



Variations on a Season

March 2021



ALOHA

Cabaret 2021



With warm ocean breezes and the soft glow of sunset,
Cabaret will return on Friday, May 21, 2021 in a safe oceanside setting.



ALOHA Cabaret, under the outdoor tent, Atlantic Court at The King & Prince Resort, will transport you to the beauty and easy charm of the Hawaiian Islands. From the moment you walk under the canopy of palms and hear the sound of the conch shell horn, you will experience an evening filled with the joyful Aloha spirit.

Enjoy island entertainment throughout the evening with the sounds, the rhythms, and excitement of Dawn Mahealani, a Hula dancer with traditional training from Oahu, who was recognized as Best Entertainer Atlanta 2019. The fire dance performances by Rocco are guaranteed to astound you.

Celebrate pau hana (loosely, “Happy Hour”) while you bid on fun, “first time ever” silent auction items. Then, under the stars, sit down to an elegantly plated dinner featuring exquisite native Hawaiian flavors with fresh tropical ingredients before bidding on the most fabulous live auction items EVER! Adventures for you and your family and friends include a stay at the Ka'anapali Beach Club on Maui, ski-in/ski-out accommodations in Utah, a sunset cruise on an 85 foot antique yacht as it travels from Newport to Palm Beach. More travels and unique experiences await!

Watch your mail for invitations. The first event in over a year for most of us is sure to be a sell-out! Visit coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org, or contact Janice Lamattina at 912.222.7541 or lamattina2@comcast.net for more information.

E hele kāua “Let’s party.” It’s time!

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April 11, 3:00 p.m.	<i>Vibes and Keys: Classical Meets Jazz</i> , Neptune Park
May 2, 3:00 p.m.	<i>Boulangé, Beethoven and Brilliant Strings</i> , Frederica Academy on the Sea Island Green

CONCERT NOTES

March 14, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

SPRING SERENADE

With Musicians from the Coastal
Symphony of Georgia

Frederica Academy
on the Sea Island Green,
St. Simons Island



Winds and strings usher in the optimism and hope of Spring in this enchanting concert. The musicians will lift us up with interplay between instruments, lovely harmonies, and musical stories of courage and unity.

Opening with Beethoven's Overture to *Fidelio* for wind ensemble, we are off on the adventures of Leonore and Florestan – a celebration of idealism and courage. Then comes the *Petite Symphony*, a harmonic work by French composer Charles Gounod. The 19th Century composer gives us music that is colorful, engaging, and tuneful. Listen for the soaring flute in the second movement.

Our midway point in the concert features a call for unity in *Umoja* for a Woodwind Quintet. *Umoja* is Swahili for unity and reflects an African proverb – “I AM because WE ARE.” Composer and flutist Valerie Coleman offers a sunny, happy, hopeful sound in a radiant piece of music. Coleman is considered a trailblazer for musicians of color.

Dragonetti's Duet for Cello and Bass follows, offering a double bass part as melodic and virtuosic as the cello. Then a horn trio, playing from Anton Reicha's 24-horn trios, celebrates numerous genres and forms including canonic, fugue, variations, dances, and even jokes!

The finale, Anton Dvorak's *Serenade for Winds*, evokes the old-world atmosphere of musical performances held in the castles of the Rococo Period. Dvorak, on hearing Mozart's wind serenade in 1878, was so impressed, he went home and wrote his serenade in just two weeks, supplementing winds with cello and bass. Following a march in the first movement, a minuet in the second, and lyrical nocturnes in the third, Dvorak completes his Serenade with the return of the introductory march motif in a stunning climax.

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CONCERT NOTES



April 11, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

VIBES AND KEYS: Classical Meets Jazz

Neptune Park, St. Simons Island

Aaron Lehrian and Steve Merrill, will bring spontaneity and innovation to this clever musical performance.

Most people are unaware that many of the great composers of classical music, such as Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven, were also accomplished improvisers who would often create new music spontaneously in the moment during performance. While this tradition has largely been lost in classical music, improvisation remains the defining characteristic of another great musical genre – Jazz. In this captivating concert, pianist Aaron Lehrian and vibraphonist Steve Merrill will perform classical pieces by composers such as Ravel, Gershwin, and Piazzolla, and use the structure and harmony of these pieces to improvise in a jazz style. The resulting sound will be a mixture of both the classical and jazz traditions which celebrates their shared connection to spontaneous creation.



