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The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. presents the



Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah and Seabrook Islands

Benefiting the
Charleston Symphony Orchestra and
CSOL® Music Scholarships

**Saturday, November 5, 2016
10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Free Concert by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra at 5 p.m., East Beach Conference Center, Kiawah Island, courtesy of the Town of Kiawah Island Cultural Events Fund

No Handicap Access

**Read more about this exciting event
on page 3!**

President's Letter

Greetings Old and New Members and Friends!

After the long and hot summer, it's good to feel a hint of fall coolness in the air and to have the CSO/CSOL® season back in full swing! I hope you're all as excited about it as I am! September started with a bang when both organizations kicked off the fall season with a spectacular concert including renowned pianist Leon Fleisher and a gorgeous rendition of Dvorak's *New World Symphony* by the CSO, and cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions in the beautiful Gaillard ballroom in **celebration of the 80th Birthday of the CSO**. A huge round of applause is in order for our **CSOL® Gala Chairs**, Celia Hansult, Jane Miller, and Lorraine Perry and their excellent committee of David Savard, Sue Ingram, Patti Tully and M.E. Canaday, who worked tirelessly since last February to make it the successful evening that it was! It proved to be a fine gathering of supporters, friends, musicians, and CSOL® members, who enjoyed an evening of fine music, celebration, and camaraderie in helping to raise money for the CSO. As of publication of this newsletter we are known to have raised well over \$62,000 for the CSO, including nearly \$25,000 which is earmarked for helping to fund one of this year's Young People's Concerts, and \$14,000 in credits for the CSO's catering needs with the Gaillard's Duvall Caterers. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped during the evening. The evening was possible also through a very close collaboration with CSO staffers Kerri Collins, Jennifer Metts, Kyle Lane, Michael Smith, and of course Maestro Ken Lam and the orchestra.

Our **Fall Member Tea** followed on September 16 at the lovely Parsonage of St. Johannes Lutheran Church, site of a former CSOL® Designer Show House. Maestro Lam and Yuriy Bekker both spoke to us about the coming CSO season, and we heard from various CSOL® Board members about

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CSOL® Board for 2016 - 2017

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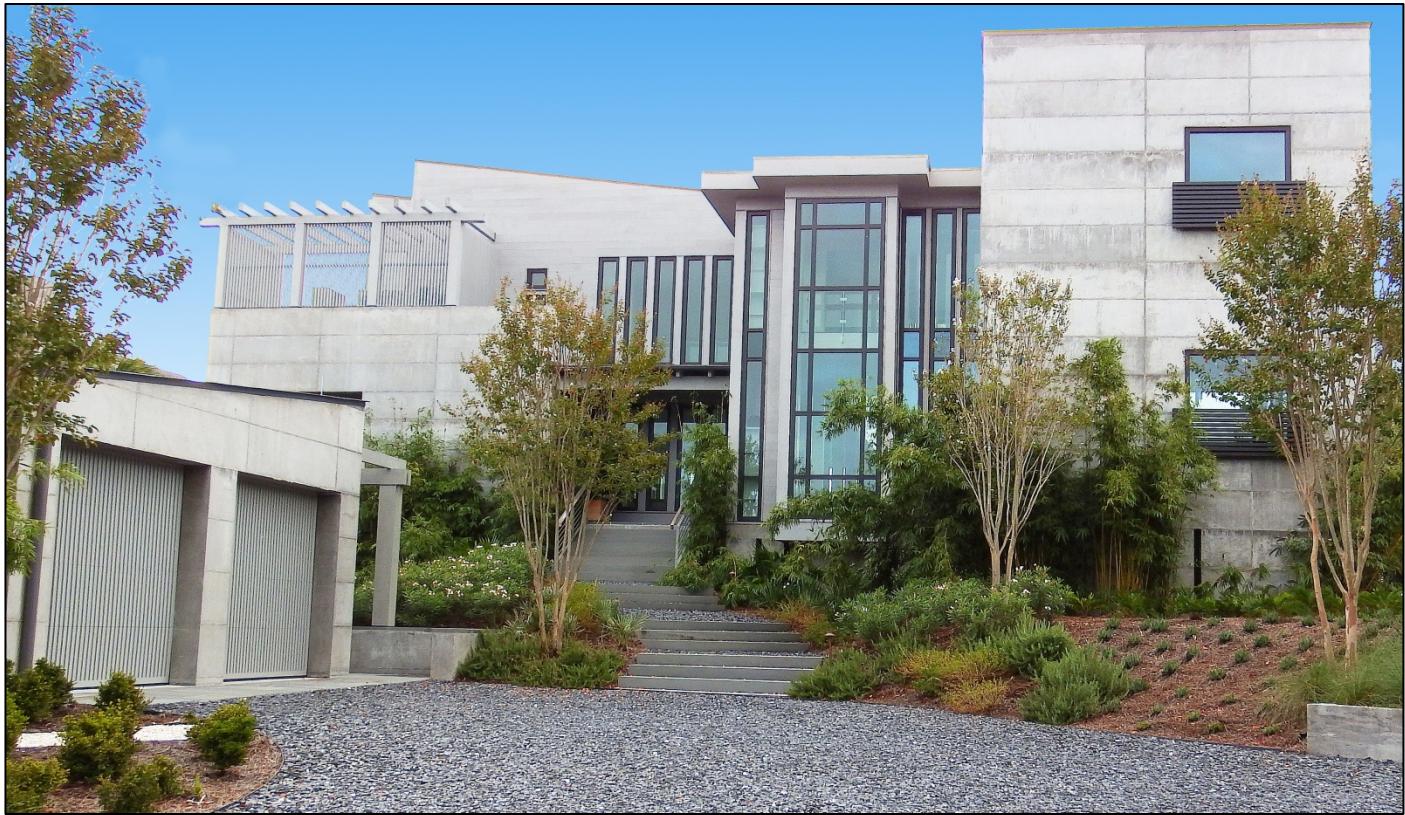
coming events. Thanks to Pam Mockler, Peggy Cross, and Mary Davis for organizing this delightful event! this newsletter, pay close attention to the announcements of our

