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News from the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.

Spring 2018

Foundation to premiere commissioned work at Conference this summer

This year's Triennial Conference Premiere Concert on Friday, July 20, will feature musical works by composer Sy Brandon. Dr. Brandon is the Delta Omicron Foundation's 2018 Thor Johnson Commission Composer.

Brandon is professor emeritus of music at Millersville University in Millersville, Pennsylvania, where he taught low brass, composition, orchestration, music history, electronic music and music industry for 24 years. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in music education from Ithaca College and a D.M.A. in composition from the University of Arizona. Brandon has



Composer Dr. Sy Brandon

received numerous composition awards and commissions. His compositions and arrangements

are varied and accessible, and he composes effectively for both young performers and professionals. More about his current work can be found at <http://cooppress.com>.

Brandon's 2018 Thor Johnson Commission, *Emoticons II for Flute, Clarinet, and Piano*, is a five-movement, aural representation of contrasting emotions: Exhilaration, Melancholy, Trepidation, Anger and Gratitude. The composition is a musical work accessible to both talented high school and college performers, as directed by the Foundation commission guidelines. The commission will be performed by flutist Michelle Worthing,

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Meet the 2017-2018 Foundation Grant Recipients

Here are the students who received grants for the academic year 2017-2018. The Foundation currently is accepting applications for educational grants for 2018-19. Application forms and a list of the grants may be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.dofoundation.org.

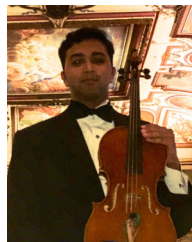
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DO Foundation Conference Highlights July 18-21, 2018

Foundation Luncheon
Thursday, July 19

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Thursday, July 19

Premiere Concert
Friday, July 20



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Foundation pursues goal of increasing scholarship funds

For the DO Foundation, attention has been turned to building its principal fund for the purpose of giving educational grants to deserving DO members. The fund, which is the primary source of monies to be used for scholarships, will provide even more worthy students with financial assistance and perhaps allow the Foundation to make larger individual grants.

Sound good? There are two major ways that you can help.

First, you can donate annually to the Foundation, designating your contributions specifically toward the Educational Grant Program and encourage friends and family to do likewise. Because the Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization, some employers may even match your contributions.

Secondly, you may think about including the Foundation in your estate planning by remembering the Delta Omicron Foundation in a bequest through your will or a living trust. The Foundation has a brochure that may be helpful in getting started.

Contact the Foundation president by e-mail at jramsey18@verizon.net for a free copy.

We encourage you to join in this effort to increase funding for educational grants and provide support for music study among our collegiate and alumni members.

Foundation makes credit card gifts possible through PayPal

For those who would like to make gifts to the Foundation and its projects through the convenience of a credit card account, a link to PayPal is now available on the Delta Omicron Foundation website at www.dofoundation.org.

Visit the site's home page and click on "Make a Gift" on the links at the left. You may use a PayPal account that you already have or one of several credit card types that are accepted.

Regardless of the form of your donation, your gift will help other musicians and support other educational activities of the Foundation. Please consider a gift today.

Contributors to Delta Omicron Foundation's Campaigns

The following persons and groups have contributed to the Foundation campaign since June of 2016. Monies raised will support scholarships to worthy Delta Omicrons. Thanks, everyone!

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Denver Music Organizations Receive Foundation Grants

The Delta Omicron Foundation has awarded grants to three Denver area arts organizations. The grants were directed to area music education programs that impact Title I schools and students in Denver. The programs either provide music programming for schools or music instruction to children.

The grants were awarded to the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra's "Mile High Strings Program," to participation tuition for students for the Denver Children's Choir, and to the Denver Young Artists Orchestra (DYAO) Group String Program Scholarships.

The one-time grants were made possible from the Estate of Commander U.S. Navy (Retired) William Mawhinney in memory of his

wife Zelma Zimmerman Mawhinney (April 18, 1911- Sept.4, 2007). Zelma was inducted into the Delta Gamma

Chapter of Delta Omicron at the University of Northern Colorado in 1935.



The Colorado Youth Symphony's Mile High Strings Outreach Program gives over 600 children their first experience playing an instrument, and teaches discipline, creativity, teamwork, respect for achievement and an appreciation of excellence.

Today's Gifts are Tomorrow's Philanthropies

For more than fifty years, the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. has served the philanthropic purposes of the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. As a member or friend of the Fraternity, you can help the Foundation increase its giving potential.

Consider your gift today! Contributions--cash or pledge, unrestricted or assigned to specific projects--assure the continuity and expansion of the Foundation's philanthropic program. Other means of assistance are:

- Giving memorial or recognition gifts (one acknowledgment will be sent for each gift of \$10.00 or more)
- Assigning the Foundation as beneficiary of an insurance policy (policy should identify the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.)
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The Denver Young Artists Orchestra has received a gift from the Delta Omicron Foundation. DYAO continues to transform young musicians by giving them the inspiration, support, and skills to be tomorrow's great musicians. The organization's five orchestras, chamber ensembles, and group strings classes train over 300 students, ages seven to twenty-three, from more than eighty schools across Colorado. (See story on page 3.)



The Delta Omicron Foundation has given a gift to the Denver Children's Choir. Since 1996, the choir has intentionally and persistently sought Denver children from all walks of life to be a part of its program: children from different cultures, races and religions; children who speak different languages and children from different Denver neighborhoods; children who, if not for the choir, would not have known each other. (See story on page 3.)

Conference Premieres

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clarinetist Denise O'Malley and pianist Sharon Albersen.

At the Premiere Concert, Brandon's composition *Intermezzi* for Euphonium and Piano also will be performed as the 2018 Triennial Competition Composition. Daniel Taylor of Saint Petersburg, Florida is

the guest euphonium performer with Brenda Dannewitz, Delta Omicron National Music Adviser, as pianist.

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