

## In This Issue...

### You're Invited!

Our Holiday Tea is scheduled for Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – see page 4 for all the details.



## Our Rising Stars are Home for the Holidays!

*The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. Presents*  
**New Year's Musicale**  
*A Benefit for Music Scholarships Featuring*

 Nicholas Bentz, Violin & Composer, Peabody Conservatory of Music	 Shannon Fitzhenry, Violin, Peabody Conservatory of Music	 Abigail Kent, Harp, Curtis Institute of Music	 Micah McLaurin, Piano, Curtis Institute of Music*
 Mary Burke, Mezzo Soprano, Peabody Conservatory of Music	 Ryan Lovelle, Principal Percussion, Charleston Symphony Orchestra	 Chee-Hang See, Piano, Faculty, Charleston Academy of Music	

January 3, 2017, 4:30 PM, Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street  
Price of Admission \$35 \*Photo Courtesy of Oliver Tolson

Let's celebrate them as they 'give 'back' to the Charleston community. See page 3...

## Another Great Revels Season Is Underway

Turn to page 5 to see what the Revelers have been doing this fall and how you can join in the fun!



## President's Letter

We are having a busy and exciting Fall season having just had a very successful Symphony Tour of Homes—our 19th! Six magnificent homes were on display, thanks to their very gracious homeowners, half on Seabrook Island and half on Kiawah Island. Raves were heard from our guests about the variety and charm of these homes. \$33,000 was raised which is earmarked for our Scholarships, and Kathy Pease and her excellent committee did a fine job of putting on this fun event. Many members and non-members volunteered to be docents, parking assistants, flower arrangers, refreshments providers, and after party planners for which we are very grateful!

Our final fall Coffee with the Maestro was held on November 18 where we were delighted to hear from Maestro Ken Lam about the Masterworks concert for that weekend. He brought the Baritone soloist, Jeffrey Gates, with him to inform us about his own music career and his performance here. Our next Coffee will be on January 13 with the location yet to be determined. Watch for an eblast to let you know where it will be.

Our other two concurrent fundraisers are now in full swing—Revels and the Car Raffle, headed up by Caroline Thibault and Stuart Hotchkiss and Claudia Porter respectively. Check our website and articles in the newsletter for details.

Don't miss the Holiday Tea planned for Friday, December 9 from 2 to 4 at the home of Judy Goldberg at 2000 Indian Mound Trail. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

I hope you're able to attend some of the many concerts offered by the CSO during the month of December. They will certainly help you to get in the holiday mood!

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Thanks to Lyn Magee for her excellent job of editing our newsletter for the last couple of years. This will be her last issue as she prepares to chair our new fundraiser, Pursuit of the Podium in the

spring. Her successor, Jodie-Beth Galos will take over for our next issue.

Thank you for being a CSOL® member and supporter! Happy Holidays!

Becky Hilstad  
President, CSOL®

**Annual Symphony Tour of Homes a Great Success**

November 5th was a glorious day and the turn out for the tour was terrific. Gate attendance was close to 500 which far surpasses recent prior years. Our guests view 6 spectacular houses, 3 on Kiawah Island and 3 on Seabrook Island. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra performed a concert afterward on Kiawah Island sponsored by the Kiawah Island Cultural Events Fund where the attendance was close to capacity. All that was heard were positive comments about the houses and how nice everyone was. All our guests seemed to have a very enjoyable day.

The numbers are not all in as yet but I am assured that we made the monies that we need for scholarships this year.

Finally, an enormous effort was made by the Island House Tour committee and all the volunteers needed to man the homes, check in guests, and assist in parking. Everyone should congratulate themselves for achieving the financial goals and having a day with only minor problems.

Submitted by *Kathy Pease*  
2016 Tour of Homes Chairperson

**See page 7 for photos of this wonderful house tour!**

## Catch Our Rising Stars! A New Year's Musicale...

Presented by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc.

January 3, 2017 at 4:30 P.M.

Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Charleston

The "rising stars" are home for the holidays! This is an opportunity for several young professional musicians to give back to members of the Charleston community who have supported them during their formative years of musical study in a concert that is sure to be a very special afternoon.

A reception will follow the musical presentations, giving the audience a chance to mix and mingle with these "rising stars" of the musical world.

Tickets are \$35 per person and will support the CSOL® scholarship fund, especially the David and Karen Stahl Memorial Scholarship, given annually to the top-ranked graduating senior who plans to major in music in college.

