

MUSICIANS OF MA'ALWYCK



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Dear Friends,

This spring I taught a class on Vaughan Williams for HILL in Delmar. As I pored over his letters, biographies and music to prepare for the class, the personality of this great musician burst out of the pages. Long-lived, incredibly diligent, late-blooming, self-doubting yet steadfast in his musical beliefs, and incredibly passionate about music, poetry and life and supremely loyal to his friends and convictions, this man could always be counted on to support and contribute to his community, whether musical or beyond. I loved watching the class "discover" him through his own words and his incredible music.

I thought of Vaughan Williams as we performed our final subscription concert this past weekend. One of our guest artists had a hand injury and within 36 hours we had found an amazing substitute, Todd Sisley, who learned the repertoire in mere hours, and finished out the remaining six concerts in five days with us. Not only was his performance a feat of artistry, but his collegiality and musicianship made what could have been an extremely stressful set of concerts, fun and satisfying. Todd was not the only hero, Derek Stannard loaned us his harpsichord and John Keal Music loaned us their van to transport it. The importance of artistic community, a need so well understood by RVW, was fully demonstrated to me. How wonderful it is that this region has the quality of musical resources and commitment to performing to be able to pool together to make an outstanding artistic event, no matter what the obstacles.

How grateful I am that Musicians of Ma'alwyck is part of this community. As we embark on our 20th anniversary season in 2019-20, I look forward to celebrating our landmark year with our extraordinary artistic neighbors.



The Match at Hyde Hall

Ann-Marie

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ALBANY FOOD TOUR
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019
1PM

Put on your walking shoes for an entertaining and delicious way to experience Albany. New York's Capital City for 320+ years, is undergoing a culinary and craft brewing boom. You'll sip and sample from restaurants that are spicing up Albany's food scene. Discover stunning architecture and cultural tidbits that will help you develop a fresh perspective on New York's capital city. We sprinkle in history, architecture and culture to kick off your weekend in the Capital District. Bring your appetite and your friends and family, to celebrate this great legacy city and let your culinary adventure begin!

Your tour guide will greet you at the Discover Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, located at the corner of Broadway and Clinton Ave, Albany. We meet at 12:45 and our first taste will be at 1:00 pm. Our tour highlights 5 tastes from different local restaurants, some history of Albany, architectural accents and culture. Our tour lasts 3.25 hours and we walk about 1.5 miles, with plenty of rests during our tastes. See Historic Downtown Albany with new eyes and be in the know of this legacy city's food scene.

Albany Pump Station

C.H. Evans Brewing Company, a family business that got its start brewing beer in 1786 in Hudson and have been in this historic building since 1999.

First Church of Albany (brief musical interlude by MofM)

Oldest church in Albany, on National Register of Historic Places since 1974. Second oldest church in NYS.

Ama Cocina

Modern Mexican street food. Encompass food-laughter-love in this hip setting

The Hollow Bar and Kitchen

Hip spot in an historic Albany building with seasonal American tapas and main dishes, rotating craft beers and live music. Yum describes it well!

Stacks Espresso Bar

Cool place for your hot beverage paired with Cider Belly's doughnuts.

Olde English Pub

A perfect ending, in the 2nd oldest building in Albany. A neighborhood pub, with strong British influences in beverages and menu items, with a beautiful garden.

Tickets \$85, limited to 20, **reservations by May 29th**

Details:

- Meet 15min prior to tour at Discover Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square
- Metered parking in open lot behind the Pump Station. Park Albany has a free app for parking that is easy to use and allows adding time without returning to your car
- Walk is approximately 1.5miles with some inclines & stairs
- Please contact for special dietary needs

20th Anniversary Celebratory Events



CENTRAL TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT FOOD TOUR
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
NOON

We love Troy and want to show you why: sharing what we love about this city and introducing the entrepreneurs invested in bringing her back.

Brown's Brewing Company—417 River St, Troy

Experience the first craft brewer in the Capital and among our country's original 100 craft brewers. Enjoy two different beer sips, paired with Buffalo cauliflower bites.

Illum Cafe

Enjoy award winning Chef Marla's Reuben dip sandwich and a signature salad. Alternative offerings for vegetarians and gluten-free guests, available with advance notice.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (brief musical interlude by MofM)

Get an insider's tour of this entire Tiffany designed interior that is on the National Historic Register.

The Whistling Kettle

Tea Tasting, learn about tea's contribution to our health and its history as you sample two different teas.

little pecks

Enjoy delicious biscuit with tahini butter and seasonal jam. Alternative offerings for vegetarians and gluten-free guests, available with advance notice.

The Dutch Udder Craft Ice Cream

Savor three different tastes of unique crafted flavors, many beer centric, using NY dairy and local produce. GF and dairy free options available.

Tickets \$75, limited to 20, **reservations by June 5th**

Details:

- Meet 15min prior to tour at Brown's Brewing Company
- Park on street
- Walk is approximately 1.5miles with some inclines & stairs
- Please contact for special dietary needs

20th Anniversary Celebratory Event



Glimmerglass & Hyde Hall Bus Trip Sunday, August 18, 2019

Includes:

- Round trip to Cooperstown in luxury coach
- Pre-show talk
- Matinee ticket for opera *The Ghosts of Versailles**
- Catered dinner picnic at Hyde Hall
- Private tour of historic Hyde Hall
- Champagne toast
- Musicians of Ma'alwyck Civil War concert
- Tickets \$195

Depart from SCCC parking lot at 10:30am. Arrive at opera around 11:45, eat on your own (bring a picnic or buy a variety of types of lunches or snacks there), attend opera pre-talk at 12:00; watch *Ghosts of Versailles*, at end of opera board bus for 5 minute ride over to Hyde Hall. Group splits into two, one does tour of Hyde while the other eats a picnic dinner (provided by MofM), then flip around, champagne toast, then MofM Civil War concert, done by 8:15 en route by 8:30 home to SCCC parking lot by 9:30.

*In this hilarious nod to *The Barber of Seville* and *The Marriage of Figaro*, the ghost of Marie Antoinette is upset about her untimely ending, so her favorite playwright, Beaumarchais, attempts to amuse her with a new work. He produces an opera within the opera starring Figaro, Count Almaviva and Susanna, who try to save the queen from her beheading in a fast-moving and tuneful production. Presented in English with projected English text. New co-production with Château de Versailles Spectacles. 3 Hours



Board Meeting with Philip Morris

Around Town



Eddie Music Awards "Red Carpet"



Schenectady County Public Library



American Dreams of Russia at Glen Eddy



Declaration of Sentiments, March 2016



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**Subscription
Concert #4**

The Match

**Schuyler
Mansion**



Meet Our Board Members!



L to R: Kathleen Quandt, George de Piro, Sam Zimmerman (Treasurer), Michael Barnas (Chair), Laura Dike (via video call), Deborah Esrick (Secretary), Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz (Director), David Duquette