

The Coastal Symphony of Georgia



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March 2018



Five Splendid Seasons One Extraordinary Maestro

The closing concert of this season on April 9th will be one that we will remember for a long time, if not forever. Entitled “Hope & Triumph,” this concert will be

the last to be performed under the baton of our esteemed Music Director and Conductor, Maestro Luis Haza, as he enters retirement. For five years, he has led us all, musicians and patrons alike, on a wonderful journey through the most splendid of orchestral music performed with excellence. Our journey began with the hope that our community of music lovers and the community at large would embrace a professional orchestra and support it in every way: with their attendance, appreciation, and contributions. Maestro Haza’s leadership, musicality, and artistry have brought us to this moment of triumph: The Coastal Symphony of Georgia is warmly embraced by this community and recognized in the orchestral world as a resounding success.

We expect a standing room only audience to hear this finale concert, which will be presented without intermission. The evening will open with a violin solo, performed by Maestro Haza. The program will conclude with Rachmaninoff’s “Symphony No. 2,” ending in peals of joy and celebration and setting the tone for seasons to come.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve alongside a most extraordinary Board of Directors, the Board and members of the Symphony Society, Executive Director Sharon Flores, and General Manager Jorge Peña during this time of transition. I thank them all for their many contributions and hard work, as well as for their support and friendship. And, what a personal joy it has been for me to work with and get to know the incomparable Maestro Luis Haza. He is the personification of Hope and Triumph. As he enters into his well-deserved retirement, I know I speak for all of us — musicians, patrons, Board members, and all of our many supporters, donors, and sponsors — when I say, “Bravissimo, Maestro Haza! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and Godspeed.”

Linda Muir

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Symphony Board President

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Upcoming Events

April 9, 8:00 p.m.
Hope and Triumph
Brunswick High School
April 19, 4:00 p.m.
Society Spring Meeting
Parish House,
Christ Church, Frederica

CONCERT NOTES



Experience Hope and Triumph ...

Maestro Luis Haza opens the fourth and final concert evening with his performance of the *Love Theme from Cinema Paradiso*, the 1989 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film. This sweet but emotionally powerful piece captures all the gentle, nostalgic feel of the film which centers on a young boy who develops a special relationship with a movie house manager, and later fulfills his dream to become a filmmaker. Haza's interpretation of this hauntingly beautiful music will be performed on a 1707 Pietro Guarnerious di Mantua with a Jean Baptiste Vuillaume picture bow from the Napoleon collection.

The passion and love he brings to this performance will also be his valedictory gift as he retires at this end of this unforgettable season.

Following Haza's talented and memorable offering as a violinist, the audience will experience the power and beauty of Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Symphony No. 2*. After a time of personal despair and recovery, the composer scripted his hugely successful piano concerto #2. He then continued his musical success in the early 20th Century when, conducting his second symphony at its premiere, he received rousing applause as well as an award and 1,000 rubles. Today this symphony remains one of his best-known compositions.

And so, The Coastal Symphony of Georgia closes its season with unforgettable music of hope fulfilled and triumph achieved. We ring the bells for you, Maestro Haza: in celebration, in gratitude, and in love. Thank you.

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Cabaret 2018!

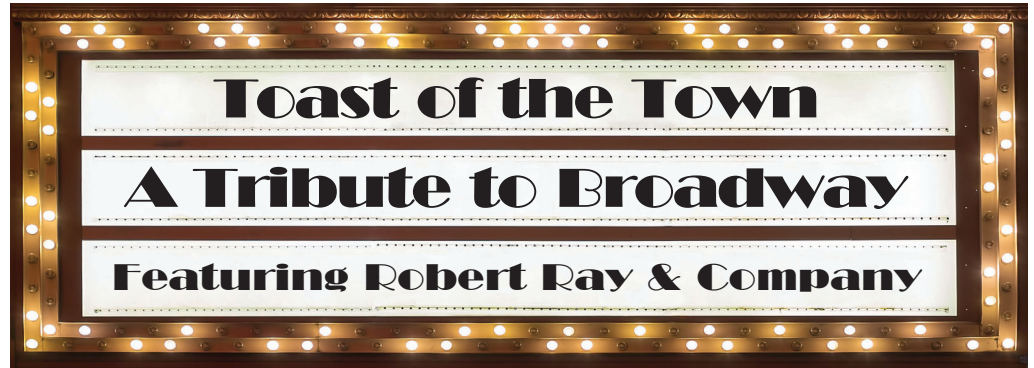
... delivered all that had been promised! From the red carpet entrance to the brightly lit arched

