



Sounds of the Symphony

April 2020

Dear Coastal Symphony of Georgia Friends and Ticketholders,

We deeply regret to inform you that the April 13 concert is cancelled as part of the response to help contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). While this decision has been extraordinarily difficult, protecting the health and safety of our patrons, musicians, staff, volunteers, and our entire community is necessary. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

Your support today is more important than ever. As a nonprofit arts organization, the Symphony relies on the people we serve. That has never been more accurate than during this time of event closures. Please consider the role music plays in your life and support your Orchestra by donating the cost of your April tickets, which will be reflected in your 2020 tax letter from CSG.

We remain sincerely grateful for your loyalty and support in the wake of this unprecedented cancellation. We look forward to resuming our mission at the beginning of the 2020-21 Concert Season on October 5th. In the meantime, please enjoy again the Coastal Symphony's September performance of George Gershwin's *An American in Paris* using the following link: https://youtu.be/7UBDlaerjy8

With best wishes,
The Board of Directors
Coastal Symphony of Georgia-

*** If you prefer to receive a refund for the cost of your tickets, please call the CSG phone line, 912-634-2006 by April 30 and leave your name, email address, and phone number. A Symphony representative will contact you regarding a refund.



Music Director Michelle Merrill describes the concert programs of our 38th season as "music of great relevance" where we will enjoy elements of familiarity while also being "stretched in mind, heart, and spirit." Beginning with Opening Night on October 5th and throughout the season, the orchestra will celebrate compositions from both the old masters and fresh newcomers, music we know and love, along with pieces that take us "somewhere we might not expect to go."

Old masters will include Brahms and Mendelssohn, along with Beethoven in celebration of his 250th birthday. We will also hear an enchanting waltz from 15-year-old Alma Deutscher, an evocative 20th Century piece from Lili Boulanger, and a 21st Century work from Sarah Kirkland Snider whose music has been described as "rapturous, haunting, and strikingly beautiful." Stories told in music will include the adventures of Don Juan, the moods of Roman general Gaius

Marcius Coriolanus, the antics of a bewitching flutist, and the personalities of the planets. Oh, the places we will go!

Soloists for the season include our own Les Roettges playing a challenging and stirring flute concerto by Carl Reinecke, a contemporary of Robert Schuman who shared Schuman's fondness for the Romantic Period. Dallas Symphony Principal Cellist Christopher Adkins will join us for our closing program performing an elegant and demanding cello concerto by Camille Saint-Saens. Both pieces put the soloist in the musical foreground, requiring the best of his virtuosic abilities.

Our concerts usually sell out, so be sure to complete the Season Ticket Form found on page 7 of this issue of Sounds of the Symphony! This is going to be another unforgettable season that you won't want to miss!

Thank You Crescendo Circle Founding Members!

We wish to thank our Crescendo Circle founding members who have made a commitment toward sustaining the vibrance and cultural quality The Coastal Symphony of Georgia brings to our community. We are deeply grateful for their willingness to strengthen our donor support so that we may continue to provide the very finest in classical symphonic music now and for future generations.



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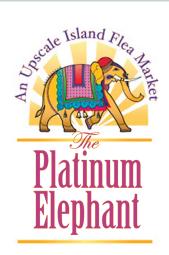
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bringing our 37th Concert Season to a close earlier than anticipated was certainly a disappointment for all of us. However, now we can look forward to a fabulous 38th which will include programs celebrating music from both the old masters and newcomers alike. It promises to be another unforgettable season.

I have truly enjoyed serving as President of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia over the last two years. Ours is a "working board," and members work tirelessly to obtain financial backing for our expanding programs which now include four concerts, three SoundBites events, our Musical Mentors program in the schools, and more. They also produce our publications, manage our communications and public relations efforts, plan our events, and generally serve as ambassadors for the symphony. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of them.

I would also like to thank Sharon Flores, our Executive Director, for all she does behind the scenes to ensure a myriad of details are accomplished and deadlines are met. She is the go-to person for our committees through which the work of the symphony flows.



President, Coastal Symphony of Georgia

I am especially grateful to all of you who support the symphony through your patronage, sponsorships, and gifts. With less than 30% of our expenses covered by ticket sales, we depend on you to keep the music playing.

Finally, working with our brilliant Music Director and Conductor, Michelle Merrill has been a pleasure. JoAnn and I will always be in the audience, ready to enjoy the exceptional music she and our musicians bring to the concert hall. I see a very bright future ahead for The Coastal Symphony of Georgia!



SG thanks Dave Snyder for his longstanding support and welcomes the Halyards Restaurant Group as a Gold Sponsor. Their locally and regionally recognized restaurants include Halyards fine dining, Tramici Neighborhood Italian, and La Plancha Tacos and 'Ritas. In addition, Halyards recently added a breakfast menu you won't want to miss. Catering offers buffet cuisine with exquisite set up and presentation. For more information: Halyards, 912-638-9100; Tramici, 912-634-2202; La Plancha, 912-634-5658 (take out ordering available); Catering, 912-399-0241.

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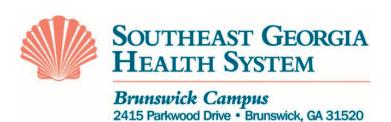
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