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra. Participating students are also invited to perform the following week with the orchestra at Benaroya Hall.

Because of partnerships with Renton Municipal Arts Commission, Renton School District, Renton Regional Community Foundation and 4-Culture, the concert committee is able to keep tickets prices low so that whole families can attend. Prices are Adults \$8, Seniors \$5 and Students \$3. Handicap seating is available as needed. Parking is free at Renton High School.

Tickets are available at L.A. Frames, 308 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in downtown Renton and King and Bunny's, 4608 Sunset Blvd in the Highlands. Tickets are also sold at the box office the day of the concert. For further information call 206-772-6528 or 425-255-5145.

#### Renowned Pianist to be Featured



Milica Jelača Jovanović

Featured at the Fall Family Concert will be pianist Milica Jelača Jovanović. Born into a family of professional musicians in Belgrade, Serbia, Milica Jelača Jovanović began giving recitals at the age of eight. Hailed "a pianist of great energy and charisma," she has appeared as a soloist with symphony orchestras, throughout the world. She has won prizes at several international competitions.

In 2004, she took a position at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, where she is currently an Associate Professor of Piano and the Coordinator of the Keyboard Area.

#### Young Musicians Share Thoughts about Performing with Seattle Philharmonic

Deloris Dewing

Two high school student musicians agreed to share their personal experiences of performing with the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra during the Allied Arts of Renton Fall Family Concert.

Fifteen year old Constance Turner of Lindbergh High School has studied violin for six years. "Playing with the orchestra was a chance to perform with much more experienced, advanced musicians. Playing the music was difficult in the beginning, but I learned it through a lot of practice," she said. She also played in the performance at Benaroya Hall the following week. Of that performance, she said, "Oh my gosh, it was amazing!" A side benefit of preparing for the concert for her was learning to manage her time as well as learning to "schedule" her time. She will be playing her violin in this October's concert and hopes that one day in the future she will be a member of Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra.

Gabriela Vera-Kavanagh has studied the cello for six years and the bass for two years. She has been a member of Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra. She played with the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra as a freshman several years ago and said that it was "a real challenge." But the experience gave her more confidence. "It taught me that with practice I can play almost anything---just break the music into parts and practice." She also played in the follow up concert at Benaroya Hall and related, "Going through those stage doors at Benaroya Hall was so exhilarating." While Gabriela is undecided as to her major in college, she says she will continue to play music.

The Allied Arts year runs from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 The following have made contributions to Allied Arts for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019.

Thank You!

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## Presidents' Message

#### **Allied Arts Receives Award**

Co-Presidents: Deloris Dewing and Linda Middlebrooks

What an exciting summer! Allied Arts was awarded Renton River Days' 2018 Outstanding Service Award! We, as Co-Presidents of AAR, joined Honorary Board member Char Baker and newest member Melody Kroeger in Melody's red Mustang convertible to ride the RRD Parade route on July 28. Board Member Shari Fisher's two granddaughters carried the banner as we all headed toward the end of the parade and to the Chalk Art Contest after the Parade. (You can read about the Chalk Art Contest in this newsletter).

Chalk Art, Renton Annual Art Show, and Renton River Days are now over for the year and we head into two more of our events: This newsletter sent to you twice a year, and the Fall Family Concert with guest pianist, Milica Jelača Jovanović playing Chopin's hauntingly beautiful *Piano Concerto No. 1.* Please read about it in this newsletter. As an added benefit, each year selected orchestra students from Renton High Schools are given the opportunity to play with the orchestra on one of the pieces and are also mentored by a symphony member.

Remembering that we strive to make the Community of Renton a better place to live, we always invite your feedback and also ask for your donations to help us keep the arts alive and well in Renton. Please send suggestions and other comments to AAR, P.O. Box 151, Renton, WA 98057. In addition we would be greatly appreciative of you filling out the donation form on Page 7 of this newsletter and sending it with a check in support of our efforts. Thank you!

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Sue Tierney for serving as AAR web master; Jaris English for updating Face Book; Barb Nilson for sponsoring a People's Choice award at Chalk Art event and matching the Allied Arts' Renton Annual Art Show Award in memory of Susan Ringwood; James Lambka for sponsorship of Chalk Art event; Renton Regional Community Foundation, Circle of giving Award supporting Fall Family Concert, featuring the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra; Renton Municipal Arts Commission for generous grant for Fall Family Concert; 4 Culture, Fall Family Concert.

