# 11 th CHESAPEAKE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

for Young Professionals

### SATURDAY | **APRIL 13** | **2024** EBENEZER THEATER



#### Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Chesapeake International Chamber Music Competition!

You are in for a very special day with five young ensembles competing for Gold! If you have been here before (and many of you have been year after year), you can feel the excitement. If this is your first visit to our Competition, take a deep breath and enjoy the beautiful music coming your way.

Having settled into our new musical home, the Ebenezer Theater, and feeling somewhat more confident after recovering from the disruptions of the Covid pandemic, all of us here at Chesapeake Music are anxious to build on our 20 year experiment with encouraging young talent. Our finalists have continued to dazzle both our audiences and others throughout the musical world. Our renewed Interlude Concert series has afforded us the opportunity to see our finalists and winners from years past returning to Easton.

This was a great year for trying some new things. First, we decided since the caliber of our young finalist ensembles is so superior we should recognize that with cash awards for each group. We have always said that all of our finalists are winners and now truly they are!

We also thought it might be time to shake up the schedule a little and set about making the day begin a little earlier and condense the performances without damaging the concert length sessions afforded to each ensemble. We are beginning at 11:00 am, breaking only for lunch, and finishing before dinner at 6:00. We hope this schedule suits you all as well and that we can have an evening to reflect on these wonderful young musicians.

As always, it does take a village to pull off this weekend. We owe special thanks to the judges who manage year after year to select the rising stars of tomorrow's music world. We also count on the Board of Directors and the Competition Committee along with many other volunteers to make the day go smoothly. Many of them are listed at the end of this program. Please take a moment to recognize these wonderful friends of Chesapeake Music.

And you can play your part too! Our Audience Choice Award is always a favorite prize for the competitors. At the close of today, we will collect your ballots by text on your cell phone or through paper ballots if you don't have a cell phone handy. We invite our many live stream viewers to vote as well. It is fun for everyone to have a part in the proceedings and it encourages our young ensembles to do their very best.

Enjoy the day!

#### Nancy Larson and Anne Moran

Co-chairs, Competition Committee



#### Welcome and Introductions

Barry Koh, President, Chesapeake Music

## Ligeti, String Quartet No. 1 "Métamorphoses nocturnes" Allegro grazioso Vivace, capriccioso Adagio, mesto

Prestissimo

**Kodak Quartet** 

Presto

- Andante tranquillo
- 2. Haydn, String Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76 No. 4 "Sunrise" Allegro con spirito Adagio
- 3. Vega, A movement from String Quartet (1999)
- 4. Schulhoff, Five Pieces for String Quartet Alla Valse viennese Alla Serenata Alla Czeca
- 5. Mendelssohn, String Quartet No. 6 in F minor, Op. 80 Allegro vivace assai

#### 12:10 p.m.

#### PULSE

- 1. Grieg, Holberg Suite, Op. 40, Movements 1, 2, 5
- 2. Márquez, Danzón No. 5 "Portales de Madrugada"
- 3. O'Halloran, Night Music
- 4. Puccini, Crisantemi
- 5. Itoh, Doublethink
- 6. Day, Converging Spectrums

For information on each ensemble, please visit ChesapeakeMusic.org/Competition

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1:05 p.m.

#### **Hesper Quartet**

- 1. Schubert, String Quartet No. 14 in D minor, D. 810 "Death and The Maiden" Allegro
  - Andante con moto Scherzo - Allegro molto Presto
- . Bartók, String Quartet No. 3 in C-sharp Major, Sz. 85 Prima parte. Moderato Seconda parte. Allegro Recapitulazione della prima parte. Moderato. Coda. Allegro molto

1:50-3:10 p.m.

Lunch Break

#### 3:15 p.m.

#### **Trio Menil**



- 1. Haydn, Piano Trio No. 44 in E Major, Hob. XV/28 Allegro moderato Allegro
- 2. Ives, Piano Trio Moderato Presto

3. Mendelssohn, Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66 Allegro Allegro



#### Amara Trio

- 1. Clarke, Piano Trio Moderato ma appassionato
- 2. Shostakovich, Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67 Largo and Allegretto
- 3. Schubert, Piano Trio No. 1 in B-flat Major, D. 898 Allegro moderato

5:00 p.m.

#### Audience Choice Awards Voting

in text or handwritten Catherine Cho, Chesapeake Music Artistic Director

5:45–6:00 p.m. Judges Decision Welcome back all musicians Announce Winners—Catherine Cho and Marcy Rosen Celebrate with light refreshments

#### **OUR JUDGES**

It takes a dedicated and experienced group of musicians to make great decisions about young talent and our two panels meet the highest standards. The result today is five exceptional young ensembles ready for the final test. We are grateful to both preliminary and finalist judges for the work that they do.



**Preliminary Judges** Catherine Cho, Head Judge J. Lawrie Bloom, Daniel Phillips, Todd Phillips, Diane Walsh



The impressive biographies of these world class musicians are available at ChesapeakeMusic.org/ Competition/Judges-2

Finalist Judges Marcy Rosen, Head Judge Robert McDonald, Tara Helen O'Connor

#### **COMPETITION ADVISORY BOARD**

The Advisory Board is comprised of renowned and respected musicians throughout the country. Their most valuable role is to encourage promising young professional musicians to apply to the Competition. We rely upon them to attract a wide group of participants, both nationally and internationally.

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#### SUNDAY COMMUNITY CONCERTS

All five finalist ensembles will perform at different venues across our region. All concerts are free and open to the public, except for Christ Church Cambridge. Chesapeake Music is grateful to these organizations for providing another opportunity for these ensembles to perform, and for our community to enjoy their talent.

| Holy Trinity Church<br>502 S Morris St, Oxford, MD  | Amara Trio     | 2:00 p.m. |
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| Temple B'Nai Israel<br>7199 Tristan Dr, Easton, MD  | Hesper Quartet | 2:00 p.m. |
| St. Mark's United Methodist Church<br>100 Peachblossom Rd, Easton, MD                             | PULSE          | 3:00 p.m. |
| <b>Christ Episcopal Church<br/>601 Church St, Cambridge, MD</b><br>(\$15 admission/students free) | Kodak Quartet  | 4:00 p.m. |
| Trinity Episcopal Cathedral<br>315 Goldsborough St, Easton, MD                                    | Trio Menil     | 4:00 p.m. |

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