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October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021



From the President



Last year, my letter ended: *While at this moment, no one can be certain as to when, and in what format, we can return to live performances, Chesapeake Music will not stop providing internationally recognized musicians in concert this upcoming year, nor will we stop showcasing up-and-coming performers. We continue to plan our programming, taking into account the need to be flexible and responsive to evolving circumstances. We remain committed to our mission, to bring renowned*

musicians to delight, engage and surprise today's audiences, and educate, inspire, and develop tomorrow's.

One year later, we not only met, but surpassed, our commitment!

We started the year with a bang, announcing our new permanent performance space and administrative offices, in the beautifully renovated Ebenezer Theater, thanks to Paul and Joanne Prager. Four generous families made it possible to purchase a Steinway concert grand piano, fulfilling a long-standing dream of our musicians and audience. We moved into our offices in January 2021, but live performances had to wait just a little while longer.

We presented our inaugural "Rising Stars" program virtually in February, featuring the Carr-Petrova Duo, Randall Goosby and Zhu Wang, all young performers on the threshold of noteworthy careers as classical musicians. Following the concert, Catherine Cho, our Co-Artistic Director and Randall's violin teacher, held an inspiring interview with Randall Goosby, which we provided to local area schools to show during Black History Month.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic forced us to conduct the Chesapeake International Chamber Music Competition, which was postponed from the previous year, virtually. Our Competition Committee met this challenge, producing a streamed competition that received acclaim for both the quality of the competitors and the inventiveness of the production.

As the circumstances surrounding the pandemic changed, we started planning for 36th Annual Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival and on June 4th, we returned to live performance with the first concert in the newly renovated Ebenezer Theater. All six concerts of the Festival sold out and also were live-streamed to an audience around the country. The excitement and joy of being back together again was visible, shared equally between the musicians and the audience.

In August, our jazz concert featuring Allison Crocket, closed out an extraordinary challenging year for our dedicated staff, musicians, and volunteers. We were inspired by you, our supporters and patrons, who responded so generously throughout these difficult times. You can count on us to continue to respond to changing circumstances and find new and better ways to fulfill our mission to bring renowned musicians to delight, engage and surprise today's audiences and develop tomorrow's.

I thank each and every one of you for your contributions and encourage you to respond to our Annual Appeal.

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President, Chesapeake Music

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Kyle Gilner
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Chamber Music Competition

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Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition Winners Concert

Zelter String Quartet
October 23

Chesapeake Chamber Music Rising Stars Concert

Elliot Wu (piano)
Sterling Elliott (cello) *pictured*
February 13



Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition for Young Professionals

April 2-3

Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival

June 8-18

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date TBA