



# QUARTER NOTES

## FASO'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### A New Opportunity!

The Friends of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra (FASO) is undertaking an exciting new venture. For the first time, we will be sponsoring a Music Tour to Europe, led by the ASO's Maestro José-Luis Novo.

The tour departs Washington, D.C., on May 30 and returns June 9, 2017. We will visit the beautiful cities of Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague. We will hear the glorious music of Handel, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Gershwin, among others. Performances in Salzburg will be in the magnificent Marble Hall of Mirabell Castle. In Vienna we will attend the Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra along with the Vienna Singakademie. In Prague we will hear both the Prague Symphony Orchestra and the Czech Philharmonic. All in all, a memorable time for the 25 tour participants.

There are several tour slots still available. If you would like more information or to make a reservation, please contact me at 410-757-1824 or at [mkclandcats@verizon.net](mailto:mkclandcats@verizon.net). Please act swiftly if you want to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

As another successful year for FASO, and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, comes to a conclusion, I want to thank the hard-working members of our Board of Directors. Their dedication makes all of our events so enjoyable and successful. Thank You!

All of us on the Board are so appreciative of the support we receive from you, the members of FASO. Your participation makes our events, and the funds we donate to the Symphony, possible. Our latest periodic donation of \$3,000 was handed over to the ASO earlier this month.

Best wishes for a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

-- Michael J. Kurtz, president

## **MEET THE MUSICIAN, FATMA DAGLAR, OBOE**

“Relentless athleticism.” That’s what is required of any oboist who tackles the Concerto by the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu, according to the soloist who will be doing just that March 3 and 4 at Maryland Hall. Fatma Daglar, the ASO’s own principal oboist since 1997 says the piece is full of exciting energy. “ I’ve never before performed the Martinu Concerto, so when José-Luis asked me, I was very happy!” she said. “It’s a staple of the solo oboe repertoire and quite a difficult one -- long, drawn out phrases alongside very technical fast passages and solo cadenzas. Even though we frequently play music of other Czech composers, namely Dvorak, Smetana and Janacek, who each has an individual defining characteristic and tonal language, the very prolific Martinu's music doesn't get performed very often, so I'm grateful for the opportunity to present it.”

Born in Turkey, Fatma moved to the United States in 1993 to study at Peabody in Baltimore. She became first chair straight out of Peabody. She’s a full-time musician, performing not only with the ASO but also with Zephyros Winds, a nationally known chamber ensemble, as well as an array of local orchestras and chamber groups. She gives lessons privately at her home, and teaches at UMBC, Towson University, St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Peabody Preparatory.

Fun fact: She makes her own reeds.

Getting back to the Martinu concerto, Fatma says, “I just love the fact that this piece was commissioned for the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne. Who can even imagine such a thing now? I draw parallels with the Olympic spirit and the exciting energy of the piece, in addition to the relentless athleticism the piece requires of the player.”

### **Schools R Us**

FASO’s educational activities are growing. We rededicated ourselves this year to doing what we can to help students learn the joy and discipline involved in making music. Two examples: We will be underwriting the cost of sending ASO musicians to work with students at Annapolis Middle School. This is a new project for us, and we were delighted when Annapolis Middle School responded with an invitation to attend its annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 15.

Another example: We are continuing our very successful arrangement with Coldwell Banker to take in used instruments from the attics, basements and closets of Annapolitans. These instruments are then polished and repaired and distributed to the Anne Arundel County schools for use by students who need them. Once a student musician graduates or gives up the instrument, it remains at his or her school for use by the next student in need. We collected a lot of instruments at the free Labor Day weekend ASO concert in Quiet Waters Park. Joan Russell of Coldwell Banker, a FASO board member, reported this month that the number of donated instruments now totals 130. Coldwell Banker will happily accept your donated instruments at any of its four real estate offices in the county.

### **Welcome Back, Adele**

A warm “HI” to Adele Baron, who’s returning to FASO’s board. She was elected Dec. 6.





**4TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS DINNER  
WITH CROWNING OF KING & QUEEN**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017 6 – 9 PM**

**BENEFITTING THE ANNAPOLIS SYMPHONY  
AT THE HOME OF GENERAL AND MRS JOE BALLARD  
2512 HOBBITS LANE  
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\$ 85 INDIVIDUAL**

**\*\*RSVP BY JAN 1\*\***

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**LIMITED SEATING**

## MARDI GRAS BASH

Here is your invitation to the annual Mardi Gras party. (We will not be mailing out invites.) The food and fun, especially the food, are notorious! If you wish to attend, please call one of the hostesses listed on the invitation.

## CONCERT OF TASTES March 12, 2017

Mark your calendars now for our biggest, smartest, fund-raising extravaganza of the year, the Concert of Tastes. Traditionally held in November, this year the Concert of Tastes has moved to the spring of 2017. Mark the date: March 12, from 6 to 9. Reserve tickets now at the ASO website, [Annapolissymphony.org](http://Annapolissymphony.org). Click on the FASO tab.



Expect terrific food tastings from more than a dozen restaurants and caterers, a full open bar compliments of Port Tack Ltd. of Arnold, live music, a Golden Chance auction and a short spirited live auction for the opportunity to have dinner with Maestro José-Luis Novo at Harry Browne's restaurant. The venue is Francis Scott Key Hall on the St. John's College campus. There is plenty of free parking on campus and across the street in the city's Bladen Garage. This event is a great opportunity for FASO members to introduce new friends to the pleasures of supporting the Annapolis Symphony, as well as a great way to return hospitality. The price is the same as last year, \$85 for a full night of dining, drinking and socializing in a beautiful setting with good friends.

## A NIFTY NIGHT OUT

This was a first for us, dinner (catered by Broadneck Grill) and a movie, "Eroica" about the first performance of Beethoven's Third Symphony. The Nov. 7 event took place at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Noted film lecturer Ann Glenn provided us with expert commentary and perspective on the film. It was fun! It raised money for the symphony! It was a lovely night out. Plan on attending when we do something like this again.



### Save these Dates

**Feb. 23, 2017, Dine to Donate.** Carrol's Creek Restaurant will give 20 percent of the diners' bills (including alcohol) to the ASO. 6-8 p.m. Carrol's Creek Restaurant. 410 Severn Ave., Eastport. Please reserve and say you are with Friends of the Annapolis Symphony. Reservations: 410-263-8102

**March 3-4, 2017, Concert:** ASO's Fatma Daglar, *oboe soloist*. Mozart, Symphony No. 38 "Prague"; Martinů, Concerto for Oboe; Mozart, Magic Flute Overture; R. Schumann, Symphony No. 3 "Rhenish". 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

**March 24-25, 2017, Concert:** James Ehnes, *violin soloist*. Beethoven, Fidelio Overture; Barber, Concerto for Violin; Wagner, Prelude and Liebestod (Tristan & Isolde), Stravinsky, Firebird Suite. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

**May 5-6, 2017, Concert:** Noah Bendix-Balgley, *violin soloist*. Gluck, Orfeo and Euridice: Dance of the Furies; Brahms, Concerto for Violin; Mussorgsky, *Boris Godunov*: Introduction and Polonaise; Prokofiev, Symphony No. 7. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

**May 13, 2017, Family Concert:** Fun for ages 6 and up. Beethoven Lives Upstairs, with Classical Kids. Meet the musicians after the show. 2 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

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