



The Monday Musical Club of Albany, NY, Inc. Founded 1904

The Monday Musical Club has been engaged in assisting young musicians in their pursuit of musical study through the scholarship fund. Over the years, donations collected at concerts, sent in honor or memory of club members, etc. have been disbursed to students who applied and competed for scholarships.

The Young Musicians' Forum was sponsored by Monday Musical Club for approximately a decade in the 1980s. The scholarship program drew its honorees from that group during that time. Many of the members also belonged to the Empire State Youth Orchestra. When YMF was discontinued, MMC continued to support ESYO through annual grants when funds were available.

Helen Henshaw was a distinguished organist, choir director, MMC member, and ardent supporter of music study. During her lifetime, she administered the scholarship program for MMC. Her legacy continues to support her life work, as MMC received a generous bequest from her estate for scholarships. MMC honored this bequest by naming the fund the Helen Henshaw Scholarship Fund.

In celebration of the centennial year, MMC honored twelve Centennial Scholars. President Agnes Armstrong administered the special program which selected the high school students from all over the Capital District, with talents in voice and various instruments. The candidates were required to be pursuing a music or music education major in college, and submitted essays and recorded auditions. Each scholar received \$1000. Many have returned to perform at concerts or other MMC events.

MMC continues to honor deserving young musicians with grants toward their music education.