You can purchase tickets online at [csolinc.org](http://csolinc.org) or by check made payable to CSOL® New Year's Musicale mailed to Julie Fenimore, 2473 Vaucluse Road, Charleston, SC, 29414. No tickets will be issued. Your name will be on the guest list at the event. You may additionally pay at the door with cash or check only please.

For further information, please contact Julie Fenimore at 843-571-6593 or [singingjul@aol.com](mailto:singingjul@aol.com).

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\*Photo Courtesy of Oliver Tollison

## Please Come to the Holiday Tea!

This lovely annual celebration will be held at the home of Judy Kay Goldberg (formerly Markowitz) at 2000 Indian Mound Trail, Charleston, SC 29407 on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm.

Board members are asked to bring sweet and savory treats, plated on non-returnable dishes. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Pam Mockler at 860-919-5730, [mocklers5@gmail.com](mailto:mocklers5@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Membership News

Half year Membership Gift Certificates are available for \$25.00 which make great Christmas gifts for your friends or relatives. Please call me or I will have them ready for purchase at the Christmas Tea.

Please welcome new members when you see them at the Coffees and other CSOL<sup>®</sup> events; invite them to join your projects. New members are easy to recognize because they will have the words **New Member** in red on their name tags.

Contact Kathy Pease at 843-577-7983, [kmmague@aol.com](mailto:kmmague@aol.com)

## A Winning Recipient

Linda Manning, our Education Committee co-chair of summer study grants, shared exciting news about Jenny Yao, whom we have witnessed perfecting her piano skills over several summers. This summer Jenny used CSOL<sup>®</sup> money toward a trip to Russia to attend the American Fine Arts Festival Summer Music Course. She won third prize by performing the first movement of Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor with the Kostroma Symphony Orchestra. Her performance is posted on the website [afafestival.com](http://afafestival.com).

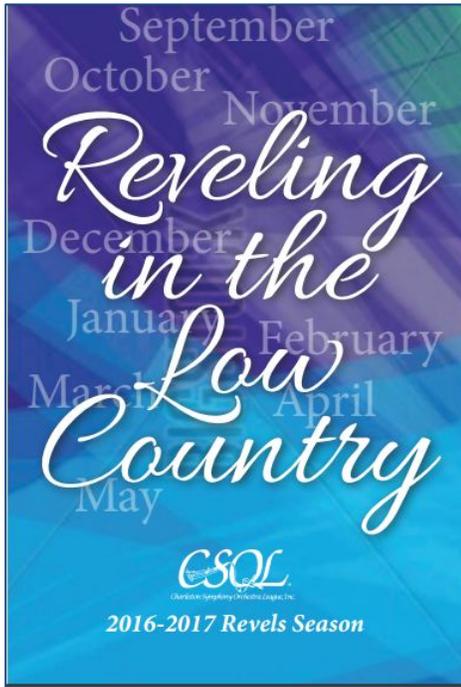
In her personal statement submitted with her CSOL<sup>®</sup> scholarship application,

Jenny stated that she considers music “the life blood of the soul.” An Academic Magnet High School of Charleston junior, she is studying piano at the College of Charleston with professors Ran Dank and Dr. Edward Hart.



As hardworking members of the CSOL<sup>®</sup>, you can feel proud that the proceeds from the recent Kiawah/Seabrook house tour will create our Education Committee budget for next year. Thanks to your participation we will attract more able young musicians needing a boost to their musical studies at all levels.

**Left:** Jenny Yao with conductor Pavel Gershtein



## Revels News

Two Revels events have taken place since the last newsletter. Both the **Brunch with Yuriy** and his Quartet and the two tours, **Explore the Graveyards** of Charleston, were terrific events. All present enjoyed the music, food, and the view of the Wando River at the brunch. Those who attended the cemetery tours learned so much from Carol Ezell's tour of St. Michael's and St. Philip's and about the graveyards and those who rest there. Lunch at Eli's Table was delicious and enabled members of both afternoon and morning tours to socialize in a very relaxed atmosphere.

The Revels Committee thanks Joan Marchetti, Lyn Chapin, and Caroline and Albert Thibault for sponsoring the

brunch and Claudia Porter for sponsoring the Graveyard Tour. It is the sponsors who enable us to raise money for the CSO and our scholarships in a small social environment.

