



## Sounds of the Symphony

December 2019

“Among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars...he gives large parties, ...and I like large parties. They're so intimate. At small parties there isn't any privacy.”

**CABARET 2020**



Perhaps F. Scott Fitzgerald envisioned **Cabaret 2020** when he penned those words!

Returning to the Cloister on January 24th, Cabaret will celebrate an era of exuberance, elegance, and lavish frivolity with **A GATSBY GALA**. This incandescent evening will recreate “the era of wonderful nonsense” when everything was fun and new. Glamour was ‘in’ as it will be again for this one dazzling evening in the Cloister Ballroom as the Jordan Gilman Septet plays familiar songs ranging from the Jazz Age to today’s modern jazz.

Page 4 in this issue will provide you with everything you need to know about our 16th annual Cabaret. Please join us for this not-to-be missed signature event for The Coastal Symphony of Georgia.



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5	<b>December 4, 11:00 a.m.</b> Society Christmas Luncheon, Ocean Forest
6	<b>December 8, 4:00 p.m.</b>
7	<i>Terry Readdick Holiday Magic</i> , Christ Church Frederica Parish Hall



The second concert of our 2019–2020 season celebrates a fairy tale, a commanding trumpet solo, and a perennial holiday favorite. It is a contrast of musical styles and energy that will amaze and delight us.

German composer Engelbert Humperdinck's 19th Century opera, *Hansel and Gretel*, is taken from the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale. The opera first debuted in Germany on December 23, 1893 under the baton of Richard Strauss and has long been associated with Christmas. The Overture delights us with lush melodies, the playful sounds of childhood, feelings of nostalgia – the magical feeling of a fairy tale.



A very different kind of sound follows with Johann Nepomuk Hummel's challenging Trumpet Concerto in E-flat major. The concerto was originally written in E major for Viennese trumpet virtuoso and inventor of the keyed trumpet, Anton Weidinger. The demanding piece was later written in E-flat major to make it more

compatible with newer trumpets. Following a spirited Allegro, the trumpet soloist plays against humming violins in the Andante.

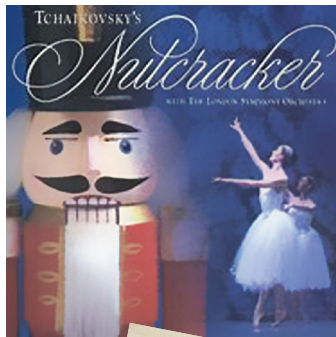


#### SOLOIST

Tristan Clarke is Principal Trumpet for both the Jacksonville Symphony and The Coastal Symphony of Georgia. With the Trumpet Concerto, Tristan turns to his first love, classical trumpet music. The concerto is challenging, but Tristan is looking forward to playing it for us. "I've had so many life changing experiences with music, and all I could ask for is to share them with others," he says. Tristan studied at the Peabody Institute, completed his Bachelor's degree at Julliard, has played with the Atlanta, Charlotte, and Boston symphonies, and worked with leading musicians including Itzhak Perlman and Leonard Slatkin.

Alternating, contrasting themes mark the closing, vigorous Rondo, which is replete with the soloist's technically demanding trills and flourishes, before a triumphant finale.

Selections from Tchaikovsky's perennial holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker Ballet*, will close the concert and send us away in the spirit of the season. We are invited to give ourselves up to the music and adventures of Clara as we listen to the March of the Toy Soldiers, Waltz of the Flowers, Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, and of course, the lively diversion of the dances and lyrical music.

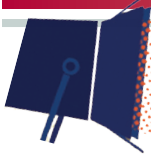


**December Pre-Concert Dinner**  
Brunswick Country Club  
Monday, December 2  
Cash Bar 5:00 p.m. – Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Served Tableside  
Greek Salad  
Warm French Bread and Whipped Butter

On the Buffet  
Beef Sifado, Fresh Mint Gremolata, Feta  
Blue Crab Stuffed Flourider  
Whipped Boursin Idaho Mashed Potatoes  
Roasted Root Vegetables, Herbs De Provence  
Limoncello Marscapone Cake

\$24.95 Per Person ++  
Reservations by Friday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.  
Cancellations by Saturday, November 30  
Call (912) 264-4377, ext. 9



## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

### SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

**S**outheast Georgia Health System is a longtime supporter of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia and was our first sponsor to participate in the Named Chair Program. We are pleased to announce that in 2018 SGHS generously renewed its three-year commitment to the Concertmaster's Chair through the 2021 concert season.

