



QUARTER NOTES

FASO'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Great Support!

We have just concluded a very successful and most enjoyable Concert of Tastes. I want to express my deep appreciation to the FASO Board members who worked tirelessly to make the March 12 evening so memorable. Special thanks go to the COT co-chairs, Ginger From and Karen Gonzalez, for their excellent leadership and months of hard work. I also want to express on behalf of the Board our appreciation for **your** support. Without your participation in the COT, and our other events throughout the year, FASO's financial support of the ASO's music education and community outreach programs would not be possible. **THANK YOU!**

Much more is ahead! Champagne Sunday this year will be held at the William Paca House and Garden on April 23 from 4-6 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy great food and company in a truly historic setting. I look forward to seeing you on April 23!

Our annual membership luncheon and business meeting will be held at Lowes Hotel on May 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Come and learn more about our plans for the coming year. You can greet the new Board members, Adele Baron, Louise Reiner and Joe Minieri, and thank outgoing Board members Tessie Ballard and Paula Abernethy for their service to FASO and the cause of great music. I hope as many FASO members as possible will attend.

FASO's fabulous Music Tour to Europe, led by Maestro José-Luis Novo will depart May 30 for Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague. There's still room for two more participants. Please let me know if you're interested.

My term as president of FASO concludes at the end of May, though I will remain on the Board. Thank you to all FASO Board members and to you the membership, for your friendship and support over the past two years. Making new friends is one of the best parts of getting involved with FASO!

Michael Kurtz,
President

OUR FABULOUS CONCERT OF TASTES



What was the secret to the 2017 Concert of Tastes's abounding success? Was it because we held it in March instead of November? Because we added a room with lots of chairs? Because the restaurants and caterers provided adventurous, tasty food, Port Tack ran a generous open bar and Mitchell Gallery let us into its amusing art show? Was it because the FASO committee planned so well and worked so diligently? Because guests could bid at an exciting live auction and play a raffle with tickets that came with \$20 off dinner at Harry Browne's restaurant? Because cool people, including José-Luis Novo, were there? All these features came together to make this year's Concert of Tastes at St. John's College bigger and more profitable. Congratulations to all those who worked to make our 35th Concert of Tastes a success and all who attended. And it all benefits the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. Payments are still coming in so stay tuned for accurate revenue figures. Here's a scrapbook of images from the March 12 event:



Paula Abernethy and Joe Minieri at the open bar. Adele Baron and Joan Russell enjoy Wegmans sushi bar



The maestro mingles and at right, co-chairman Karen Gonzalez poses with president Kurtz at the scene of the Golden Chance Raffle. Photos by Lynn Gardner.

More Goings-On

Annapolis Middle School has been “adopted” by the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and several hundred students are involved in its music program. FASO’s latest financial contributions have allowed the ASO oboist who gives oboe lessons at the school to add extra hours.

The COT was not the only successful FASO event in recent months. A Dine to Donate event at Carrol’s Creek restaurant arranged by Anna Greenberg, and the annual Mardi Gras party run by Tessie Ballard, Bernadine Crosby and Ginger From brought in record sums – all for the ASO.

New FASO Faces

When you come to the annual membership luncheon on Wednesday, May 10 at Loews, you’ll meet our three new FASO board members, make that two *new* members and one very welcome returnee. They are:

Joe Minieri, pictured opposite working the open bar at the COT, a professional percussionist and real estate guy.

Louise Reiner, a Defense Department retiree and music lover who is deeply involved in local environmental issues.

Returning is the legendary **James Cheevers**, associate director and senior curator of the Naval Academy Museum, long-time advocate of FASO and the ASO and all-around good man.

Watch your email for invitations to the membership luncheon. Please plan on bringing your checkbook so you can pay your dues for FASO’s new fiscal year, which begins on June 1.

Dues are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple.



Mark your calendars!

Our annual welcome to spring is Champagne Sunday, held this year in the garden of the Paca House, the fabulous historic estate in the heart of downtown.

Champagne Sunday

April 23, 2017 | 4:00-6:00pm
William Paca House Garden

There will be homemade goodies to eat, both savory and sweet, live music and of course free-flowing champagne.

Watch for invitations in the mail.

Save these Dates

April 23, Champagne Sunday. FASO's annual welcome to Spring, held for the first time this year at the Paca House, 186 Prince George St., Annapolis. Champagne, homemade food, live music. Invite your friends. \$50.

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 10, FASO Annual Membership Meeting. Lunch at Loews. Renew your FASO membership (bring your checkbook). Meet the new board members, say goodbye to retiring board members, enjoy lunch downtown with friends. 11:30 a.m. 126 West St. Annapolis.

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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