Vibraphonist Steve Merrill



Pianist Aaron Lehrian

Vibraphonist Steve Merrill is the H. William Emde Principal Percussion Chair of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia and the Principal Percussionist of the Jacksonville Symphony. He enjoys playing percussion because it crosses over into almost every genre of music, giving him so much to experience and explore. Steve enjoys playing classical or jazz equally and has explored North Indian hand drums, played in Indonesian percussion orchestras, and been to Bali to study music and bring back instruments.

Pianist Aaron Lehrian is well-versed in both the classical and jazz repertoires, and has experience composing and arranging in both idioms. He performs with the Jacksonville Symphony and The Coastal Symphony of Georgia and is a jazz performance major at the University of North Florida. Aaron enjoys working on creative projects that combine eclectic influences. His music has been described by one critic as “a beautiful blend of a classical pianist’s perfectionism and a jazz musician’s innovation.”

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Winston Churchill once observed, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” If you are seeking a shining example of this kind of generosity in our local community, look no further than **Hall Booth Smith, P.C. Attorneys at Law**.

Five years ago, this law firm stepped forward to become the inaugural sponsor of the **Music Director and Conductor’s Chair** for The Coastal Symphony of Georgia. This \$30,000 signature commitment — \$10,000 a year for three years — made it possible for the Symphony to bring the highest quality of classical music performances to the Golden Isles. And now, commencing with the 20-21 concert season, this generous sponsorship from HBS has been renewed for another two years.

HBS is known as a strong community supporter and a longtime sponsor of The Coastal Symphony of Georgia, among other local nonprofits. Recently retired Partner Michael Frick, CSG Immediate Past President, says community support is at the core of the HBS business philosophy. “When we support worthy causes, not only do we enable our communities to thrive and prosper, but in the process, we create enriching life experiences for our employees,” he says. “The Coastal Symphony of Georgia adds great value to our area by presenting world-class artists and outstanding musical performances not often available outside of large cities.”



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The firm’s motto, “Serving to Achieve Excellence,” certainly describes its community spirit. In taking the lead in the Symphony’s Named Chairs Campaign, HBS exemplifies the very best in Golden Isles corporate citizenship. We are grateful for their continuing generosity and commitment.

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Marjorie Mathieu
President
Coastal Symphony of Georgia

What a wonderful time we have had hearing our musicians play in lovely parks this season! Getting to meet and talk with them up close and personal has been an added treat. Thank you all for your tremendous support of our outdoor concert series, *Variations on a Season*. We look forward to seeing you at the remaining concerts in March, April, and May.

You will notice some venue changes from our original plans; these are purely to better ensure the comfort and safety of both you and our musicians. You can still look forward to hearing classical music from a small orchestral ensemble in March, improvisation connecting classical and jazz music in April, and even a Beethoven symphony in our season finale in May.

And don't forget about Aloha Cabaret to be held at the King and Prince Resort on May 21st. You will want to start putting your tables together now and planning your Hawaiian "look" for the evening.

Thank you for your on-going support of OUR local symphony. We wish you good health and look forward to seeing you at the park!

CSG welcomes our newest Gold Sponsor: Hello, Goodbye

In the 1950s a small group of people with big hearts took a giant leap of faith and opened St. Mark's Thrift Store. It was during this time that they developed a model for giving back to those in need in our community. In 2011 that leap of faith came to fruition as the store was relocated and reborn as the Hello, Goodbuy store. Now open five days a week with a paid and volunteer staff, the mission remains the same: to return ALL proceeds in excess of operating expenses to the Golden Isles Community.

The Coastal Symphony of Georgia is pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the St. Mark's Thrift Store, **Hello Good Buy**, to help fund the *Musical Mentors* program in Glynn County Schools. This exciting program brings professional musicians and composers into the classrooms, allowing students to connect with the artists up close and personal, enhancing their cultural arts experience. Thank you so much, Hello Good Buy!



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