ballroom doorways, gorgeous flowers from Edward on Saint Simons, and on to the glittering stage, the excitement of Broadway was ever present at Cabaret on February 3, 2018. The Golden Age of New York cabaret was recreated at The Cloister with a beautifully appointed supper club atmosphere and a fabulous program in two acts followed by an amazing finale.

After dinner, guests were treated to an Intermezzo honoring Maestro Luis Haza, who will retire at the end of this Coastal Symphony season. A lovingly crafted video tribute was shown, and a Proclamation from Governor Nathan Deal was presented by Terry Readdick. The Intermezzo ended as everyone rose to give a special toast to Maestro Haza – our own “Toast of the Town”! A spirited and very successful live auction followed with guests bidding on trips to the Isle of Capri, New York City, and Savannah; noted local chefs Dave Snyder and Matthew Raiford encouraged high bids on their donated culinary adventures.

The Finale featured the incomparable veteran Broadway performer Robert Ray and his multi-talented company of singers and musicians performing hit songs from favorite musicals including *My Fair Lady*, *South Pacific*, *Cats*, *The Lion King*, *Evita*, *Pippin*, *A Chorus Line*, *Les Misérables* and more.

The Symphony Society worked in harmony with The Coastal Symphony of Georgia to present Cabaret 2018, one of the most successful in the 14-year history of this signature fundraising event. None of the excitement of Cabaret would be possible without the unrelenting support of so many – from our corporate sponsors, loyal patrons, auction donors, and attendees to our army of volunteers. Special thanks for your incredible efforts in making this event one to remember.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Music Director and Conductor, Michelle Merrill, are well under way. Your new season brochure will arrive soon in your mailbox. (A mail-in ticket order form is

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” And so, as this concert season closes with *Hope and Triumph*, we are not downcast but know that it is a time to look to the future with excitement and anticipation. Plans for the 2018-2019 concert season with our new

also included in this newsletter p 6.) As ever, you will want to respond quickly to be assured of renewing your seats.

Spring is a time of change and new growth, whether we are speaking of gardens or the Symphony. In keeping with the dictates of this season, it is also time for me to bid adieu as President of the Symphony and to extend a warm welcome to Michael Frick as he takes the gavel of leadership on June 1st.

Linda Muis

The Symphony Society

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You're Invited!

The Symphony Society's Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 19

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Parish House, Christ Church,
Frederica

Please RSVP by April 13 to
Sue Amiano: 912.638.5274 or
sueamiano@att.net



Cabaret, the Symphony Society's major fundraising event, was one of our most captivating and successful events ever with over 300 people in attendance, who enjoying a memorable night of fine food and Broadway style entertainment. The competitive bidding in the silent auction and the entertaining live auction were most enjoyable, and the overall proceeds greatly benefited the Coastal Georgia Symphony. Thanks to all who worked on and attended this fine event. Stay tuned for next year's version of Cabaret and watch for the date.

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Our Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on April 19 at Parish House, Christ Church, Frederica (Please see poster on this page for details.)

At this meeting, we will report on the results of our fundraising efforts for this past year and elect the board and officers for next year. Entertainment by Owen Plant (singer, songwriter, guitarist) and refreshments will be provided. This would be an excellent time to come meet fellow society members and to join and volunteer for next year's exciting activities. I think you would experience a great deal of fun and fellowship with active participation in the Society. The Coastal Georgia Symphony depends on the Society as a major source of funds, without which the Symphony could not successfully provide the high quality of classical music within the Golden Isles. *If you are not already a member, please know you may attend this event and perhaps join with us for the coming concert season in Society membership. You are not only very welcome, you are needed!*



*John Harper,
Society President*

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