



QUARTER NOTES

FASO'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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A Great Season Ahead!

Summer is almost over and fall is just ahead! It is time for another wonderful ASO season to begin. The free Labor Day Concert, Sunday Sept. 6 at Quiet Waters Park is a great chance to enjoy excellent music in a beautiful setting.



As always, the FASO Bucket Brigade will be part of the event.

All of us are eagerly anticipating the ASO's Opening Night Galas (Oct. 2 and 3), the second concert in the Lexus Classic Series (Nov. 13 and 14), and, of course, the Holiday Pops program (Dec.18).

FASO's fall season will be filled with fun, entertaining, and delicious (!) events. All designed to support the ASO. We will kick off our season with a members' Jazz Happy Hour on Sept. 24 on the Premier Planning Group Office balcony, with one of the best views in town. This free event is our way of thanking you for your loyal support. Next, we will travel to the Broadneck Grill in Edgewater (Oct. 19) for an excellent wine-pairing dinner. This will be informative, fun, and tasty! Watch for invitations. We conclude the fall FASO season with our spectacular Concert of Tastes (Nov. 15) at St. John's College. In this beautiful new venue we will have selections from the best Annapolis restaurants, music, wine-pairing lessons, and the wonderful Golden Chance Raffle.

We need everyone to attend. Bring a friend; bring several. FASO's success depends on the support of our members and their friends and colleagues. All of us can not only have great fun but also have the genuine satisfaction of knowing that we are providing critical support to the ongoing success of the ASO.

I look forward to seeing each of you this fall!

Michael J. Kurtz, president

MEET THE ASO'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

There will be a new face in the ASO office in Maryland Hall starting Sept. 21. But Patrick J. Nugent won't be new to Maryland -- the new executive director and chief development officer of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra grew up in Silver Spring and his parents live across the bridge in Cambridge. So, welcome back, Patrick.

Nugent comes to us from Cincinnati, where he was a VP for development and marketing at a nonprofit serving children and families; before that he was director of individual and major giving at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Patrick sees his development (aka fundraising) duties as a major focus of his new job at the ASO. "That is the skill set I bring," he said in a phone interview. Here's his plan for dealing with major donors:

"Within the first month I have to figure out who are the 20 donors whose advice and counsel I most need and meet with them, and during the second month I need to meet with the next 20. The other donors and their opinions are important, too, but those are the ones who will take us the farthest fastest," he said. From the pool of other donors will grow the next class of big givers.



Then, he said, he needs to dig into the ASO's \$1.2 million budget "in all its gory details." One-third of the symphony's budget comes from ticket sales and the rest comes from philanthropic donors and government sources, he said. He believes that the ASO has the capacity to raise \$1 million per year, perhaps within five years.

Patrick and his wife Mary Kay Rehard, a social worker, are at this writing looking for a house in Annapolis. They have three kids, one in graduate school, one in college and one in high school. Avid kayakers and owners of a dinghy, they look forward to boating in our waterways. Back home in Ohio, they are loyal subscribers of the Cincinnati Symphony.

Look for him when you go to an Opening Night Gala. He'll be there both nights, Oct. 2 and 3. He wants to get to know the Friends, so introduce yourself. "It seems to me that the Friends of the Annapolis Symphony are an absolutely key constituency," Nugent said. "I would like to work very closely with the Friends. If our object is to move our symphony to the next stage of greatness, you all have a role."

TWO BIG FASO EVENTS COMING UP



FASO 2015-16 Season Kick-Off: A Jazz Happy Hour!
Thursday, September 24th, 2015 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Premier Planning Group Office
115 West Street, Suite 400, Annapolis, MD 21401

Please Join Us From One of the BEST Views in Town—
For Music, Wine, Cheese, Great Finger Foods,
GAMES, (Music Bingo) and Prizes!
Featuring Performances by the Unified Jazz Ensemble,
and Very Special Guest and Season Presenter:
Netanel Draiblat— Our Very Own, ASO Concertmaster!

**All FASO Members
Are Invited To This
Fun and FREE Event!!!**

Please RSVP to Ginger From
By Monday, September 21st
301-466-8710 or
snapsgf@aol.com



The Jazz Happy Hour is a sassy name for what our Bylaws call a membership meeting. This is a free party for all members in a wonderful location. Drop by after work or after your afternoon duties, stay for the wine, cheese, games and prizes. Sept. 24, 5p.m. to 7 p.m.

AND, TA-DA!, OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISER!

DON'T MISS THE CONCERT OF TASTES, NOV. 15

You'll find this year's Concert of Tastes at a new location – the Francis Scott Key Auditorium reception rooms. There is ample free parking across the street at the city's Bladen Garage. We'll have music by the Rob Levit duo, the popular Golden Chance Raffle, lessons on wine-food pairings and – by popular request -- tastings of the best food that 15 carefully chosen Annapolis restaurants have to offer. Plus once again we will have an open bar thanks to Port Tack Ltd. of Arnold. Mark your calendars now. Want to help? Call Carol at 443-758-8811.



All profits go to the ASO.



FASO BOARD MEMBERS ALERT

This month's board meeting is Sept. 15 instead of the usual first Tuesday. Mark your calendars and show up at the usual time (10 a.m.) and the usual place (Maryland Hall).

Save these Dates

Sept. 6, Pops in the Park, 5:30 p.m. outdoors at Quiet Waters Park. Free. (Rain Date, Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m.)

October 2 and 3 Opening Night Celebration parties. Follow the search lights, walk the red carpet, enter Maryland Hall to the sound of herald trumpets, enjoy food and specialty cocktails prior to the concert. Plus, post-concert champagne and dessert party. Tickets required. Call 410-269-1132 for more information.

October 2 and 3, Lexus Classic Series 1. William Wolfram, guest pianist. Wagner, Overture to Tannhäuser; Sibelius, Pohjola's Daughter; Falla, Interlude and Dance from La Vida Breve; Bernstein, Symphony No. 2. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

November 13 and 14, Lexus Classic Series 2. Netanel Draiblate, guest violinist. Debussy/Busser, Petite Suite; Dvorak, Concerto for Violin in A Minor; Brahms, Symphony No. 3 in F Major. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

November 15, Concert of Tastes, our big annual fund-raiser. This year it has a new look, a new date and a new venue. The Concert of Tastes will be held on the third Sunday of November, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Key Auditorium reception rooms at St. John's College. Ample free parking. Food tastings from fine restaurants, open bar, wine-food pairing lessons, Golden Chance raffle, live music, live auction. Look for invitations in the mail.

December 18, Holiday Pops featuring Steve Lippia. A simply Sinatra Christmas, celebrating Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor

March 4, 5 and 6, Lexus Classic Series 3. Lynn Harrell, guest violoncellist, Shostakovich, Concerto for Violoncello No. 1 in E-flat Major. Mahler, Symphony No. 1 in D Major. March 4 and 5, at 8 p.m., Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor. March 6, at 3 p.m., The Music Center at Strathmore, José-Luis Novo, Conductor

April 1 and 2, Lexus Classic Series 4. Michael Roll, guest pianist. Beethoven, Coriolan Overture; R. Schumann, Concerto for Piano in A Minor; Ives, The Unanswered Question; Schubert, Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor

May 6 and 7, Lexus Classic Series 5. Smetana, The Moldau; Fung, Dust Devils; Britten, Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra; Franck, Symphony in D Minor. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

May 14 and 15, Family Concerts, with **Michael Boudewyns** and **Sara Valentine**, **Really Inventive Stuff.** L. Mozart, Toy Symphony; Britten, Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. Concerts at 2 and 3:30 p.m. in Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

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