#### ALLIED ARTS OF RENTON NEWSLETTER

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#### **CURRENT OFFICERS**

Co-presidents: Deloris Dewing and Linda Middlebrooks Secretary: Pat Tucker-Dolan Treasurer: Shari Fisher

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Donna Duffey ~ Jaris English ~ Melody Kroeger ~ Sonja Kyes ~ Cira Reymann ~ Janie Tanner ~ Sue Tierney

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## Keeping Arts Alive in Renton

## Allied Arts Selected for **Outstanding Service Award**

In a letter written to Allied Arts of Renton early this summer, Sonja Mejlaender, coordinator for Renton River Days wrote, "On behalf of the volunteer Board of Directors for Renton River Days, we are pleased to announce that River Days would like to honor Allied of Arts of Renton with our 2018 Outstanding Service Award. The festival's Outstanding Service Award (OSA) recognizes exemplary pride and dedication towards the continued success of Renton's community festival, and gratefully acknowledges the commitment and efforts of a volunteer, team, organization, or community partner who help ensure the legacy of Renton's festival traditions and community spirit. RRD Board discussion acknowledged not only your teams' annual efforts for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chalk Art Contest and the 58th Renton Annual Arts Show, but the year-round community engagement and support of keeping arts alive within the greater Renton community."

Allied Arts was pleased and honored to receive this award. Board member Mel Kroeger volunteered her red

Mustang convertible for the RRD parade. Co-Presidents Linda Middlebrooks and Deloris Dewing waved at parade viewers from the back seat while past board member Char Baker rode shotgun for Mel in the front seat. All four women agreed that riding in the parade and viewing the thumbs up and wonderful smiles and waves from parade viewers was heartwarming indeed.



Driver Melody Kroeger with Char Baker in front seat, Linda Middlebrooks and Deloris Dewing in back seat are ready to join the Renton River Days parade.



Allied arts Board at annual meeting: sitting clockwise around table area: Donna Duffey, Jaris English, Sue Tierney, Linda Middlebrooks, Shari Fisher and Deloris Dewing. Standing is Cira Reymann. Not pictured: Melody Kroeger, Sonja Kyes, Janice Tanner and Pat Tucker-Dolan

#### Officers and Board Members Elected

The Allied Arts of Renton annual meeting was held on May 22 at the home of board member, Melody Kroeger. After a pot luck dinner and social hour the business meeting was called to order by co-president, Linda Middlebrooks. The following were elected to serve as officers for the 2018-2019 year which runs from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019:

Co-presidents: Deloris Dewing and Linda Middlebrooks

Secretary: Pat Tucker-Dolan Treasurer: Shari Fisher

Two board members, Cira Reymann and Sue Tierney, whose terms expired on May 31, 2018, agreed to serve another three-year-term. A complete list of all board members can be found on Page 2.

#### **About Allied Arts of Renton**

Allied Arts is an all volunteer non-profit organization where every cent received in donations goes directly into arts -oriented programs. By seeking grants and partnerships, and using our own in-kind talents, we have helped keep the arts alive and well in Renton. Our organization supports visual arts, vocal and instrumental music, performing arts, as well as the literary arts. Your generous donations help us greatly in this endeavor.

## People Working Together Make a Difference

#### Chalk Art Competition a "HOT" Event at Renton River Days

Chalk Art artists were brave souls this year when they came to the Renton River Days Chalk Art contest on the tennis courts at Liberty Park. The hot, hot temperatures were a challenge and participation was down as approximately 30 artists knelt in the unrelenting sun to offer up their renditions for the judging. At the end of the contest at 3 p.m., as participants sought water and shade under the tents, the judges chose the following winners:

#### **Professional category:**

First place: Amanda Saxton Second place: Eric Titus Third place: Ian Schimnoski

#### Adult category:

First place: Linda Stott Second place: Amber Baker Honorable mention: Teresa Van Beek and Linda Van Beek

#### Teen category:

First place: Vivian McPherson

Second place: Analisa Ruiz Honorable mention: Elly Hartman and Elliot Sach



Amanda Saxton was the big winner with first place in professional category and also people's choice award.

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#### Junior category:

First place: Shira Acker Second place: Alysia Ruiz Honorable mention: Anna Bogatova

People's Choice, Adult Award: Amanda Saxton People's Choice, Teen Award: Vivian McPherson People's Choice, Junior Award: Shira Acker

Linda Stott won first place in the adult category.

## Renton Annual Art Show a "COOL" Place to Visit on Hot Weekend

Linda Middlebrooks

The Renton Annual Art Show was an oasis of visual and sound beauty in an air conditioned room during Renton River Days. (Do you remember how hot it was?)

This year, as the temperature went up outdoors, this was the cool place to visit indoors to view the works of over 100 artists while enjoying the ambience of background music provided by a variety of musical groups!

Allied Arts of Renton again helped sponsor the show. With the passing of valued leader for many years, Susan Ringwood, AAR decided to add an additional memorial award dedicated to Susan's memory. Barbara Nilson, also a valued leader, matched the award to honor Susan.

