



40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

FEBRUARY 2023

World Class Violist to Perform with Symphony

Monday, February 6, 2023 ★ St. Simons Island

American violist **Brett Deubner** has established himself as one of the foremost violists of his generation. As a sought-after soloist who has performed with over seventy orchestras on five



continents, Mr. Deubner has redefined the role of "solo artist" and given the viola a new standing in the world of classical music through his virtuosity, commitment to championing new music, and dedication to fostering the new young artists.

Mr. Deubner will perform with the Coastal Symphony of Georgia at its February concert. He has had over fifty concertos written for him and has twenty albums to his credit,. A review in *Gramaphone* noted how "the warmth and body of texture he draws from his instrument makes compelling listening to whatever he is playing." This concert is not to be missed.

During his 2022-23 season, Mr. Deubner will perform with orchestras in North and South America and Europe. He will also release his debut *Solo* album featuring works composed for him. He says his favorite piece "is the one I have to play next."

Born in Berkeley, California, Brett studied at Julliard and the Eastman School of Music and is currently on the string faculty at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College. He lives in the New York Metropolitan area, and says music needs two things: someone or some group

to make sounds or tell a story, and an audience to listen. "Without the listener, it is just practicing."

Prepare to be enchanted!

CONCERT NOTES

Monday, February 6, 2023 Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica St. Simons Island



Our Winter Concert begins with the youthful exuberance of **Benjamin Britten's** *Simple Symphony*, written in 1933 while borrowing from bits of scores he had written as a teenager. The work is scored for string orchestra with each boasting two themes from his earlier days — eight themes in all. The first two

movements are marked by light, exuberant music, but we move into a more contemplative, almost dreamlike section with the third movement, and finally finish with a finale that carries a sense of urgency.



Two brilliant pieces for viola and orchestra will follow with internationally renowned violist **Brett Deubner** performing as soloist. He will perform on both **Johan Hugosson's** *Samarthana* (2021) and **Arvo Pärt's** *Frateres for Viola, Percussion and Strings*.



Johan Hugosson is a young Swedish composer who was identified as a "national treasure" by the Swedish Ambassador. His music is recognized for memorable melodies, both moving and joyful. Apart from concert composition Johan also writes

music for film, advertising and other media.

Mr. Deubner will return for a performance of **Arvo Pärt's** *Fratres for Viola Percussion and Strings*. The piece was originally composed in 1977 for various combinations of instruments and it uses the "tintinnabuli principle." Not one, but two melody voices are heard a tenth apart, plus a third fill-in voice in the middle resulting in a rather mediative effect.



Symphony No. 40, one of Wolfgang Amadeus

Mozart's most frequently performed and greatly admired works closes the concert. Writing during an especially dark period in his life, Mozart called it an "anxious symphony." However, while there are plaintive sighs, there are also graceful melodies and

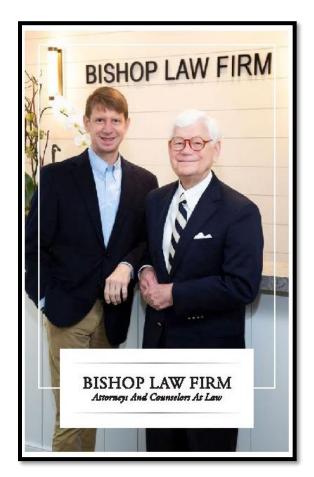


occasional jubilation. There is tension, but not fury. This is Mozart in a more serious mood, and the symphony is only one of two he wrote in the minor key.

This concert will thoroughly engage us as we enjoy listening in the intimate, elegant surroundings of the Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica sanctuary.

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Jim Bishop and Jimmy Bishop of The Bishop Law Firm are attorneys in Coastal Georgia and for many years have operated a small but prestigious boutique law firm on St. Simons Island. While the firm maintains a wide and varied general practice of law, their specialty is in real estate, including commercial and residential transactions and all aspects of real estate development.

Jim Bishop began his practice in Glynn County in 1967 when he joined Anthony A. Alaimo in his practice of law. After Judge Alaimo was appointed Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Jim continued his practice in Glynn County and in 1996 was joined by his son, Jimmy. The practice was originally headquartered in downtown Brunswick for over forty years, and in 2019 the firm moved to its current location on St. Simons Island.

The Bishops and their firm have been proud supporters of the arts in our community, and the Coastal Symphony holds a special place for each of them. Longtime supporter and friend, Jimmy Bishop, currently serves on the Coastal Symphony Board of Directors. Jim most recently conducted the Youth Orchestra for the second time as an honorary conductor.



Jacoby Brass Christmas Concert A Merry Success!

Special thanks to all who attended the Family Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 4th. The nationally-recognized Jacoby Brass Quintet presented a program filled with holiday favorites.



Celebrating the Crescendo Círcle

Renewals and invitations to join the Crescendo Circle for 2023 are still underway, and new exciting benefits are being offered for members. The Circle is the premier musical organization in our community, noted for its support of excellence in classical music and its commitment to keeping the music playing for generations to come.

Benefits

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All Levels - \$1,000+ Recognition in Symphony Concert Program

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Curated playlist by CSG musicians of favorite symphonic music

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Due to the pandemic, the last few years have seen a reduction in ticket sales which has yet to recover. Hence, our 40th Anniversary Celebration year is also a "Building Back Year," and we are dependent on donor participation to sustain our organization more than ever.

Matching Gift Opportunity

A CSG donor, working through the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, has allocated \$20,000 for matching gifts for this season. One thousand dollars will be added to the first twenty Crescendo Circle donations at any level, and the total amount will be recognized as your contribution. *Note: A contribution of \$1,500 will elevate your status to the next level of benefits*.

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Musical Mentors Building New Generation of Music Lovers

During our Fortieth Anniversary Season, The Coastal Symphony of Georgia is working hard to engage our faithful concert patrons, reaching out to newcomers with more casual music events, and building a new generation of music lovers.

Building those young music lovers is central to the *Musical Mentors* program. Our hope is for all students to love and appreciate music, perhaps by playing an instrument but particularly by being an engaged and active listener.

In partnership with Glynn County Schools and Frederica Academy, we offer students close encounters with our guest artists whenever possible. Recently, guest cellist Christine Lamprea talked and played for first graders at Oglethorpe Point Elementary and the sophomore class at Frederica Academy. She talked with the students about the cello, answered questions, and even

took student requests for popular songs they wanted her to play. Ms. Lamprea is on the cello faculty at the Longy School of Music of Bard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts and serves as substitute faculty at the Juilliard School in New York City.



Tristan Clarke, a Julliard School graduate and former Principal Trumpet with both the Jacksonville Symphony and CSG visited another Glynn County School. Mr. Clarke recently moved to California to pursue his lifelong goal of being a composer for film.



Christine Lamprea

This year we will present "Reaching for the Stars" in four elementary schools with composer Elizabeth Kelly, tubist James Jenkins, and violinist Barbara Careaga-Mitchell. This will be the final iteration of a program that had to be presented remotely during the pandemic – this time live and in person!

Given their enthusiastic acceptance of these programs, we are confident we will meet our area students in the concert hall soon!

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