

# The Coastal Symphony of Georgia



## Sounds of the Symphony

March 2019

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Michael Frick  
President, Coastal  
Symphony of GA

On April 8, we will enjoy our final performance of the 2018-2019 season, with selections from home-grown American composers. Concert notes on page 2 provide a brief overview of the musical program, which you will find both surprising and rewarding.

In addition, we will begin reflecting on our experiences during this season by asking you to complete and mail in a brief annual survey, found on page 5. If you prefer, the survey is also available on our website, [www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org), or you can fill out a paper survey at the upcoming concert. Please complete just one survey per person! Thank you for helping us plan our future.

Do not let the opportunity to join us next season pass you by. Return your season ticket order or renewal form provided on page 7 of this newsletter to ensure that someone on the growing waiting list does not claim your seat! Current subscribers will receive the new season brochure in the mail very soon, and an order form will also be provided there.

There are other events in the near future that benefit our Symphony as well. On March 29, direct from Fashion Week in New York City, the Zang Toi fashion show, sponsored by the Symphony Society, will be held at the Old City Hall in Brunswick. On May 4, Melodica Men will perform at The TreeBar at Bennie's Red Barn. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support during the Symphony's first year under Music Director/Conductor Michelle Merrill. We are beyond grateful for her musical gifts and sense of future vision.



The Coastal Symphony of Georgia & Evelynne Talman

presents



## SPRING 2019

RUNWAY SHOW & WINE RECEPTION

march 29th, 2019 | old brunswick city hall  
1229 Newcastle St Brunswick, GA 31520

TRUNK SHOW

march 30th, 2019 | evelynne talman

tickets: \$95 available [www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org)  
proceeds benefitting the coastal symphony of georgia  
call ally urquhart for information: 404.291.5118  
evelynne talman 912.638.3470- call for appointment

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## CONCERT NOTES

# American Sounds

Our April concert brings to life the distinctive sounds of 20th Century American music, and features two young stars of the American music scene. Conor Brown, who debuted with the Detroit Symphony in 2017, will open the evening talking with us about his composition, *How to Relax with Origami*. The orchestra will then play the piece, which gives us eight inviting musical vignettes wittily counter-pointed and imaginatively written for such unusual instruments as a slide whistle! It is clever music of attraction and enjoyment, alluding to different musical styles. Be prepared to be surprised – and to smile.

Sarah Crocker Vonsattel, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, will follow with Samuel Barber's *Violin Concerto*, giving us a more sophisticated mood. The Concerto opens with an exquisite, haunting melody on a solo violin, later moving on to an aching beautiful extended oboe melody. Barber, one of the most celebrated composers of his time, then gives us a continuous stream of rapid-fire notes in the third movement that tests the virtuosic character of the violin. Listen in amazement as Ms. Vonsattel and the orchestra present what has become one of the most frequently performed of all 20th Century concertos.



Sarah Crocker Vonsattel

*Three Dance Episodes from On the Town: Times Square 1944*. Toe tapping is allowed!

This concert will leave us wanting more. But no worries, the 2019-20 season is on the way!



Conor Brown

Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* opens the second half of the concert and is followed by his iconic *Appalachian Spring Suite*. Rearranged from the 1944 ballet score, the Suite has enjoyed enduring popularity as an orchestral piece with its distinctive moods and mountain sounds. Copland was known as "The Dean of American Composers," and his music had a distinctive characterization of American themes in an expressive modern style.

To close the evening, and our 2018-2019 Season, we will return to Leonard Bernstein whose music we so enjoyed on Opening Night. Here, the orchestra will treat us to pieces of American blues and jazz, and cameos of familiar tunes with Bernstein's

### Upcoming Events

March 26, 3:00 p.m.  
*Made in America* Lecture  
 Room 108 at the St. Simons Casino

March 29, 6:00 p.m.  
 Zang Toi Fashion Show  
 Old City Hall, Brunswick

April 8, 8:00 p.m.  
 American Sounds Concert  
 Brunswick High School

May 4, 6:30 p.m.  
 Melodica Men  
 TreeBar, Bennie's Red Barn



## SHARE YOUR TICKET

If you cannot use your ticket(s), please contact the Symphony office at 912.634.2006 to let us offer your ticket(s) to others.

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST FOR CONCERT TICKETS.





In collaboration with the Marshes of Glynn Libraries, the Symphony will present a lecture by our own Music Director and Conductor Michelle Merrill on Tuesday, March 26, 3:00 p.m., in Room 108 at the Casino on Saint Simons Island.



“Made in America: Symphonic Sounds of Our Country” will offer an overview of orchestral music composed by Americans through the years. Ms. Merrill will explore some familiar composers such as Aaron Copland to contemporary compositions, including *How to Relax with Origami*, a piece by Conor Brown that is making its Georgia premiere at CSG’s season finale on April 8.

The program is free and open to the public. To ensure sufficient space, please RSVP to Karin Mills, [kmills0901@comcast.net](mailto:kmills0901@comcast.net).

