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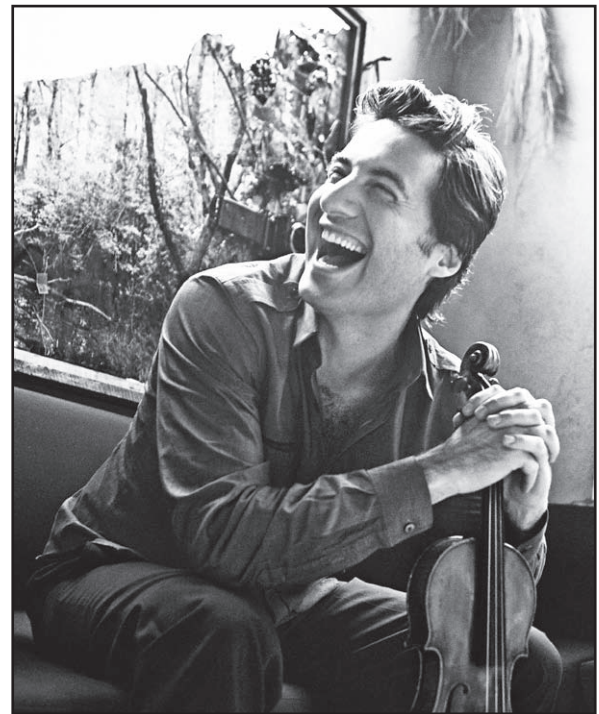
A remarkable season – on to an exciting 2017!

From the Artistic Director

35 years...that is truly a milestone, and we celebrated it in high style with the most remarkable season ever! From “Chamber Music in the Garden” at the spectacular Atlanta Botanical Garden to “Champagne and Chopin” with TWO pianos to our first all-Jazz concert to the Eroica Trio, Richard Stoltzman, William Preucil, David Coucheron and the Festival debut of the Emerson Quartet plus much more, it was a thrilling season in every way. THANK YOU to all our audience members and patrons who helped make the season a glowing success!

But...we never rest on our laurels! On to the NEXT 35 years! Here is a sneak peek at only some of the exciting programs to look forward to in 2017- mark your calendars NOW!

Plans are well underway and the season will begin on June 30th with our favorites



Violonist Philippe Quint

the Eroica Trio followed by the Gary Motley Trio with the addition of a jazz saxophone player. Philippe Quint, the Russian violinist who dazzled us all as a last-minute substitute earned a reengagement- and we are applying NOW for Roman Kim’s visa to make sure that young genius of the violin will be with us again! The Ariel String Quartet returns after a year’s absence, and we will again feature William Preucil, pianists Elizabeth Pridgen and Elena Cholakova, and the Vega Quartet in a variety of delightful, entertaining and inspiring programs. And cellist Zuill Bailey, the hottest thing going in Chamber Music these days, will make his Festival debut for our Grand Finale Gala on August 6th. If you spot a favorite, I hope you will consider underwriting a concert for 2017- a perfect way to honor or remember someone special while supporting the Festival!



Cellist Zuill Bailey

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Exciting program planned for 2017 season

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In addition to our regular concerts we will again be featuring a variety of fun additional concerts and events including Salons at Six, Bach at Buck's, an Interlude Concert, our annual Family Concert and Ice Cream Social, a Picnic Concert, classes with CLE, and of course our popular Festival Feasts. 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 35 years. If you ever have questions, suggestions or comments about the Festival, I am always delighted to hear from you!

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Ariel String Quartet



Violinist Roman Kim



Emerson Backstage Fun



The Eroica Trio



CelloMania 2016



Will and Friends

In Honor of Our 35th Anniversary

Our opening concerts of the 35th anniversary season featured the double bass and were dedicated to our Founder and Artistic Director Emeritus Dr. Lucas Drew, bassist. After a gracious introduction by Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup, the following is an excerpt from Lucas Drew's remarks:

Thank you for honoring me on this 35th anniversary of the Festival. However I wish to honor you – the audience, board, donors, and musicians. Many people have made this Festival possible and have nurtured it to maturity and national recognition. It is truly a community effort.

David Randolph in his music appreciation book emphasized that listening to the beauty of the sound of music was most important – I repeat – Listening to the sound of the music was most important – above all the theoretical or technical knowledge. When questioned regarding the meaning of his instrumental compositions entitled Songs Without Words, the great composer Mendelssohn, felt that words were vague and ambiguous when compared to genuine music – genuine music, which fills the soul with a thousand things better than word. All of us are very fortunate to have music as part of our lives.

President's Message:

Thanks to everyone for spectacular Anniversary Season

Our 35th anniversary season was a spectacular success... a huge thanks to all who made it happen. In addition to all of our wonderful returning artists, we also welcomed the world famous Emerson Quartet and got to know the oh so charming and talented Phillippe Quint. Those of you who housed musicians, underwrote concerts, gave fabulous feasts, and attended our concerts helped so much to keep this splendid music playing, and we couldn't do it without you. A very special thanks to our Executive Director Nancy Gould-Aaron for her many talents and patience with all of the challenges, and to our fabulously versatile Anna and Hays Mershon Artistic Director Will Ransom for his musical showmanship and ability to put these concerts

together. Our past president Kathy Whitehead has been on this board for years and president for the last four years, so we owe her a big debt of gratitude for her vision and her hard work.

Now Will is putting together the 2017 season, which we anticipate will be as exciting as ever. It is an interesting process seeing this programming come together, and I know it will result in another stellar year. Please give us your generous support as we move into our 36th year of inviting internationally known musicians to our two stages, in our gorgeous mountain plateau. We couldn't do it without you!

Cheers,
Olivia Holt, President

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FUND RAISING CYCLE

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

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Planning has already started for the 2017 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 Feast/Salon Chairperson.

