



Variations on a Season

November 2020



Live music is back! We at the Coastal Symphony of Georgia believe that it is more important than ever to keep the music alive during these difficult times, which is why we were thrilled to launch our new outdoor series, “Variations on a Season,” this month. The current conditions have given us an opportunity to innovate, and during the year ahead, you are going to see your Coastal Symphony stretching its wings into different areas of the Golden Isles to deliver exceptional music performances. This will be an historic season - one unlike any other you’ve experienced with the CSG. We have programmed an incredible variety of outdoor chamber music performances from a diverse collection of composers, and with its smaller number of players, chamber music is ideally suited to the moment, while at the same time gives an intimate inside look at the different instrument families of the orchestra. We aim to reach our audiences - both loyal patrons and first-time concertgoers - in the most safe and accessible way possible and can’t wait for you to join us in parks and gathering places throughout the region.

Music is calming, unifying, powerful, and courageous. It pierces the heart and mind in a way that leads us anywhere we want to go for those fleeting moments in time. To experience this fundamental beauty in a collective setting only intensifies its magic. You need not have to be able to understand music, or the mechanics that make it work. It means more to just simply let the sound wash over you and to bask in its magnificence.

“Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music.”

 **George Eliot**

In times of crisis, in times of growth, in times of societal shifts, it is historically the Arts that pull us through as a people. We are grateful for your support at this time now more than ever. Your belief in the Coastal Symphony enables us to emerge from these challenging circumstances resilient and ready to serve our community with even greater purpose, and we thank you for being a part of this ever important, ongoing mission.



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Michelle Merrill CSG Music Director and Conductor

Jacoby Brass Quintet

December 6, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.
Gascoigne Park, St Simons Island

What can be more festive than holiday favorites played by a brass quintet! Somehow the high, merry sounds of the trumpet, the mellow strains of the horn, combined with the rich, and often jaunty, sounds of the trombone and tuba combine to make a perfect blend for familiar holiday tunes. That celebratory atmosphere is especially true when the quintet, attired in holiday dress, is made up of five extremely talented and entertaining gentlemen.

All five CSG members are well-versed in the classical repertoire and have played in orchestras across the country. Tristan Clarke says he has all he could ask for by being able to share his music with others. Michael Harper grew up listening to his father's recordings of Herb Alpert, Al Hirt, Miles Davis, and others and was immediately smitten by the trumpet. You will often see the two of them playing their trumpets in entertaining scenarios on Facebook.

Aaron Brask plays third horn, but what you might not know is that he is also an experienced nine ball player. From a musical family, Aaron says his favorite career moment was watching Pavarotti standing onstage singing along with incidental music while cooling off with a hair dryer – all during the concert!

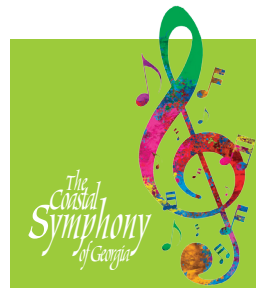
Chris Graham's favorite moment was playing Mahler's 3rd Symphony with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Zubin Mehta conducting. Chris and his brother Patrick both play for the Jacksonville Symphony which is very special since it is highly unusual for siblings to find themselves playing in the same orchestra.

James Jenkins is the principal tuba with the Jacksonville Symphony and founder of Body and Soul, an organization that works with health care providers to bring the gift of music to patients. He enjoys connecting with live audiences, and says if he weren't a musician, he would do something to help bring people together.

The Jacoby Brass is a perfect way to launch the holiday season. Please join us in the park for a festive gathering of this season's second live performance presented by The Coastal Symphony of Georgia.



Clockwise from bottom left: Michael Harper, Chris Graham, Aaron Brask, James Jenkins, Tristan Clarke



VARIATIONS on a Season

Coming Up

December 6, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Jacoby Brass

Gascoigne Park, St. Simons Island
Please bring your own chair

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

Seaside Serenade

Atlantic Court, King and Prince Resort,
St. Simons Island
Seating will be provided

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

Vibes and Keys: Classical Meets Jazz

Mary Ross Waterfront Park, Brunswick
Please bring your own chair

May 2, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Boulangé, Beethoven, and Brilliant Strings

Atlantic Court, King and Prince Resort,
St. Simons Island
Seating will be provided

Check our website at www.coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.org for ticket information, \$50 pp, \$15 for children. Season subscribers will be mailed tickets in late November.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Southeast 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), two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management, and wound care.

The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and offers the only CyberKnife® M6 with MLC technology in Georgia for the treatment of cancerous and benign tumors. Additionally, in 2020, the Brunswick Campus was rated High Performing in COPD and Heart Failure by the U.S. News & World Report.

The Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 140 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations.



The addition of Wolfson Children's at Southeast Georgia Health System in 2013 increased the availability of pediatric medical specialty services in Coastal Georgia. Thanks to a generous gift from philanthropist Hugh Nunnally, the Health System opened Nunnally House in 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.

In 2018, the Health System launched a \$140 million Master Renovation and Expansion Project of its Brunswick Campus. Once complete, the project will produce 70,000 square feet of new space and renovate 100,000 square feet of its existing footprint. Along with an Emergency Care Center expansion, which will increase its 35 treatment rooms to 50, the project will provide 16 new operating rooms for the Surgical Services department, add a new, 32-bed inpatient floor, and renovate patient rooms on the St. Simons Tower.