Helga Jaques, "My View" was chosen for this memorial award. (The Ringwood family purchased the photo knowing that Susan would have loved it.)

The Nancy Hoben Annual Memorial Award was presented to Mary Schossow-Schumaker for "Oops!", and the third Allied Arts award went to Wei Yao for her piece, "Loquat Fruits".

This volunteer show, 58 years and going strong, is a week long effort by many volunteers including Board members of AAR.



Mary Schossow-Schumaker — "Oops!" Nancy Hoben Memorial Award (located on bottom of easel).

## Making the Arts Come Alive in Renton







#### AAR Pleased to Receive Letter from Former Scholarship Recipient

Hello,

My name is Sophie Ossorio. I was an Allied Arts Scholarship recipient in 2014, when I was in 9th grade. With the award, I was able to buy my own oboe. I wanted to thank the Allied Arts because through this award, I have been able to play music throughout high school and will be continuing this year at the University of Washington. This will be my first year at the UW, where I received a full-ride fellowship, and I am so excited to join an ensemble there—thank you once again for all of the amazing work this organization is doing.

With a special thanks to Barbara Nilson,\*

Sophie

\*Editor's note: Barbara Nilson helped purchase the oboe by donating matching funds to the award.

Deadline for the next scholarship award is March 1, 2019. Application forms are available online at www.alliedartsofrenton.org.

## Renton Municipal Arts Commission ~ Fall 2018 Update

Elizabeth Higgins, Liaison to the RMAC

July saw two RMAC-sponsored events, primarily music-based, but both including other art forms. Arts Unlimited of Renton took over management of Summer Fest, started last year by the RMAC, which continued its financial support this year. Summerfest is an appreciation event designed to bring the community together for an evening of fun and celebration.

The following weekend, coinciding with Renton River Days, a RMAC Galvanizing Art Project, "A Celebration of Art and Music of the Pacific Northwest," was held in Wells Avenue, between South Second and Third.





Above left: The Cory Wilds Band at Renton, Celebrates Art and Music from the Pacific Northwest. Above right: The community enjoys the music (and weather!)

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission had a successful summer, both giving and receiving funding for arts and culture in the community. Grants were awarded to local artists and arts organizations, including Allied Arts for the Fall Family Concert and the Rainier Chorale.

In August, the RMAC worked to advocate for a "Building Culture" grant from 4Culture for the Renton Civic Theatre. The RCT/RMAC's application was approved by a unanimous vote of the King County Council and the award of over \$78,000 used to acquire newly reupholstered seating for the historic theatre.

RCT has 234 new seats for the 2018-19 season.



At the beginning of September, the RMAC introduced its "Creative Community Artist Workshops," funded as Galvanizing Art Projects. The painting workshops, held at the MLK Jr. Memorial Baptist Church, which donated the space, were taught by artists Ned Mueller and Donald Leonard. These events were very successful and the RMAC is planning additional workshops for the future.

### Transitions and Kudos

#### REMEMBERING SUSAN RINGWOOD DECEMBER 1934- JULY 2018

#### **Devoted Past Director of Renton Annual Art Show Dies**

Barbara Nilson

The heartbeat of the Renton Annual Arts Show (RAA) was missing in the summer of 2018 when one of its leaders, Susan Ringwood, died in July. Her efficiency and glowing smile are surely missed.

The Ringwoods, Susan and husband Ron, have been active in the Art Show since the '90s when Norman Cugini encouraged Susan to be a part of the Art Show Board as co-chair for the volunteers. At that time, the Art Show was ten years old and located in the Renton Center, where Fred Meyer is today. It was an outdoor show and volunteers took two-hour shifts to host and guard the show.



The Ringwoods have been to every Art Show since that time and even before as patrons. A photo of them in the recent history book of the Allied Arts, shows Susan and Ron manning a desk at the 1997 Art Show held at the Renton Community Center. At the 2018 Art Show, Allied Arts provided a \$200 "Susan Ringwood Memorial" award financed by Allied Arts, \$100 and matched by Barb Nilson. The judges selected a painting by Helga Jacques entitled "My View". At the end of the show it was purchased by Susan's husband, Ron. Char Baker, Allied Arts past president, said, "What a wonderful tribute to Susan who was a longtime volunteer and advocate of the Renton Annual Art Show. She would have loved Helga's painting."

Besides the Art Show, Susan has been involved with Allied Arts; the League of Women Voters; PTA, receiving the Golden Acorn award two times; elected to the Renton School Board; appointed by the governor as a Renton Technical College trustee; and in 1985 started working in Olympia on the hotline for the Washington State Senate. She retired from that job at the age of 72.

Even though Susan and Ron moved to Olympia, she remained active in the operation of the Art Show, the selection of qualified judges etc. and remained as an RAA Board member. She served on the committee when RAA celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Art Show in July 2010.