many other fall events which include a **COFFEE WITH THE MAESTRO on Friday, September 30** at the Public Library on Calhoun Street at 10:00 with Ken Lam, and again on Friday, October 28, same time and place; **REVELS** events beginning with a **Yuri Bekker quartet and brunch on Sunday, October 23** at the home of Caroline Thibault followed by a **Charleston Graveyards Tour on Tuesday, November 15**, and our next big fundraiser, the **SYMPHONY TOUR OF HOMES on both Seabrook and Kiawah Islands from 10 to 4 on Saturday, November 5** and including a free masterworks style concert by the CSO on Kiawah at 5:00 that day. Interspersed with these fall events will be opportunities to participate in Petting Zoos and Feed the Musicians lunches. We hope you'll all plan to attend these many and varied events and pitch in and help when you can. All tickets for REVELS and the TOUR of HOMES are available online at our website www.csolinc.org. Our calendar and more information can also be found online.

By now everyone should have received their new **Membership Directories** and the schedule for Revels in the mail. (This sentence was written before Matthew paid us all an unwelcome visit. We hope you safely weathered the storm.) If you have not renewed your membership we do hope you will very soon. This membership form can also be found on our website.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next coffee, concert, Revels event, house tour, and petting zoo. We're one big family of music lovers and supporters, and that's a nice feeling! Ask a friend to come and join us!

Becky Hilstad
President, CSOL®



Symphony Tour of Homes

On Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., guests are invited to tour lovely homes, enhanced by live music and refreshments. This year's tour showcases both Kiawah and Seabrook Islands with 3 gorgeous homes on each. We have modern homes, we have traditional homes, and we even have a home of one of our members, Lyn Magee. All of our guests will thoroughly enjoy their day touring these exclusive and stunning homes.

All may also enjoy a free 5 p.m. masterworks style concert, free, by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra (CSO), featuring over 60 musicians and a soloist. The concert will be conducted by CSO

Music Director Ken Lam in the East Beach Conference Center, Kiawah Island, courtesy of the Town of Kiawah Island Cultural Events Fund.

Two tickets were sent to each member with an advance ticket price of \$45. If you are unable to attend, please consider giving them as gift to your friends and family. Additional advance tickets at the special rate can be purchased at csolinc.org.

