



QUARTER NOTES

FASO'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Excitement Ahead

We can all look forward to an exciting new season with our wonderful Annapolis Symphony Orchestra.

It begins with the spectacular Opening Night Concert and Gala on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, with world-renowned violinist Midori performing



with the ASO. This is just the beginning of a truly fabulous musical season. This may be your last chance to get tickets.

This fall the Friends of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra starts another year of supporting the ASO, one of our community's greatest assets. Our first event will be, as it should, a Membership Appreciation party on September 22, from 6-8 p.m., for all our FASO members. Without our members we could not assist the ASO in the many ways that we do. I want to thank FASO Board member Stephen Holt and the team at Premier Planning Group for once again hosting our Appreciation event. Maestro José-Luis Novo and Concertmaster Netanel Draiblate will provide us with a special look into the season ahead. The outdoor balcony of the PPG suite on the 4th floor of 115 West Street is the perfect setting to celebrate the start of the new season. You can learn more elsewhere in Quarter Notes.

This year FASO is committed to supporting the ASO's music education and community outreach programs. Our first major event to aid these initiatives will be a Movie/Dinner Night on Nov. 7 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Rd., from 6-9 p.m. A delicious buffet dinner will be served, and we will see an excellent BBC film, "**Eroica**," about the opening night of Beethoven's Third Symphony. As a bonus, noted film lecturer Ann Glenn will provide us with her expert commentary and perspective on the film. Save the date!

I truly hope to see all our members at the appreciation party, the ASO concerts this fall, and at the Movie/Dinner night. Together we can do so much to continue the tradition of superb classical music in our community.

-- Michael J. Kurtz, president

DON'T MISS OUT ON GREAT FASO EVENTS: RENEW NOW!

For those FASO members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2016-17, now is the time! You can go online at www.annapolissymphony.org, click on the FASO tab and then renew by credit card. It is easy and convenient. OR you can send a check payable to FASO (\$50 for a single membership, \$75 for a couple) to FASO, P.O. Box 1974, Annapolis, MD 21404. Your support to FASO will help the ASO bring music education to local young people and provide community outreach. PLEASE RENEW!

**FRIENDS OF THE
ANNAPOLIS
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

**FREE HAPPY HOUR
YOU'RE INVITED!**

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6-8 PM
PREMIER PLANNING GROUP
115 WEST STREET, SUITE 400, ANNAPOLIS, MD

RSVP TO CAROL
CAROL.RICHARDS@YAHOO.COM

Join fellow FASO members for Happy Hour on a beautiful downtown rooftop. Mingle with Maestro José-Luis Novo and Concertmaster Netanel Draiblate. Appetizers, open bar with wine and beer along with a beer-tasting and music bingo! RSVP at Carol.Richards@yahoo.com



This was the fabulous scene on Labor Day Sunday when the ASO gave a free concert to the community. The predicted hurricane didn't come so this huge crowd came with children, dogs and picnics to bucolic Quiet Waters Park. FASO board members circulated with white plastic buckets, collecting donations. Pictured are FASO president Michael Kurtz and former



president Paula Abernethy. This year we took, in \$3,273. And equally exciting, at least 15 used musical instruments were dropped off at the white tents as donations. Under a program sponsored by Coldwell Banker, donated instruments will be refurbished and provided to Anne Arundel schoolchildren who need them. Want to donate? You can drop off instruments at any Coldwell Banker office. As of press time, a total of 55 instruments have been hauled out of attics, basements and



closets to be given a new life thanks to this program. The audience was most appreciative of the music performed. The favorite, without a doubt, was the Concerto for Cell Phone and orchestra. Playing the cellphone (really!) was ASO percussionist Don Spinelli. --Photos by Don Dement

We are Nicely Thanked

“Dear Friends of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra,

“Thank you so much for granting my family with a \$1,500 grant to help us pay for private lessons for the violin! We are going to use the grant money wisely for our private lessons. We are very grateful for your help financially with our situation. We greatly appreciate your generosity towards us ...

“Sincerely, from Claire Hughes, Ethan Hughes and Seth Hughes”

FYI, these three young musicians from Arnold perform with the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra, with whom we cooperated in choosing recipients this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS RIGHT NOW FOR

FASO Dinner and a Movie, Nov. 7

CONCERT OF TASTES March 12, 2017

Save these Dates

September 22, FASO Membership Appreciation Party. FREE . Appetizers, wine and beer, plus a visit from José-Luis Novo and Concertmaster Netanel Draiblate. At the penthouse office of Premier Planning Group, 115 West St., Suite 400. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please RSVP if you are coming to Carol Richards Membership Chairman, carol.richards@yahoo.com, 443-758-8811

September 30 & October 1. Opening Night and Gala: Midori, violin soloist. Beethoven, Concerto for Violin; Berlioz, Romeo and Juliet: Love Scene, Kodály, Hány János. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor. Separate ticket required for Galas.

November 7, Dinner and a Movie, food catered by Broadneck Grill and movie, “Eroica” – about Beethoven, of course – interpreted by film critic Anne Glenn. Cost \$60. Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Rd., off Bestgate Road., 6 to 9 p.m.

November 18-19, Concert: Christopher Janwong McKiggan, *piano soloist*. Dvořák, Scherzo Capriccioso; Long, Postures, for Piano and Orchestra, *American Premiere*; Adam, *Giselle*: Grand Pas de Deux from Act II, Tchaikovsky, *Swan Lake Suite*. 8 p.m. Maryland Hall, José-Luis Novo, Conductor.

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 solist*. 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.

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