

President's Note

The 2018 Pine Mountain Music Festival Season was an amazing accomplishment in all aspects. Our audiences applauded the production of Carmen with orchestra, flamenco dancer, and superb performers who sang as well as displayed their great acting skills. Thanks to everyone who played a part including the inspirational leadership of Doug Day and Joel Neves who brought to us such exciting performances. Thank you to all of you for your support in your giving and attending the events.



Board President Diane Eshbach was honored as the 2018 Laura Deming Award Recipient at the Saturday performance of *Carmen*. She was presented with this locally handcrafted clock by Executive Director Doug Day for exceptional service to the Festival.

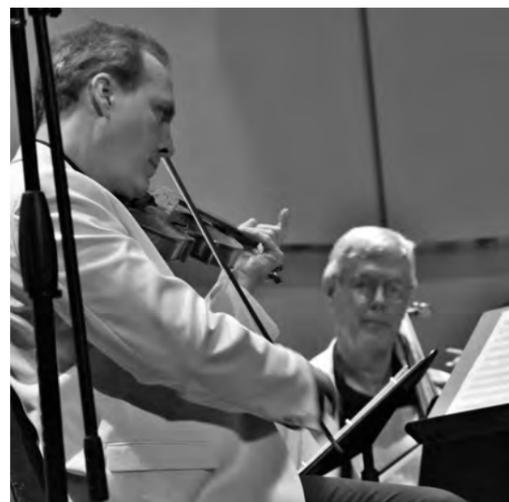
We go into the 2019 season debt free in anticipation of another season of fine music. We are striving to spend wisely where it's important. Our downsized office is #327 Jutila Center in Hancock with part time office staff. We welcome two new board members as we go into next season.

Your giving is so important at this time as we continue building our audience and when the number of our faithful supporters are declining. As I look back, our budget for 2012 when we produced *Così fan tutte* and *A Little Night Music*, was \$475,000. For 2018 with the opera, *Carmen*, our budget was \$120,000. We are shaving costs even more this season by having our executive director and artistic directors on a contract basis. They are working diligently to bring to you an inspiring musical experience. Please join us as we go forward to 2019, our 29th season!

You are invited to the Pine Mountain Party!
December 8, 7-10 PM
Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock

Doug Day and Joel Neves
will introduce the 2019 PMMF Season

Silent Auction Items
Refreshments
Music for Listening and Dancing
\$10 Ticket



Photos by Charles Eshbach

The Family Pass Worked!

With the 2018 Festival emphasis on "Bridging the Generations", the Family Pass was started with great success. A reduced price to encourage young families and friends to attend the Festival is aimed at the younger generations. As patrons we should encourage our friends and neighbors in that younger group. That will build the audience that will support the Festival in the decades to come.



2019 Festival

The 2019 Festival program is on the drawing board at this time. Doug, Joel and the Board are putting together a lineup of artists and genres that will make our 29th year inspiring. We have done all we can to travel light, but we still need your support. Your gift is paying for the concerts, not an office-heavy organization.



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Marquette and Iron Mountain/Kingsford Marketing

This past year we put more effort into meeting and promoting the business communities of Marquette and Iron Mountain. With interviews on local radio and newspaper features we were able to reintroduce the Festival to these audiences. Our efforts were warmly received. Businesses supported our program with fifteen more ads than the year before. We partnered with Marquette's Art Week network and shared advertising. Corporate sponsors stepped up. Our executive director spent time working with local high school music programs and a party at the Glider Museum was well attended. With the Taste of Carmen (complete with our Flamenco dancer direct from Boudeaux and the professional opera performers), the audiences were mesmerized with some following the traveling troupe to Crystal Falls and Calumet. This is a start to enlarge the Festival's presence in the Iron Mountain/Kingsford and Marquette areas.

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Fall 2018



A scene from *Carmen*

Dear Friends,

What artistic satisfactions we realized in last summer's season! Highlights for me included the Bergonzi Barber Quarter, Opus 2 in the Immaculate Conception Church, the satisfaction of the donors hearing the continued excellent UPStarts offerings, the crowd's enthusiasm in the historic Calumet Theatre for Alma Flamenco introduced by our local Superior Pipes and Drums and Dancers, and the powerful and inspiring passion of Carmen. The success of last season makes my job for the upcoming season that much easier. We have much more to look forward to from our same administrative team. Our efforts at streamlining the office and minimizing all costs not directly serving concerts is proving popular as well as essential. We welcome our new president, Diane Eshbach, as we warmly thank Dan Arnold for continuing his tenure as Board member. Welcome, Diane!

Every change we make and every choice to continue what we love is carefully weighed to insure the health and continuity of PMMF. As non-profit organizations everywhere cope with the demographic challenge of an aging population, we are building the bridge to the next generation while listening to the previous generation. Good music transcends trends, demographic and otherwise. Our job is to

provide the best performances we can while holding to the vision of Laura Deming, the Festival's founder. As we anticipate the fourth decade as a premier music festival in the U.P. rest assured that the family of music lovers is alive and well.



All best, Doug Day
Executive Director