

NACUSA SF Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendees: John McGrew, David Drexler, Davide Verotta, John Beeman, John Bilotta, Mary Fineman, Allan Crossman

The Minutes of Previous Board Meeting were approved.

Budget Projection for May 2024 (Verotta). The Budget projection for end of May 2024 is \$4067 (excluding ticket sales of upcoming concerts, pending chapter membership dues, and donations). Enough founding should be available for the June hired ensemble concert, if the ensemble is limited to two/three players. The following steps will be taken to improve the budget situation:

1. We are starting a fundraising campaign for 2023-24. This will involve reaching out to people in our (mail-chip) list, and mailing individual letters to people and businesses that in the past have donated more than \$300.
2. The chapter will only provide recordings for C&F concert. More expensive video recording will be limited to the hired ensembles concerts.
3. We will book only concert venues that include insurance, avoiding to have to purchase of insurance.
4. We will preferentially book venues that use a system of shared ticket sales (e.g. 50% split) and do not charge upfront venue fees.
5. We will decrease the cost to the chapter of the Nancy Bloomer Deussen Young & Emerging Composers Competition by decreasing the monetary price, and having the winner pieces performed at the CPE concert.

We will consider submitting a grant to Intermusic SF 2024, and identify other sources of support at the local and state level.

Status. Upcoming Concerts

- a. Composer's Performance Ensemble, Friction Quartet/Amy Foote. NEW DATE: Jan 19, 2023, 7:30 pm, Sunset Music and Arts
➔ Publicity Updated.

- John Beeman is collecting videos for concert promotion on facebook
- Program Pamphlet will use QR code
- b. Composers & Friends #I, Feb 10, 2024
 - C4NM is available on one of Feb 9 or 10, and Feb 16 at the C4NM
- c. Composers & Friends #II, Apr 6, 2024, 8:00 pm. We need to select a venue
 - St. Teresa on Potrero is not available. Alternatives are: Sunset Arts & Music . C4NM. Forte House (www.facebook.com/TheForteHouse/) is probably too small. We discussed the possibility of East Bay venues. John B. will check cost for Walnut Creek. Allan Crossman will check Moswood in Berkeley. Mary Fineman will check University venues. Davide Verotta will check CMC.
- I. 2024 Hired Ensemble Concert, June, 2024
 - Trio Ensemble. Davide will send a last e-mail to ask the membership for ensemble type. We have 5 votes for Percussion Ensemble (with/without piano), 2 votes for mixed ensemble (strings+wind), 1 vote for piano quintet (piano & string quartet)
- II. Possible Venues: Old First Church, Presidio

The next board meeting will be 7:30 pm December 20, 2023.