Also, with this project there are many volunteer opportunities. Look on the CSOL® website for Sign-up Genius for the needed positions.

Scholarship Winners Doing Great Things!

Jonathan Heward, recently graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London, is now the assistant conductor of the Halle Orchestra in England.

Abby Kent, a student at Curtis in Philadelphia, has been invited as a Guest Artist by the CSO and will play at the Brahms Requiem concert this November.



Above: Jonathan Heyward

Right: Abby Kent



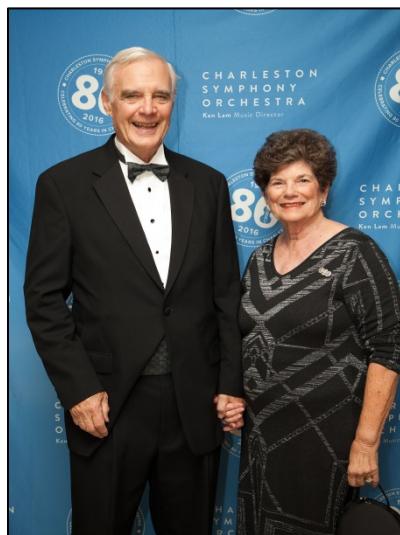
A Night To Remember

On September 10, the CSO and CSOL® collaborated on a spectacular evening in the Gaillard Center marking the 80th anniversary of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The night got off to a rousing start with a silent auction, beer and wine, followed by a thrilling concert featuring world renowned pianist Leon Fleisher and his wife Catherine Jacobson. After dinner, the crowd was treated to a gala dinner, a serenade by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra String Quartet, a special "Happy Birthday" song led by Mayor John Tecklenberg on piano and an exciting live auction. Final costs are still being tallied, but we expect to net over \$62,000 for the Charleston Symphony including a special auction item to help fund the Young People's Concerts. Thank you for making the evening such a wonderful success. It was truly A Night to Remember!

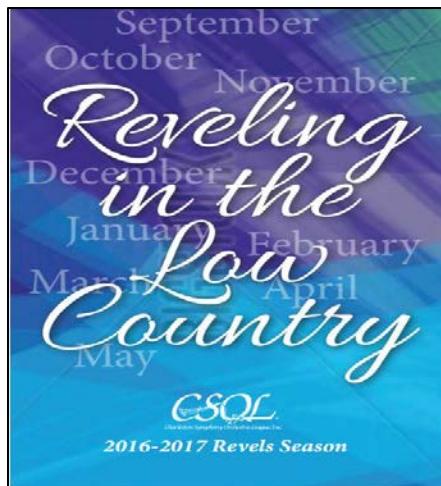


A few of the many highlight moments from A Night to Remember!

A Night to Remember..... continued



Make Your Reservations Now for Revels



There are big smiles on the faces of the Revels Committee as the registration for this season's events roll in. We are so pleased that people like the events and are signing up for more than one at a time. Some are almost filled and will be by the time they happen. If you want more brochures to share with friends they will be available at all our coffees.

Don't hesitate to put your name on the waiting list if there is an event you want to attend. If you sign up for an event and can't make it your money is refunded if you let us know at least a month in advance. If your cancellation is less than a month before the event then your money is refunded if there is someone on the waiting list who can take your place.

Since I am writing this before any Revels actually happens, I have no pictures to share. Please continue to sign up for the events happening next year (2017) and join us for a fun time. There will be lots of pictures in the next newsletter!

Caroline Thibault
Revels Chair

Fall Tea A Great Success

The CSOL® Fall tea was held this year at St. Johannes Lutheran Church Parsonage. The tea was attended by 50-plus members and guests who also included some of our new members. A special thank you goes out to all our amazing members who brought their special goodies to share.

Special thanks to Peggy Cross, Mary Davis whom helped with preparing. We also wish to express our great appreciation to the wonderful women of the church who set up their parsonage for our arrival and gave our members a tour of the home.





Instrument Petting Zoo Creates Thrills and Excitement

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 marked the first of this season's Instrument Petting Zoos (IPZ) which was held at the Charleston Aquarium. Children of all ages (even their parents wanted a go) tried their skills on the brass instruments: trombone and trumpet; woodwinds: flute and clarinet; strings: violin and cello; and percussion: wood blocks and shakers.

