



October 2025

Welcome to the 43rd Season
Come explore with us!

*A season of musical exploration with classical music
..... SoundBites.....and more!*

The 2025-2026 season will feature four classical concerts which will explore “a wild orchestra ride,” musical sketches, a child’s view of heaven, old favorites and rediscovered pieces.

Music Director and Conductor Michelle Merrill describes our programming this way: “This is a regional orchestra that stands out above the many others I have worked with because of the high-level of playing, as well as the adaptability to varying styles – classical, romantic, modern, jazzy – **they really can do it all!**”

During the Season our more intimate SoundBites with smaller ensembles will include cocktails and conversation with the musicians in interesting venues around town. The Musical Mentors program is underway in area schools, and a gala event is being planned for 2026.

The season will culminate with the orchestra performing at the Center for the Arts on the College of Georgia campus as part of its Grand Opening in May.

2025-2026 SEASON

<i>Expressions</i> October 6, 2025 Brunswick High School	<i>Heavenly Joy</i> November 10, 2025 Brunswick High School	<i>Seasons</i> January 26, 2026 Wesley Church at Frederica	<i>Beginings</i> May 12, 2026 Center for the Arts College of Coastal Georgia
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Opening Night and Pre-Concert Dinner
October 6, 2025

Dinner 5:30 p.m. Brunswick Country Club
Concert 7:30 p.m. Brunswick High School

COASTAL SYMPHONY OF GEORGIA OPENING NIGHT PRE-CONCERT DINNER

BRUNSWICK COUNTRY CLUB
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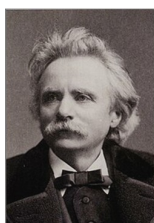
CONCERT NOTES

EXPRESSIONS

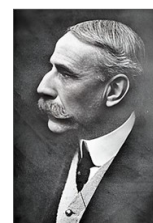
Our opening concert of the season brings us lyrical music expressing emotion in imaginative and descriptive ways.



Ballade has been called a clever young man's piece, a wild orchestra ride brimming with invention and energy. Nineteenth Century English composer **Samuel Coleridge-Taylor**, known in his time as "The Black Mahler," offers soulful melodies, dramatic story telling, and lots of energy.



Edvard Grieg's *Lyric Suite* is rooted in the national folk tradition of Norway and is noted for a refined lyrical sense, music that catches your ear in a unique way that might be called singable. Listen for musical poems of a Shepherd Boy, a Norwegian March, a Notturmo (dreamy nighttime reflection) and a March of the Trolls.



Nineteenth Century English composer **Sir Edward William Elgar's** *Enigma Variations* closes the performance. It consists of musical sketches of individuals which he said expresses his friends pictured within that "commenced in a spirit of humor [and] continued in deep seriousness." It is a bit like solving a puzzle – what is the enigma?

Season and Individual Concert Tickets are still available

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The Jacksonville Brass Consortium will perform holiday favorites on December 9, 2025, at our **Christmas Concert** at Vitality Living Frederica, with a reception to follow. Watch for reservation information. This is an annual favorite and seating will be limited.

Back by popular demand, our **Marsh Moon Rising** SoundBite - Music in the Moonlight - will be presented in Spring 2026 at Village Creek Landing on St Simons Island. Watch for further details.

TRANSITIONS

We are pleased to announce that Mallory Muetzel has joined the Coastal Symphony of Georgia as its Executive Director. Mallory brings a wealth of marketing and strategic planning experience to the symphony. Her specialties include organizational management, donor engagement, and collaborative board support.

Mallory is originally from Pittsburgh, PA where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education Certification at Grove City College near Pittsburgh. She began her career as Director of Business Administration for a Pittsburgh firm. From there her career took her to marketing leadership positions with



companies in Oregon and Ohio before joining CSG.

Mallory enjoys working with mission-aligned operations, and her outgoing personality is a natural fit for building community partnerships and delivering high-impact programs. Mallory lives on St. Simons Island with her husband, Matt, their two boys, Matteo and Marco, two spirited Australian Shepherds, and two friendly cats. When she's not enjoying the beauty of the Golden Isles, she can be found knitting, crocheting, reading, or writing.

Welcome Mallory!

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Welcome Five Star Credit Union



We are so excited to welcome our first ever Diamond Sponsor of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia. Five Star Credit Union is a full-service financial institution offering personal and business banking solutions. We will have more on Five Star in our November newsletter, but for now, we want to say, "Welcome and thank you

for your generosity which will help ensure our ability to keep the music playing!"

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