Since 1888, Southeast Georgia Health System has grown and evolved, just like the communities they serve. The Health System continues to expand, bringing new resources, services, technologies and opportunities to the region. Headquartered in historic Brunswick, Southeast Georgia Health System, a not-for-profit health system, serves the residents of Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, McIntosh and Wayne counties with two acute-care hospitals (Brunswick & Camden), conveniently located Family Medicine Centers, Immediate Care Centers, two Senior Care Centers, Ribbon of Hope, a health care specialty boutique, and numerous physician specialty practices.

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2014 to provide convenient, home-like lodging for cancer patients and family members of critical care patients from outside Glynn County, plus rooms for medical students and on-call team members.

As our communities grow, Southeast Georgia Health System will continue to grow to provide the best care possible, reinvesting in its facilities and adding new physicians and services to meet the community's growing health care needs, without tax dollars. For an updated list of physicians, services and locations, please visit [sghs.org](http://sghs.org) or call 855-ASK-SGHS (855-275-7447).

## Raising the Baton for Symphonic Music



**T**he Coastal Symphony of Georgia is offering a new giving opportunity for those who are committed to sustaining the vibrance and cultural quality the Symphony brings to our community. Offering special recognition for those who annually give a minimum of \$1,000, the Crescendo Circle will strengthen our strong donor support which ensures CSG's ability to provide the very finest in classical symphonic music.

Our total symphony experience has expanded beyond four classical concerts at Brunswick High School. This season, three SoundBites events offer participants fresh new music in smaller, more casual settings.

Our Family Christmas Concert with Terry Readdick brings the music of the season to young and old. The Musical Mentors program allows youngsters to connect with professional musicians up close and personal during area school visits. Our Salons featuring musicians from our orchestra in recital, and Music Lectures with Michelle Merrill, Music Director and Conductor, complete our symphony experience – a community experience.

We hope you will join us as a Founding Member of this influential circle of friends who share your commitment to a thriving symphony in the Golden Isles. If you would like an informational pamphlet on this exciting new program, please contact: Susan Garrett, at [alnsusan@comcast.net](mailto:alnsusan@comcast.net) or (912) 230-8566 cell/text. Together we will keep the music playing!

## Cabaret - At A Glance

*Annual Signature Event of The Coastal Symphony of Georgia*

- Date:** Friday, January 24, 2020  
**Place:** The Cloister Ballroom, Sea Island, GA  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
 Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction; followed by seated dinner; Live Auction and Entertainment
- Theme:** A Gatsby Gala  
**Dress:** Celebrate the centennial of the beginning of the Roaring 20's and the Jazz Age with period attire; Tux optional
- Entertainment:** JAZZ, JAZZ, JAZZ  
 – featuring classic cabaret entertainment by the Jordan Gilman Septet
- Jordan Gilman**, Saxophone; Vocalist  
**Greg Balut**, Trumpet  
**Alexander Hernandez**, Clarinet; Tenor Saxophone  
**Diego Herrada**, Trombone  
**Aaron Lehrian**, Piano  
**Luis Ocasio**, Drums  
**Stan Piper**, Bass

**Live Auction:** Featuring a one-week stay in beautiful southern Tuscany. Enjoy the Tuscan Dream in a two-bedroom villa in the ancient hilltop town of Manciano.

**Chairs:** Gail McCarty, Chair  
 Sharon Flores, Co-Chair and Advisor

**Tickets:** \$180 per person, [coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org) or call Sharon Flores at 912-223-6755



## Musical Magic of the Season

Christ Church Frederica Parish Hall  
 St. Simons Island  
 Sunday, December 8, 2019, 4:00 p.m.  
 Adults \$35.00; Children under 12: \$10.00  
 For tickets, contact [lamattina2@comcast.net](mailto:lamattina2@comcast.net)  
 OR [coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.ORG](http://coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.ORG)

The program will include familiar pieces ranging from "Joy to the World" to "Jingle Bells" with updated, creative arrangements and seldom heard piano selections from the *Nutcracker*!

