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From the President



Dear Chesapeake Music Donors and Patrons,

Chesapeake Music will celebrate its 40th anniversary in the coming year! To a large measure, it is your generosity and that of countless others over the years that made this milestone possible. Your contributions and the efforts of our volunteers and artists' hosts enables Chesapeake Music to fulfill its mission *to bring renowned musicians to delight,*

engage and surprise today's audiences and educate, inspire and develop tomorrow's. Thank you.

I am proud to say that our 2023-2024 season was a huge success. We are comfortably settled in our home, the Ebenezer Theater, made available to us by Paul and Joanne Prager. Our performances were well attended, many of them to a sold out theater. The calendar was bursting. There were five Interlude concerts, both classical and jazz presentations. We hosted the 11th biennial Chesapeake Music International Chamber Music Competition that brought a panel of contestants judged to be one of the most talented in the Competition's history. The 39th Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival was again the capstone of our concert year. It brought together young rising stars, renowned musicians, established ensembles and the Competition's Gold Prize-winning trio.

Of note is our effort to introduce classical music to our local school age children. We renamed it the Don and Merideth YouthReach program and brought the Kaleidoscope Quartet to Talbot County elementary schools. The quartet visited twice, spending several days in residence at four of the county schools. The program is partially supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the first one awarded to Chesapeake Music.

This past year was also one of transition as we honored Don Buxton, our founding Executive Director, and welcomed David Faleris, our first full-time Executive Director, pointing the way to a future that will strengthen our traditional programming and add new and innovative performances.

Regrettably, this is the last time I will have the chance to thank you for your support as my term as president has ended. I am in awe of your generosity, both financially and willingness to volunteer. Again, many thanks for helping us to bring music to our corner of the world.

Barry Koh
President, Chesapeake Music

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Catherine Cho and Marcy Rosen

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Chamber Music Competition

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Upcoming

PERFORMANCES

Stella Chen (violin) & Janice Carissa (piano)

February 16, 2025, 2:00 pm

Salvador Flores (saxophone) & Andrew Kosinski (piano)

March 22, 2025, 4:00 pm

Hesper Quartet & Ying Li (piano)

April 27, 2025, 2:00 pm

40th Anniversary Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival

“Reflection and Celebration”

June 6 – June 14

Renaissance Quartet with Zhu Wang (piano) & Catherine Cho (violin)

September 27, 2025

Catalyst Quartet

November 23, 2025

Abeo Quartet

March 1, 2026

Dates are subject to change, and additional performances will be added.

Chesapeake Music is also pleased to announce the **12th Biennial Chesapeake International Chamber Music Competition** will take place in 2025–2026, with its live final round held in the Ebenezer Theater in April of 2026.