The three sessions were ably guided by Julie Fenimore, Sue Ingram, Lucy Jones, Mary Ann Spivey, Caroline Thibault, Patti Tully and Ericka Kremer, the daughter of CSO string musicians Asako and Damian Kremer. Evidenced by the number of smiling happy children, a great variety of musical sounds, and applause by thrilled parents, the morning was a grand success.

If you feel that this is something that you would like to be a part of, please contact Co-chairs Sue Ingram or Julie Fenimore to get your name on the

list of worker bees. You do not have to know how to play the instruments or even how to hold them. We will provide you with all the information you will need. You do need to be able to smile, offer encouragement to the young children and celebrate their successes as they create a myriad of musical sounds!

The next Instrument Petting Zoo will be October 15th when Story Time with the CSO will be held at the Main Library on Calhoun street with the CSO Brass. The theme that day is Star Wars. Times available for the IPZ are 11:15 to 12:30 and 12:15 to 2:00. Come have fun with the children and their parents and enjoy hearing the Brass Quintet!

Contact Julie Fenimore, singingjul@aol.com, 843.571.6593 or Sue Ingram, singram2812@gmail.com, 843.532.4562

The CSOL® Welcomes New Members as of September 22, 2016

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Membership News

We are excited about this year for both new and existing members. The directories should be in your hands shortly if you did not pick one up at the Fall Tea.

Again we are offering a year membership for \$25 to be given as a holiday gift to a new member. Please contact Kathy Pease (kmccague@aol.com) if you wish to purchase.

The CSOL® has many new members. New members have **New Member** on their name tags.

Introduce yourselves at the Coffees and get to know them.



Save the Date for...

*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 Leveille, 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 Tolison



All Aboard!

*Strengthening Your Organization
From the Inside Out*

Contact Sue Ingram

(singram2812@gmail.com) or Carol Lou Yaeger (clyaege@bellsouth.net) for information about this year's SOVA Round Table.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, Oct. 14, 12:00 -2:00 pm

Feed the Musicians

Charleston Public Library
Calhoun Street, Charleston

Friday, Oct. 15, 11:45 am-12:30 pm and 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm

Instrument Petting Zoo (IPZ)

Charleston Public Library
Calhoun Street, Charleston

Sunday, Oct. 23 – 12:00 pm

Revels - Brunch with Yuriy

Home of Caroline and
Albert Thibault

Friday, Oct. 28, 10 am

Coffee with the Maestro

Coffee at 10, meeting at
10:15

Charleston Public Library
Auditorium
Calhoun Street, Charleston

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2:30 pm

CSOL® Board Meeting

Charleston Public Library
Calhoun Street, Charleston

Tuesday, Nov- 10 am & 1:30 pm

***Revels - Explore the
Graveyards of Charleston
with Carol Ezell***

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 am –

4 pm

Symphony Tour of Homes

Kiawah and Seabrook Islands

Friday, Nov. 18, 10 am

Coffee with the Maestro

Coffee at 10, meeting at

10:15

Charleston Public Library
Auditorium
Calhoun Street, Charleston

Friday, Dec. 9, 2 – 4 pm

Holiday Tea

Location - TBD

CSO Concerts

Friday, Saturday, Oct 14 & 15 –

7:30 pm

Masterworks

The Gaillard

Saturday, October 29 –

7:30 pm

***Chamber Music with
Mary Ann McCormick***

The Gaillard

Saturday, Nov. 5, 5 pm

CSO Concert after Symphony

Tour of Homes

East Beach Conference Center

No tickets required

East Beach Conference Center

Kiawah Island

Sponsored by the Kiawah Arts
Council

Friday, Nov. 11

Magnetic South

The Finnish Line

Ken Lam, conductor

Friday, Saturday, Nov. 18 & 19,

7:30 pm

Masterworks

The Gaillard

Fri., Sat., Sun. – Dec. 1, 2 & 3

Holy City Messiah

Saturday, Dec. 17

Holiday Pops

Yuriy Bekker, conductor

Wednesday, Dec. 21

The Canadian Brass with

The CSO Brass

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!