A special thanks to the patrons who have helped to make this evening possible:  
 Alice and Fred Barlow, Dale and Paul Cronin, Susan and Al Garrett,  
 Jane Prendergast, Karleen and John Thompson.

# The Symphony Society

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The Symphony Society continues to be busy with exciting events to benefit The Coastal Georgia Symphony. The fall membership meeting in September at St. William Parish Hall was a delightful success. The Glynn Academy Show Choir, directed by Nathaniel Roper, performed a variety of a capella and accompanied vocal selections that set the stage for the celebration of music so valued by CSG and its community mission. Michelle Merrill, Music Director and Conductor of CSG, journeyed from Jacksonville to present an audio and visual preview of the 2019–20 concert season. A special thanks to Nancy Pandolfi, who facilitated this members’ event, and her committee of volunteers: Mary Bishop, Jan Carriker, Judy Clifton, Leigh Dillard, JoAnn Frick, Sally Gilfallan, Dawn Hart (Ace Garden Center), Jenny Hicks, Sue Ledingham, Baba McCaffrey, Jeanne Earle McConnell, Priscilla Miles, Claudia Malone, Margery Rogge, and Sally Stroud.

**Symphony Society Christmas Luncheon**  
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
 Ocean Forest  
 11:00 am

\$45 per person  
 Checks payable to: Coastal Symphony of Georgia  
 P.O. Box 24420, St. Simons Island GA 31522

R.s.v.p. Nancy Pandolfi  
 912-230-8943 nancy pandolfi@att.net

Our next major event is Cabaret on January 24 which is described on the front page of this newsletter and on page 4. Ticket information will be available shortly so watch your mail for the invitations.

The Society Membership Directory is now available on the website. A password has been sent to society members so that you might access this information.

The Society’s annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at Ocean Forest on Wednesday, December 4. Vocalists Faith Hamilton-Trent and Michael Jennings will offer delightful holiday favorites as festive entertainment. This will be an event you will not want to miss. See the invitation on this page.

For those of you who are bluegrass fans, stay tuned for an announcement in the next newsletter about an event sponsored by the Symphony Society that will be fun for everyone.

If you would like to volunteer and work with us in major fundraising events for the Symphony and to have a good time in the process, we invite you to join the Symphony Society. Just call our membership chairperson, Jan Carriker, at 770-412-2694 or visit our website [www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org](http://www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org).



Glynn Academy Show Choir



John Harper,  
Society President

## SHARE YOUR TICKET

If you cannot use your ticket(s), please contact the Symphony office at 912.634.2006 to let us offer your ticket(s) to others.

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Michael Frick  
*President, Coastal Symphony of Georgia*

While we look forward with anticipation to the December 2 concert, our Music Director/Conductor Michelle Merrill is already preparing for the 2020-2021 season. Performance selections are made by the end of January 2020, and musicians are put under contract. We are always busy behind the scenes at the Coastal Symphony of Georgia!

The number of musicians needed for each concert enters into the music selection process, as all four programs must fall within the annual budgetary constraints while meeting the conductor's interpretation of the pieces. Some pieces require a large, full orchestra, while others need a smaller ensemble to convey beautiful music. This year our number of musicians ranges from 32 for the March 2020 concert to 71 for Opening Night in September 2019.

Please take a moment to peruse the Concert Notes and Meet the Composers sections of the Season Program where you will find insight into the composers' ideas when creating their pieces. In fact, if you haven't done so already, please do take your Season Program home with you at the next concert. It is intended to be part of your concert experience, allowing you to come into the concert hall informed of the night's performance.

I look forward to seeing you at the December concert, which will offer a powerful trumpet solo and the sounds of the Christmas season!

## Attention Amazon Shoppers!

Great news for The Coastal Symphony of Georgia! You can support your love for community symphonic music by shopping online.

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The process is that simple. And AmazonSmile makes a contribution to the Coastal Symphony of Georgia every time you shop! Please consider shopping through AmazonSmile and designating the CSG as the recipient

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