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 or call 855-ASK-SGHS (855-275-7447).

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.

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST FOR CONCERT TICKETS.



LET'S KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING!



Live concerts have returned to the Coastal Symphony of Georgia in the form of Variations on a Season, our 2020-2021 outdoor small ensemble concert series! While we cannot yet safely return to the concert hall, we can bring you our musicians in a new, fresh setting which is both safe and pleasant. It is part of our continuing commitment to bring artistically vibrant performances of symphonic music to the Golden Isles.

We would like to invite your partnership with us in this commitment. Our named chairs, corporate sponsors, Crescendo

Circle members, and patrons who support us through ticket sales and special events are invaluable to the future success of the Symphony. Please consider the many giving opportunities we offer. Your gifts will help us Keep the Music Playing!

Named Chairs



Celebrate your favorite instrument by becoming the sole sponsor of a Principal Chair. Sponsorships are for three years paid in yearly installments of \$3,000. You will receive four season tickets with priority reserved seating, recognition in our publications, social media, event signage, and on our website. Currently available for sponsorship: bass, oboe, bassoon, horn, trombone, tuba, and timpani.

For more information, contact Chad Goehring at 678-371-3125 or CGoehring@harrisondesign.com.

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The Crescendo Circle is an influential circle of friends committed to building a crescendo of giving to sustain the vibrance and cultural quality the Symphony brings to the community. Members make annual contributions of at least \$1,000 and above, and receive donor recognition.

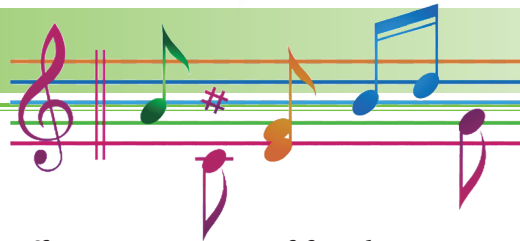


For more information, contact Susan Garrett at (912) 230-8566 or at alnsusan@comcast.net.

Patronage

Our season subscribers are the heart of our Symphony family. They are important members of the artistic life of the community in their commitment to the future of the CSG. Conductor's Circle members donate from \$300 to \$1,000 seasonally, receiving special benefits including selected reserve seats at all concerts and invitations to special events. All subscribers receive program recognition.

For more information, visit our website at coastalsymphonyofgeorgia.ORG or contact (912) 634-2006.



Special Events Benefactors

Cabaret is our signature event and gala, offering an evening of fine dining, music, and auction fun. For 16 years, this elegant evening has been a not-to-be-missed event in the community.

Contact Sharon Flores at (912) 634-2006 or at coastalsymphonyofgeorgia@gmail.com.



SoundBites

Events are held in different venues around the community – a park, a funky restaurant, an art gallery. Participants listen to a variety of fresh new music while enjoying appetizers and drinks in a casual setting.

Contact Christine Emde at cemde7714@gmail.com.

Salons



By invitation events are held in elegant private homes featuring musicians or guest artists from our orchestra in recital. These intimate experiences allow patrons to meet and speak with the musicians while enjoying a reception following their classical music performances.

Contact Janice Lamattina at lamattina2@comcast.net.

Legacy Funds

Excellent, joyful, inspiring professional music is an integral part of the fabric of any vital community. Those of us who enjoy that experience today want to be sure it continues for future generations. By considering a specific bequest of cash, stocks or bonds, real estate or other assets to The Coastal Symphony of Georgia, you will leave a lasting legacy that will impact future generations.

Contact Linda Muir at (404) 444-6757 OR lmuir@saylorlaw.com.

We are all looking forward to the day we can gather together again in the concert hall; meanwhile, we will enjoy being together for “Variations on a Season.” Whatever the occasion, we could not do it without our sponsors, donors, and patrons. We are deeply grateful for your support.

Save the Date!
Aloha Cabaret
 CSG Annual Gala
 Friday, May 21, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Marjorie Mathieu
*President,
Coastal Symphony of Georgia*

What a year this has been! In our desire to keep the music playing, we are delighted to present the 38th season of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia, “Variations on a Season,” an outdoor concert series. We surveyed both our season subscribers and our musicians to develop programs and venues that keep both attendees and musicians safe in these trying times. We hope that you will take the opportunity to come and enjoy these concerts being held in lovely outdoor venues.

Thanks to the hard work of our Music Director and Conductor, Michelle Merrill, we believe we have a wonderful season in store. Our series began with an exciting jazz concert at Mary Ross Waterfront Park in November. Now we look forward to additional concerts in December, March, April, and May, which will include brass and percussion ensembles, and even a Beethoven symphony.

We are hopeful that next year, things will be more “normal” in terms of our daily lives as well as our symphony offerings. We are also optimistic about the on-going planning for the Creative Arts Center: while Covid-19 may have slowed down the progress, we believe it will come to pass!

As always, we thank you for your on-going support of OUR local symphony, and hope that you will continue to support us in this special variation on a season, as well as in the future! We wish you good health!

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We wish to thank our Crescendo Circle founding members who have made a commitment toward sustaining the vibrance and cultural quality The Coastal Symphony of Georgia brings to our community.

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We are deeply grateful for their willingness to strengthen our donor support and look forward to honoring them at a cocktail reception when it is considered safe for us to gather. Please consider joining the Crescendo Circle!

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