



41ST SEASON

SEPTEMBER 2023

The Coastal
Symphony
of Georgia

**OPENING
NIGHT**

October 9th
7:30 pm

*Fanfare for the
Uncommon Woman*

JOAN TOWER

**BILLY THE KID
AARON COPLAND**

DVOŘÁK

Symphony No. 9
'From the New World'

**MICHELLE MERRILL
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**Season
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CONCERT NOTES

41ST SEASON BEGINS WITH MUSIC FROM AMERICA

Monday, October 9, 2023 – 7:30 pm
Brunswick High School Auditorium



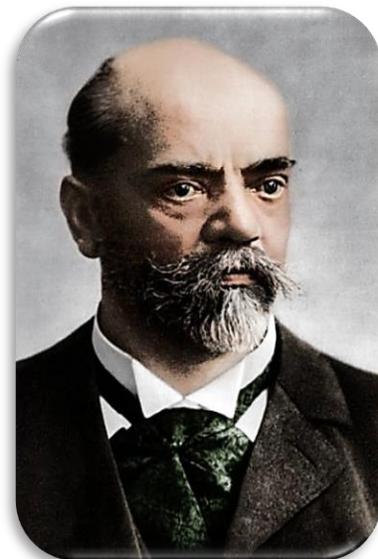
Joan Tower's *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman #1* begins the Opening Night program. The Fanfare, which the American composer calls a tribute to "women who take risks and are adventurous," is bold

music featuring brass-heavy scoring with highly expressive percussion as well as powerful rhythms. It is the first in a six-part suite that was written over a period of nine years that Tower revised and unified in 1997.

Aaron Copland's *Billy the Kid Suite* follows. Music written for a "cowboy ballet" incorporates cowboy tunes and American folk songs as it tells the story of the infamous outlaw, Billy the Kid. The rich music opens with a pastoral setting on the open prairie before moving on to the merry tunes of a busy town, the percussive hurried pace of a gun battle, the celebration of Billy's capture, and finally his demise at the hands of Sheriff Pat Garrett, set to strings, winds, and bass.



Following intermission, we experience Czech composer **Antonin Dvorak's** incomparable Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*. The symphony was composed by Dvorak when he was director of the National Conservatory of Music of America and became greatly influenced by what he called *Negro Spirituals* and Native American Music. A New York Herald reporter called it "a noble composition of heroic proportions" and compared Dvorak's work favorably to those of Beethoven, Schubert, Shuman, Mendelssohn, and Brahms. Tom Huizenga of NPR's *All Things Considered* stated, "Sometimes it takes an outsider to point out what's great about a culture. That's exactly what Czech composer Antonin Dvorak was when he came to the U.S. at the end of the 19th century. He was an immigrant thrown into a new world and new sounds. And out of that experience, he wrote a symphony for America."



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Southeast Georgia Health System is a longtime supporter of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia and was our first sponsor to participate in the Named Chair Program. We are pleased that the Health System will continue to be the Concertmaster's Chair through the 2024 concert season.

Since 1888, Southeast Georgia Health System has grown and evolved, just like the communities they serve. The Health System continues to expand, bringing new resources, services, technologies



and opportunities to the region. Headquartered in historic Brunswick, the Health System is a not-for-profit organization serving the residents of Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, McIntosh and Wayne counties. The Health System is comprised of two acute care hospitals (Brunswick & Camden) offering a full spectrum of health care services, including maternity and newborn care, 24-hour emergency care, cancer, cardiovascular and intensive care,

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The Health System also encompasses the Southeast Georgia Physician Associates physician practices, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including bariatric, breast imaging, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, endocrinology and diabetes, gastroenterology and endoscopy, infectious diseases, joint replacement, outpatient rehabilitation (aquatic, physical, occupational and speech therapy), palliative care, sleep management, vein and wound care.

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Musical Marriages



Stephanie Magnus, Bassoon and Brian Magnus, Cello

Stephanie and Brian knew Michelle and Steve Merrill while they were all in graduate school together at SMU and played in ensembles that Michelle conducted. “We are so happy to get to work with her and Steve again,” says Stephanie.



Brian plays with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, and he and Stephanie also enjoy playing recitals together and in chamber ensembles. “We are always looking for new (or new to us) music for bassoon and cello,” says Stephanie. Indeed, they are both passionate about their music. Brian notes that there are often moments of great awareness when “the entire orchestra is concentrating and pouring all of their skill and effort into the present moment.” Those moments don’t always happen, “but where they do, it is always very satisfying and memorable.”

The couple is also passionate about bringing music to their students. Brian teaches cello privately and coaches chamber music at Jacksonville University. Stephanie teaches at Jacksonville University and the University of North Florida. “Music courses are one of the best things that we can offer to the next generation,” notes Stephanie. “Not only do students learn how to play an instrument, but they learn discipline, intrapersonal communication, patience, self-motivation, and how to work with others.” During the Pandemic, Stephanie and Brian updated their historic home in Springfield, and now they enjoy relaxing “in our new kitchen, studio and in front of our fireplace when we are not camping or running with our two dogs, Grantham and Jackie.”



The Symphony is committed to offering performances of the very finest in symphonic music, now and in the future. Membership in the **Crescendo Circle** offers an opportunity to give today to ensure this local professional symphony can sustain its viability into tomorrow and keep shining as the premier musical organization in the community.

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Meet the New CSG Board Members

Myrna Scott Amos

has a rich background as an educator. She has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and as college adjunct professor and other administrative roles. Myrna's community affiliations reflect an interest in the arts, historic preservation, education, and lay ministry. She is a graduate of Spelman College and Georgia Southern University where she earned a Master's Degree in educational leadership.



Dr. Sage Campione

is a Chiropractor and an Integrative Health Physician. She is the owner and president of Concierge Wellness Care on Saint Simons Island. Her practice offers chiropractic care, wellness consulting, health seminars, and pediatric care. Sage is also a published writer, public speaker, and served as Ambassador of Chiropractic at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy.



Susan Garrett is returning to the board after ten years involvement with the Symphony. A retired broadcast journalist, she has transferred her radio and television skills into a role in marketing with the symphony.

Working as a volunteer, Susan writes for our publications and is the primary public relations contact for the organization. She attended Tulane and Emory Universities and is a graduate of Mary Baldwin University.



Zachary B. Harris serves as General Counsel for Jekyll Island State Park Authority where he is responsible for all legal matters. Prior to joining JIA, Zach practiced law with Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, PC, specializing in real estate, environmental compliance and remediation, land use, community associations and governmental affairs. He is a graduate of Emory University and earned his juris doctor from Georgia State University College of Law.



Charles F. Martin is a commercial banker with Synovus Bank in Brunswick, GA. Prior to coming to Brunswick, he worked with the bank in Alpharetta and Thomasville, GA. Charlie is a graduate of Georgia Southern University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. He is currently a member of Leadership Glynn and an Ambassador for the Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce.



Our newest members will join Kern Banker, Chris Bone, Rebecca Farrow, Linda Ganas, Chad Goehring, Leslie Graitcer, Tres Hamilton, Kay Harrell, Drew Holland, Dr. Michelle Johnston, Nathan Kohlhoff, Shonda Kohlhoff, Creta Nichols, Dave Snyder, Chris Triplett and Deborah Wright on the Board of Directors..



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The program offers the contributor, whether corporate, family or individual, the opportunity to support over a period of three years, a Named Chair that reflects their particular interest. The contribution may be paid in a lump sum or in yearly installments. Named Chairs contributions are tax deductible within the extent of the law.

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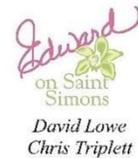
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