



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

Dear Friends of Chesapeake Music,

Our annual Chamber Music Festival, which began as a single concert under the bandstand at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, will celebrate its 40th anniversary in June 2025.

Over the years we have expanded our programming, striving to support and promote the careers of promising young musicians, as well as making classical music more accessible to school age children. The Gold Prize winners of our **11th International Chamber Music Competition** returned to play at the Festival, joining other gifted young players who sat alongside internationally renowned musicians on the festival stage. Our **Don and Merideth Buxton YouthReach program** hosted Kaleidoscope Quartet residencies in all five Talbot County public elementary schools, as well as an after-school residency at Building African American Minds.

These accomplishments are just the beginning of an exciting next era for Chesapeake Music!

However you are connected with us—as a concert patron, a financial contributor, a volunteer, a musician host, a visitor, a student, an educator, a current or former member of our Board of Directors—your support has led Chesapeake Music to this pivotal moment in our history.

In this 40th anniversary year, we are focusing on building on and expanding our financial resources so that we can continue to have an impact on our community for many years to come. Our new Executive Director, David Faleris, has already made a noticeable impact on both operations and programming, and is not only establishing connections with our community, but is rapidly becoming an integral part of it. Our Board of Directors, whose dedicated and steady leadership carried us through this last year of transition, looks forward to an even more robust and meaningful future.

Your generous financial support will allow Chesapeake Music to continue to fulfill our mission in this unique community.

I am simultaneously honored, and humbled, to serve as President in what promises to be a transformational year for Chesapeake Music. *I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events, and thank you for your ongoing support.*

With gratitude,

Mariana Leshner, President

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