### *Consider Supporting Our Principal Chair Endeavor for the Next 3 Concert Seasons!*

To date, we have received funding for the Music Director and Conductor, Hall Booth Smith, P.C.; Concertmaster, Southeast Georgia Health System, and six Principal Chairs (listed below). The cost of each Principal Sponsorship is \$9000, which may be paid over a period of three years, with one third paid each year.

Current Principal Chairs:

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Membership in the Named Chair Program gives you an opportunity to celebrate your favorite instrument (remaining Chairs available for sponsorship: Viola, Bass, Oboe, Bassoon, Horn, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, and Timpani) and to make a significant contribution to our symphonic endeavor.

Sponsors will receive:

- ♪ Four Season Tickets each year with priority reserved seating selection by the donor.
- ♪ Recognition for three seasons in all newsletters, programs, and website.
- ♪ Signage displayed outside the auditorium.
- ♪ Priority seating and sales for special concerts and events.
- ♪ Opportunity to dedicate a concert in honor of or in memory of someone special.



For information on naming a Chair, contact Sharon Flores at [sharon.flores@comcast.net](mailto:sharon.flores@comcast.net).



# New York Fashion Week Comes to the Golden Isles!

Happy springtime from the Symphony Society! To usher in this colorful season of renewal and celebration, we are sponsoring an event rarely available here in Coastal Georgia. World famous designer,

Zang Toi, is returning to the Golden Isles in celebration of his 30th year of participation in New York Fashion Week. Toi will be showing his Spring 2019 collection, which will transport you to the French Riviera. Zang Toi has been the go to designer for many celebrities including: Patti LaBelle, Ivanka Trump, Melinda Gates, and Sharon Stone. This high energy occasion will be held at the Old City Hall in

downtown Brunswick on March 29th starting at 6 p.m. (See poster page 1.) Tickets are \$95 per person, which include roundtrip transportation from St. Simons to the Old City Hall, the runway event, and a reception with open bar and passed hors d'oeuvres to follow the show.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the link on the website, [coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org) or by calling Ally Urquhart 404.291.5118. Zang Toi's ready to wear collection will also be shown and available for purchase at Evelyne Talman, March 30th. Please call for appointments or information 912.638.3470.

Thanks to all who attended Cabaret and made it a successful event. We are still planning a major country music show for later this year so stay tuned for an announcement.

As always, we need volunteers to help us. If you would like to work with us in major fundraising events for the Symphony or in Society membership gatherings (and to have a good time in the process), we invite you to join the Symphony Society. Just call our membership chairperson, Jan Carriker, at 770-412-2694 or visit our website link at [coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org).

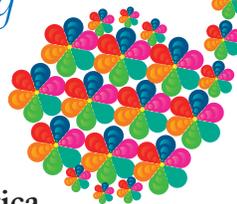


*John Harper,  
Society President*

I will see you at the next concert and at our upcoming events.

## You are Invited to The Symphony Society's Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 25  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Parish House  
Christ Church Frederica



Please RSVP by Thursday, April 18  
[annakake@hotmail.com](mailto:annakake@hotmail.com) (912) 635-7841 or  
[schueneman@gmail.com](mailto:schueneman@gmail.com) (912) 634-8616

### SoundBites

Presented by *The Coastal Symphony of Georgia*

Saturday, May 4  
Doors Open at 6:00 pm,  
Fun Starts at 6:30 pm!

\$50 in Advance, \$55 at the Door - Includes Performance, Bennie's Fried Chicken Buffet, One Glass of Wine/Beer, Cash Bar.



Reservations:  
[lamattina2@comcast.net](mailto:lamattina2@comcast.net) or  
[www.CoastalSymphonyOfGeorgia.org](http://www.CoastalSymphonyOfGeorgia.org)

# MELODICA MEN

*mixing it up*

in the Golden Isles for the first time EVER!!!



The musical duo that has taken the internet by storm with their masterful arrangements of classical hits for a zany yet deceptively challenging instrument, the melodica - half keyboard, half harmonica. *100% virtuoso and 100% fun!*

Joe Buono and Tristan Clarke "started off as two guys playing toy instruments in the basement" in Jacksonville. Now, they are an internationally acclaimed musical act, the Melodica Men.

**THE TREEBAR**  **Bennie's Red Barn**

5514 Frederica Road | St. Simons Island, GA



***Help us plan for the future...***

Please take a moment and complete the annual survey below.

You may return with your ticket order (see page 7) or mail separately to  
The Coastal Symphony of Georgia, PO Box 21733, St. Simons Island, GA 31522  
or complete online at the [coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org) website.

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2. Rank 1–3 (#1 being the strongest) your preference for viewing special event information.

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3. Rank 1–3 (#1 being the strongest) your preference for event ticket purchase.

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- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  No opinion

5. I/We routinely access the Symphony website ([coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org)).

- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  No opinion

6. I/We make a consistent effort to support the concert program advertisers.

- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  No opinion

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- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree  No opinion

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9. Which answer best describes the ages of your household ticket purchasers?

- Under 30  31–45  46–59  60+

10. What can we do better to make your association with the Symphony even more enjoyable and rewarding? What did we forget to ask you?

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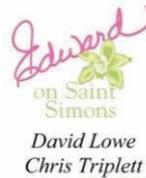


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