

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival

Newsletter

Fall 2023

Two special programs featured this fall

From the Artistic Director

The first taste of Fall is in the air but it seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating great Music in the Mountains at the 42nd Festival! And what a great season it was – our busiest ever, with more concerts, Salons, Feasts, and Special Events. **THANK YOU** to all our audience members, patrons, volunteers, and dedicated Board members who helped make the season such a glowing success!

We have TWO special programs for you this fall – our **Fall Residency** will feature a brilliant young String Quartet, the Lieto



Garrison Keillor debuts on November 10th

Quartet based in Cincinnati. They will perform a beautiful program of Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Dvorak

on **Saturday, October 28 @ 5 PM** at the First Presbyterian Church in Highlands. In addition to their public concert, they will also give three **outreach programs** at all the area Schools on Friday, October 27, bringing

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Dover Quartet – 2024 Debut



Scott Yoo – 2024

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Sneak peak at 2024's exciting programs

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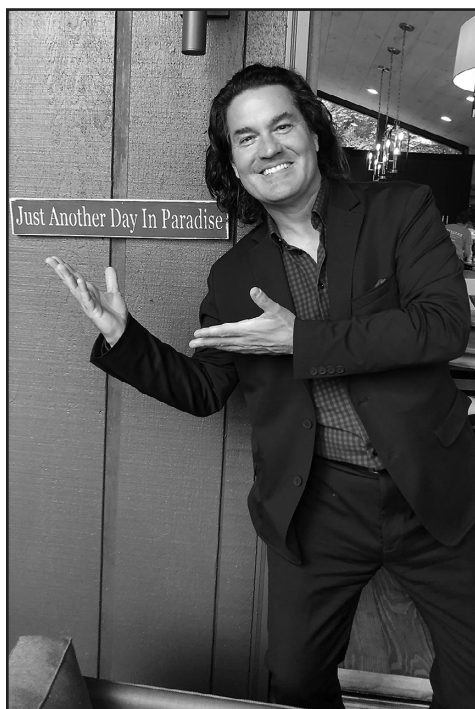
great music and live performance to all the area students. They will also play for the residents of the Eckerd Living Center on that Saturday morning. And, the concert is FREE and open to the public, no tickets needed- bring your friends!

And, we are thrilled to welcome the one and only **Garrison Keillor** to the Festival on **Friday, November 10** for a very special evening of Poetry, Limericks, Sing-Along, and the News from Lake Wobegon. Get your tickets now – this one is sure to sell out!

Planning for **NEXT** season is well underway. Here is a sneak peek at only **some** of the exciting programs to look forward to in 2024 – mark your calendars **NOW!**

Festival debuts include **violinist Scott Yoo**, the star of the hit show “Now Hear This” on PBS; legendary **clarinetist David Shifrin**, longtime Artistic Director and Artist of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center; leading chamber music brothers **Andres and**

Roberto Diaz; the **Dover Quartet**; and **pianist Marta Aznavoorian**. Returning favorites will include the extraordinary young **Viano Quartet**, **cellists Zuill Bailey** and **Sara Sant’Ambrogio**, **pianist Victor Asuncion**; and an encore performance by **The Three Graces – Alice Hong, Charae Krueger, and**



Zuill - relaxing after a salon

Julie Coucheron.

Our final Gershon/Cohn Gala and Dinner on August 11 will be called “**Invitation to the Dance**” featuring beautiful, exciting, and entertaining instrumental dance music for a variety of star performers.

In addition to our regular concerts we will again be featuring a variety of fun additional programs and events including **Salons and Feasts**, an **Interlude Concert**, our annual **Family Concerts** and **Ice Cream Social**, **classes with CLE**, and the popular **Martinis & Mozart**. Stay “tuned” for further details of next summer- and again, **THANK YOU** for helping to make the Festival not only possible but so successful for the last 42 years. If you ever have questions, suggestions or comments about the Festival, I am always delighted to hear from you!

*William Ransom, Anna and Hays Mershon Artistic Director
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Our Fantastic Gala – 2023



Phyllis & Tom Davis with the Viano

President's Message:

A sincere Thank You for a very special season

Every year I think that our two superstars – William Ransom, The Anna and Hays Mershon Artistic Director, and Nancy Gould-Aaron, our Executive Director

Executive Director's Message:

Your Support makes the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Extraordinary

Heart-felt thanks to all who supported the Festival by making a monetary contribution, underwriting a concert, sponsoring a special event, housing a musician, hosting a feast, salon or concert reception, attending a concert or becoming a member of the Legacy Society.



The Other Three Graces

These opportunities for support are all available in 2024! Please call us at 828-526-9060 for more information. Our office will be happy to assist you; we love visits from you all.

2023 was an exceptional season for our chamber music festival – look for 2024 to continue the magic!

Nancy Gould-Aaron, Executive Director

– could not possibly reach and surpass the excellence of previous seasons. And yet, due to your exceptional generosity and their efforts, it happened again. Your substantial support through underwriting concerts, donations, hosting a feast, salon or reception, housing our artists and attending our concerts is invaluable and much appreciated by our Board.

From the opening reception to our All Star Gala, the programs from familiar faces and debut artists brought joy to our Plateau. As I head out on fall hikes in our beautiful Blue Ridge, I will also be looking forward to being with all of you in our 2024 Festival season. Thanks to you it will again be full of music and wonder to nourish our lives.

Phyllis Davis, President



Festival Feasts / Salons

Planning has already started for the 2024 season of Festival Feasts and Salons.

Please consider helping with these vital sources of revenue by becoming a Host. Your contribution as a Host is a tax-deductible gift to the Festival.

Our staff will provide you with information and support and YOU will provide us with an important and essential means of fulfilling our mission of bringing wonderful music and stellar performers to our communities.

Call 828-526-9060 or email hccmfnc@gmail.com and we shall send you information and connect you with the Feast/Salon Chairperson.

UNDERWRITING

Underwriting a concert is a wonderful way to support your Chamber Music Festival and a unique way to honor individuals, anniversaries, and other special occasions. Individual concerts may be underwritten beginning at \$2500. A dedication or underwriting credit will be printed in the program along with all of the information regarding that concert. The underwriting contribution is fully tax-deductible.

FUND RAISING CYCLE

To be included in the donor listings in the Program, contributions must be received no later than May 31st, 2024. Contributions received between June 1st and September 30th will be listed in the following year's program.



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