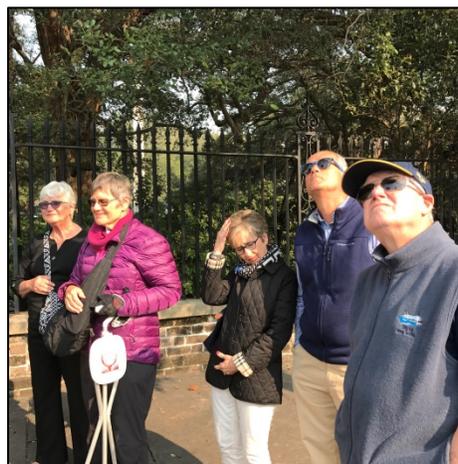
Both the next two Revels are filled. If you wish to attend either, please call M.E. Canaday at 843-216-1329 and put your name on the waiting lists. We might be able to arrange a second tour of the Rivers Collection as well as a second Indian dinner. We are working on it, but we have to know the numbers.

The Night in Spain also will fill up so don't delay signing



up with your friends for this wonderful, exciting Revels. It will be a super way to introduce your friends to the League, the CSO and the CSO musicians in the brass section of the orchestra.

Don't miss participating! It is fun.



## Long Range Planning Committee Update

The agenda for LRP includes a discussion on various parts of membership, what sponsorship should look like in the future and the updating of role descriptions for standing committees. At our next meeting on December 6 committee members will contribute their thoughts on membership levels and requirements as well as the recruitment and retention of members. Suggestions are welcome from the CSOL® members and can be forwarded to Patti Tully.



## Have Fun While Volunteering at the Zoo!

The CSOL® Instrument Petting Zoo (IPZ) has had an active fall. We took the IPZ to the Aquarium on September 17 for the Saltwater Sounds presentation by the CSO. Following up with the IPZ at the POPS! Family Concert on September 24. Our third IPZ took place at the Charleston County Library on

Calhoun Street for their family Star Wars events. This involved a short concert by the CSO Brass Ensemble. We presented the IPZ in the large main room of the library which gave us greater visibility!

All of the IPZs were enthusiastically received by many families with the children having a wonderful time trying out the instruments. Their joy and excitement was contagious for all of us who work at the IPZs. Through their visits to the IPZs we have introduced hundreds of children to the joy of making music. **Wouldn't you like to be a part of this activity?** Remember, no previous experience with instruments is required. You will be supplied with all you need to know in order to participate!

Our next IPZs will be on:

- January 21 at the aquarium for another Saltwater Sounds presentation. The hours are from 9:00 am through 12:15 pm. This includes 3 half hour IPZs alternating with the CSO concerts in the large tank room.
- February 17 at the Charleston County Library with the CSO. Hours are from 10:00 am to 11:45 am. We will follow the CSO percussion ensemble.
- February 18 at the Charleston County Library with the CSO. Hours are from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm. This will be the same program as above for a different age group of children.

**How to sign up?** Go on the CSOL® website, <http://csolinc.org>, on the home page top right hand margin click on the light bulb for Sign-Up-Genius. At the Volunteer page click on the Sign-Up-Genius for the Petting Zoo and select the dates you are available. It is easy to do and you don't need to be a member of Sign-Up-Genius in order to register for the IPZ. Otherwise, contact Julie Fenimore, [singingjul@aol.com](mailto:singingjul@aol.com) or Sue Ingram, [singram2812@gmail.com](mailto:singram2812@gmail.com).

We look forward to having fun with you at the IPZ!



## Wouldn't you love to have this beautiful new vehicle in your driveway?

We're happy to announce that the Mazda MX-5 Miata Grand Touring has been selected for this year's CSOL® raffle! Tickets will be \$100 each and only 1,000 tickets will be sold. The car is Soul Red Metallic and fully equipped with:

- Bose Surround Sound audio with 9 speakers
- Leather-trimmed heated sport seats
- Auto on/off headlights
- Mazda Connect infotainment system
- 7-inch full-color touch screen display
- Navigation system
- Automatic climate control
- Blind spot monitoring, rear cross traffic alert, and lane departure warning system
- Heated power side mirrors
- Convertible top with black cloth liner
- Anti-theft alarm
- Remote power door locks and power windows
- Leather-wrapped shifter knob and steering wheel

It's a great car to drive – you'll be the envy of Charleston. But just in case if you would prefer a different color, features, or even a different model, you will have a \$30,000 credit towards any other Mazda. Something else new this year . . . the CSOL® will pay \$10,000 in federal income taxes on the vehicle for the winner.

