

# Coastal Symphony of Georgia 2021-2022 Concert Season

Monday, November 22, 2021

Wesley United Methodist Church, St. Simons Island

8:00 p.m.

## *Inspiration*

### Program

Piotr Szewczyk	<i>Journey Within</i>
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Violin Concerto No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn	Symphony No. 1 in C minor

Our fall concert showcases two of our highly gifted and well-respected musicians: Aurica Duca, concertmaster and Piotr Szewczyk, principal second violin.

Piotr's original composition, *Journey Within*, opens the evening with music that creates both a sense of urgency and resolution as the strings tap into the many facets of their instruments. Piotr plays an active part in the creative environment of our time.

Aurica follows with a solo performance of Mozart's second violin concerto which was written in 1775 when he was concertmaster of the court orchestra. It is a charming concerto allowing the soloist to embellish motifs and figures proclaimed by the orchestra in the intricate first movement, then lead the way with a poignant melody in the second, and a lively theme in the third which is repeated by the orchestra in a closing rondo of great texture.

Mendelssohn's youthful first symphony was written in 1824 at age 15, showing great command and assurance for one so young. It includes a fiery opening movement with daring dissonance, a slower andante with flowing counterpoint from the violins to a main melody in the winds, an unusually brusque energy belying the courtly menuetto title, and a finale with lusty trumpeting and drumming.

*This concert will inspire us!*