#### **Other Recognitions**

In 1990-91 Susan was chosen as Elks Citizen of the year; 1994-95 Susan and Sylvia Langdon, another AAR member; successfully lobbied the Renton School Board to place \$1500 in the budget supporting an artist in residence for the Humanities program at Hazen High school. She was chair of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Family Concert held at Lindbergh in 1999-2000 and also the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Concert held there in 2000-2001.

When Susan left the board of Allied Arts in 2000-2001, she was presented with an honorary life membership award and AAR made a donation of \$200 to the Renton Annual Art Show in her name to help purchase new easels.

Susan and Ron were married for 63 years and raised their family in Renton where her heart always remained.

#### Solana Jenkins Receives 2018 Youth Scholarship

Jaris English

Fifteen-year old Solana Jenkins was selected as the winner of this year's annual Arts Alive for Youth Scholarship. She is a junior at Liberty High School this fall and is busy practicing with the Liberty High School Marching band. The band was just reestablished after several years' absence. Solana who has been studying the trumpet for five years, is following in the steps of her mother, who also played the trumpet in the Liberty High Band.

The AAR board set up scholarships in cultural arts fields to be awarded to students between the ages of 12-19. The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage and help talented young students to further training in their chosen artistic field. In her application, Solana wrote, "This scholarship will be used for music supporting materials and lessons for trumpet, different mutes required for music types, music stand, music itself, and hopefully an upgrade to my trumpet." She has been included in multiple advanced bands in middle school and high school. She also wrote, "I hope to continue this passion through college and beyond in any capacity. I absolutely love playing trumpet. It provides me with an outlet to help me through all other challenges."

After she found out she was a recipient, she said, "I am so thankful and excited to be able to expand my musical knowledge. It will really be of help to acquire materials that I need. I think this scholarship program is very effective in helping young people to pursue their talents."

#### I WANT TO JOIN ALLIED ARTS TO SUPPORT THE ARTS IN RENTON

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## Allied Arts of Renton

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## RENTON REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Donations can be made online to Allied Arts through the Renton Regional Community Foundation at www.rentonfoundation.org (select Allied Arts Fund) or through Allied Arts at www.alliedartsofrenton.org





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#### **ALLIED ARTS MEETINGS**

Held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
There are no meetings in July or December.
Locations vary—call 206-772-4010

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## FALL FAMILY CONCERT

featuring

The Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center 400 South 2nd Street

Information: 206-772-6528

## RENTON CITY CONCERT BAND

Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m.
Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center
400 South 2nd Street
Purchase tickets at door or at
Renton Community Center
prior to concert date.

## RENTON CIVIC THEATRE

507 S. 3rd Street in Renton Holiday Play: "It's a Wonderful Life" Directed by Vincent Orduna December 7 to December 22 Information: 425-226-5529 boxoffice@rentoncivictheatre.org



#### RENTON CIVIC THEATRE INSTALLS NEW SEATS FOR THE 2018-2019 SEASON

Renton Civic Theatre is excited about good things happening at the theatre. Freshly reupholstered seats that are less than five years old have been installed in time for the beginning of the new season. They are wider than the old seats, and have been installed to current code – so there is more leg room. Bill Huls, artistic director for the theatre says, "That means that we technically have less seats in the auditorium, but that's a small sacrifice to pay for the comfort of our audience."

The original seats had plaques honoring those who had donated to the "Purchase the Theater" drive over 20 years ago – those plaques will be part of a new display very soon. RCT expressed a huge thank you to the King County Council and to 4Culture for recognizing their need and working RCT into their budget to help pay for the seats. They also expressed thanks to the volunteers who came in to remove the old seats, and to repair and paint the floor and the walls. Another awesome team installed the seats. Huls continued his appreciation by offering a huge, huge thank you to theatre patrons, for their ongoing love and support of the arts in downtown Renton!

In addition to new seats, the marquee repairs and lobby renovations are completed but there is always more to do. RCT recently surveyed their patrons to see what the audience wanted to see next and will soon announce future plans. To support future improvement projects, you can purchase a star (backlit by LEDs) which will be hung on the underside of the marquee (many are up already if the public would like to see how pretty they look). Or, if you just want to contribute without purchasing a star, a direct donation to the project can be made as well. All donations are fully tax deductible and a receipt will be provided.

Ticket holders had the opportunity to check out the new seats as well as the lobby renovations when RTC opened their latest show September 21 with a production of "The Death of Me" by Christine Foster. The show is being directed by Curt Heatherton and runs through October 6 with performances on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

To make a donation, purchase a star or check out the rest of the exciting season go to the RCT website at renton civictheatre.org or call the theatre, 425-226-5529 for more information. RCT thanks you for your support of live theatre in Renton.