Be on the lookout for more information – tickets will sell quickly for this great sports car!



**Below:** Photos of 2016 Symphony Tour of Homes courtesy of Bob Hill



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Friday, Dec. 9, 2 – 4 pm**

*Holiday Tea*

Home of Judy Kay Goldberg  
2000 Indian Mound Trail  
Charleston

**Tuesday, January 3, 2017,**

**4:30 pm**

*New Year's Musicale*

Charleston Library Society  
164 King St., Charleston

**Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2:30 pm**

*CSOL® Board Meeting*

Charleston Public Library  
Charleston

**Friday, Jan. 13, 10:00 am**

*Coffee with the Maestro*

Coffee at 10, meeting at  
10:15  
Location TBD

**Sunday, Jan. 18, 4-6 pm**

*Bareboards Party*

Designer Showhouse  
Location TBD

**Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2:30 pm**

*CSOL® Board Meeting*

Charleston County Public  
Library  
Charleston

**Thursday, Feb. 2, 5-6:30 pm**

*Wine and Such with the  
Maestro*

Location TBD

**Friday, Feb. 10, 10:00 am**

*Coffee with the Maestro*

Coffee at 10, meeting at  
10:15  
Charleston Public Library  
Charleston

**Wednesday, Mar. 1, 2:30 pm**

*CSOL® Board Meeting*

Charleston County Public  
Library  
Charleston

**Friday, Mar. 3, 10:00 am**

*Coffee with the Maestro*

Coffee at 10, meeting at  
10:15  
Location TBD

**Wednesday, Mar. 15, 6-9 pm**

*Preview Party*

Designer Showhouse  
Location TBD

**Thursday, Mar. 16, 10 am –  
4 pm**

*Designer Showhouse Opens*

Location TBD

**Thursday, Mar. 30, 5-6:30 pm**

*Wine and Such with the  
Maestro*

Designer Showhouse  
Location TBD

**Wednesday, Apr. 5, 2:30 pm**

*CSOL® Board Meeting*

Charleston County Public  
Library  
Charleston

**Saturday, Apr. 15, 4:30-6 pm**

*Designer Showhouse Closing  
Party*

Location TBD

## CSO Concerts

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

*Holiday Pops*

Yuriy Bekker, conductor  
The Gaillard

**Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:00 pm**

*CSO String Quartet*

Island Club Atlantic Room  
Seabrook Island

**Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 pm**

*The Canadian Brass with*

*The CSO Brass*

The Gaillard

**Fri. and Sat., Jan 13 & 14, 2017,  
7:30 pm**

*Masterworks*

*Andre Watts Grieg's*

*Piano Concerto*

The Gaillard  
Andre Watts, piano  
Ken Lam, conductor

**Saturday, Jan. 28, 7:30 pm**

*Chamber Music*

*Shanghai Quartet with*

*CSO String Quartet*

The Gaillard

**Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:30 pm**

*Pops*

*Tony DeSare Sings Sinatra*

The Gaillard  
Yuriy Bekker, conductor

**Fri. and Sat., Feb 10 & 11,  
7:30 pm**

*Masterworks*

*Mozart and Haydn*

Cicely Parnas, cello  
Ken Lam, conductor

**Fri. and Sat., March 3 & 4, 7:30 pm**

*Masterworks*

*Beethoven's Pastoral*

The Gaillard  
Yuriy Bekker, violin  
Ken Lam, conductor

**Fri. and Sat., Mar. 17 & 18, 7:30 pm**

*Masterworks*

*A Sea Symphony*

The Gaillard  
Margaret Kelly Cook, soprano  
Peter Tomaszewski, baritone  
CSO Chorus,  
Dr. Robert Taylor, director  
Ken Lam, conductor

**Friday, Mar. 24, 7:30 pm**

*Magnetic South*

*Ambiguous Symmetries at*

*Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul*

The Gaillard

**Saturday, Apr. 1, 7:30 pm**

*Pops*

*Ellis Hall – Soul Unlimited*

The Gaillard  
Ellis Hall, keyboard  
Yuriy Bekker, Conductor

**Fri. and Sat., Apr. 21 & 22, 7:30 pm**

*Masterworks*

*Mahler's Fifth*

The Gaillard  
Micah McLaurin, piano  
Ken Lam, conductor