



Engage the Season

November 2021

The Season Begins... With Your Safety in Mind

We are thrilled to be returning to live performances in the concert hall as we begin a season full of vibrant and diverse musical experiences. Our musicians are eager to perform for you in four dynamic classical concerts. Pianist Terry Readdick will put us in the holiday spirit with his special Christmas Concert. The always popular SoundBites are returning, and another gala evening is being planned for Cabaret 2022 in May.

The Coastal Symphony of Georgia will also continue to embrace the necessary health and safety protocols to provide the joy of symphonic music in a safe environment. Your love of live music allowed us to safely overcome the challenges of COVID 19 during our outdoor 2020-2021 *Variations on a Season*. As we return indoors, we will follow the example of symphony orchestras around the country to give you and the community additional confidence that we are doing everything possible to create a safe experience.

Please join us on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 8 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church for the beginning of a truly spectacular CSG Season. Parking is available at the church. Masks will be required throughout the performance. Proof of vaccination OR a negative covid test within 72 hours, and a photo ID will also be required. By working together, we will be able to safely experience the wondrous music of Mozart, Mendelssohn, and our own Piotr Szewczyk!

Coastal Symphony of Georgia
November 22, 2021 Concert

The following will be required of
All concert patrons.

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(Card, Photo or Digital)
A photo ID

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INSPIRATION



November 22, 2021 - 8:00 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica

Our fall concert showcases two of our highly gifted and well-respected musicians:

Aurica Duca, concertmaster and
Piotr Szewczyk, principal second violin.

Piotr's original composition, *Journey Within*, written in 2005, opens the evening with music that creates both a sense of urgency and resolution. Written for the full string section, the piece requires each musician to explore the many facets of their instruments. *Journey* will take us along in a multitude of feelings and reflections as expressed by our excellent string musicians.

Aurica follows with a solo performance of Mozart's second violin concerto which was written in 1775 when he was concertmaster of the court orchestra.

It is a charming concerto allowing the soloist to embellish motifs and figures proclaimed by the orchestra in the intricate first movement, then lead the way with a poignant melody in the second, and a lively theme in the third which is repeated by the orchestra in a closing rondo of rich texture.

Mendelssohn's youthful first symphony was written in 1824 at age 15, showing great command and assurance for one so young. It includes a fiery opening movement with daring dissonance, a slower andante with flowing counterpoint from the violins to a main melody in the winds, an unusually brusque energy belying the courtly menuetto title, and a finale with lusty trumpeting and drumming.

This concert will inspire us!

CONCERT NOTES



MELODY, HARMONY and GRACE

**January 24, 2022 - 8:00 p.m.
Wesley United Methodist Church
at Frederica**

We open the New Year with the fast-moving strings, intriguing winds, and changing tempos of the Overture to *The Barber of Seville*. The original overture was mysteriously lost, so Rossini recycled some of his old opera themes and the overture bears no musical resemblance to the opera's music. This early 19th Century piece has endured as a popular stand-alone piece and remains a staple of the classical concert music repertoire.

Four of our wind principals are featured next with *Concerto Provençal* from French composer, Reynaldo Hahn. Written in 1945 near the end of his career, the concerto's three movements place us in an uber-Romantic depiction of trees in the south of France. The music is sunny, optimistic, and distinguished by the melodious flow and Romantic flair for which Hahn is known.

A soothing string arrangement of *Amazing Grace* written in Jennifer Higdon's own unique voice follows. The lush, classically tonal theme of the old hymn moves through variations and different tempi without pause. "It has been a pleasure to watch the joy that this piece brings to audiences," says Higdon.

Joseph Suk's melodic and harmonically rich Serenade for Strings brings us a series of interchanging moods for our final selection. Suk was just 18 years of age when he wrote the piece. His tutor, Antonin Dvorak, had seen a melancholy strain to Suk's music and encouraged him to write something more light and cheerful. The serenade accomplishes that but not without shadows of his melancholia seeping up through the extended songlike melodies.

This concert will charm and enchant us!



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT **with PIANIST TERRY READDICK**



Bring the family to enjoy music of the Christmas season with Terry Readdick's special touch! Terry will play some virtuosic transcriptions of six selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*, and treat us to unique arrangements of favorite and well-known Christmas music in a variety of styles including jazz, New Age, concert, and gospel. Special guests will join Terry for several pieces including a performance of *Feliz Navidad* for piano, bass, and drums. This will be a Concert to put us into the Christmas spirit in a unique and special way!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

4:00 PM

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President's Message



Marjorie Mathieu
President
Coastal Symphony of Georgia

Welcome to the 39th Season of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia! For those of you who are returning, we are so happy that you have stayed with us, and a special welcome to those of you who are just joining us!

In order to provide our patrons with the safest possible environment for our Opening Night on November 22nd, we have decided to follow the example of symphonies across the country, including here in Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia. The protocols listed on the front page of this newsletter follow the examples of many of these orchestras both large and small.

I so look forward to seeing all of you on Opening Night and during the rest of what our Music Director, Michelle Merrill promises to be “a year of incredible music making.” I hope that during our concerts, you will enjoy engaging with the music and musicians once again, knowing we are doing all we can to ensure your safety.

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