



Engage the Season

February 2022



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Upcoming Events

February 14	8:00 p.m.	Third Season Concert,
		Brunswick High School
April 11	8:00 p.m.	Fourth Season Concert
		Brunswick High School

CONCERT NOTES

LOVE and LOSS



February 14, 2022 - 8:00 p.m. Brunswick High School Auditorium

The opening strains of this concert might surprise you. *Siren Sounds Waltz* is the clever work of a brilliant young English composer who was told that in order to be relevant, she must write music that reflects the ugliness of the modern world. Instead, 15-year-old Alma Deutscher decided to take the ugly sounds of the modern world and turn them into something more beautiful. In this piece, she transforms the noisy sounds of the city into a lovely, sweeping waltz.

Next, we head to Catfish Row and many of the best-known songs from Gershwin's beloved opera, *Porgy and Bess.* Bennett's arrangement does not adhere to

the chronology of the opera, but the actual orchestration in most passages is very closely based on Gershwin's original scoring. The result is a deeply moving work including romance, loss, struggle, and fun.

Selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* continue our love theme. Prokofiev invokes in sound every circumstance, character, and mood of the story in a sort of musical pictorialism. The orchestra recreates that story for us through prominent musical episodes, varied in tone and invention, from beginning to tragic end.

This concert will fill us with music of beauty, romance, and tragic loss.

The Board of Directors of The Coastal Symphony of Georgia Dedicates this Concert to the Memory of

John Fitch Harper

Former Member of the Board
Past President of The Symphony Society
Respected Musician and Friend

CONCERT NOTES

LIGHT and DARK



April 11, 2022 - 8:00 p.m. Brunswick High School Auditorium

Our final season concert of creative, compelling music begins with *D'un matin de printemps*, an evocative 20th century piece written with a fresh, joyful character. Unlike many of Lili Boulanger's other works, there is a certain frivolity to this music; but there is also a slightly darker middle section. The constant time and mood changes will keep us engaged.

An extremely quiet, ethereal note opens Peteris Vasks' Cello Concerto No. 1 drawing us into his deeply spiritual music. Vasks grew up in Latvia, a country torn by violence and cruelty under Joseph Stalin's dictatorship.

His exhilarating score gives rise to a sense of freedom and subtle protest, and his music gives voice to the Latvian people. Vasks is considered one of the most famous composers from the Baltic states.

The powerful Brahms Symphony No. 4 closes out our 39th Season with its complex mix of musical interrelations. Each melody evolves seamlessly from a hauntingly beautiful theme that weaves its way through fanfares, horn calls, searching melodies in the strings, and thundering timpani. Some critics believe it to be Brahms' greatest masterpiece.

This concert will leave us wanting more!

REMEMBRANCE

Jane Hutton Günter-McCoy

February 9, 1938 – October 20, 2021



Jane Günter McCoy

When Jane Hutton Günter-McCoy and CSG Board member Creta Carter Nichols first met in graduate school at Indiana University in January 1960, little did they know that would lead to a lifelong friendship and Jane's generous support of The Coastal Symphony of Georgia. When Jane and Creta graduated, Jane left to tour with the Robert Shaw Chorale and a long, accomplished career in music.

Jane moved to New York and Creta married and moved to Atlanta, but their friendship remained intact. While visiting with Creta during our symphony seasons, the accomplished mezzo-soprano, violinist, performer, and teacher lent her impeccable ear to the sounds of our CSG orchestra. When she learned of our Named Chairs opportunity, Jane immediately told Creta she wanted to participate "because your symphony is of such high quality...and you all work so hard to give this wonderful music to your community."

Not only did Jane fund *The Jane Günter-McCoy Principal Viola Chair*, she also became a founding member of the Crescendo

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Circle. We remain in deep gratitude to have had her support which will go a long way toward helping us keep the music playing.

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Marjorie Mathieu President Coastal Symphony of Georgia

We are looking forward to returning to Brunswick High School for our very special Valentine's Day concert on February 14th. Our April concert will also be at the High School. There are still seats available for both concerts, so be sure to order your tickets if you have not done so.

Thanks so much to the staff of Wesley United Methodist Church for their hospitality and making us feel welcome during our November 2021 and January 2022 concerts. Both the musicians and the attendees loved the setting and the acoustics which allowed the music to soar! We hope we can return to Wesley for a concert at some point in the future.

Enjoy the remaining two concerts in our 39th season. And stay tuned for details on Cabaret 2022 which will be held in May. As always, thank you so much for your support of our local symphony!

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