



# Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival

Fall Newsletter

October 2017

## *Have a sneak peek at exciting 2018 season*

From the Artistic Director

We did it again! Our 36th season is in the books but will live in our memory for a long time. It is difficult to even pick favorite programs – was it “Musical Fireworks” with the dashing Philippe Quint and the remarkable Fei-Fei Dong? Or “Beethoven’s 6th” with Julio Elizalde? “Czech Please” with the Preucils or jazz with Gary Motley? Or maybe hearing and meeting Zuill Bailey teaming up with David Coucheron and me for a powerhouse Archduke Trio? **THANK YOU** to all our audience members and patrons who helped make the season such a glowing success!

But... we never rest on our laurels! On to **NEXT** season! Here is a sneak peek at only some of the exciting programs to look forward to in



*American String Quartet*

2018 – mark your calendars **NOW!**

I’ll start with the “piece of resistance”- the legendary **Pinchas Zukerman** will be joining us for our final Gala on August 12th with his Trio! We’ll **open on July 6th** with Triple Trouble – the **Couche-**

**rons, Kims and Ransoms** in a fun sibling program. The distinguished **American String Quartet** make their Festival debut, as well as the stunning Russian piano virtuoso **Natasha Paremski**. We welcome back **Zuill Bailey** for Rachmaninof and **Philippe Quint** for Bruch, jazzmaster **Gary Motley**, and cellist **Charae Krueger** among many other favorites. If you spot a favorite, I hope you will consider **underwriting** a concert for 2018 – a perfect way to honor or remember someone special while supporting the Festival.

In addition to our regular concerts we will again be featuring a variety of fun additional programs and events including **Salons at Six, Bach at Buck’s, an In-**



*Pinchas Zukerman*

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# Mark your calendars now for 37th season

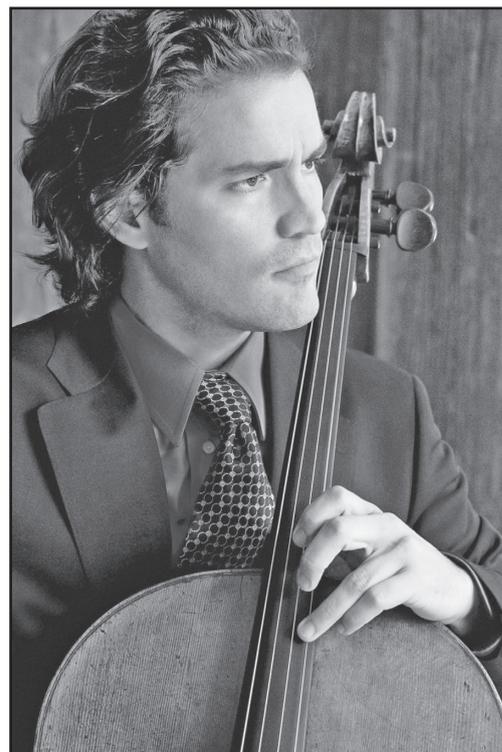
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**terlude Concert**, our annual **Family Concert** and **Ice Cream Social**, classes with CLE, and of course our popular **Festival Feasts**. And, if you are in the Atlanta area in April, come to the **High Museum** for a very special pre-Festival program – “**Pictures at an Exhibition**” with the **Vega Quartet** on the 21st. 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 36 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*



*Natasha Paremski*



*Zuill Bailey*



*Highlights from 2017 Season*



President's Message:

## *Appreciation of past support and future special events*

Our 36th season was a splendid success, and I thank all of you who made it happen. We welcomed new artists to our stages and embraced returning artists. Those who housed musicians, underwrote concerts, gave feasts and salons, and attended our concerts ensured another successful season...I just can't thank you enough! As always, special thanks to our marvelous Executive Director Nancy Gould-Aaron for her versatility in performing her many jobs. And how can we ever sufficiently praise our Anna and Hays Mershon Artistic Director Will Ransom? He brings world class musicians to us, beautifully programmed, and does it with such style.

You've already heard some of the exciting news about our 2018 season, but let me share a few items.

Please plan on a fun weekend in Atlanta on April 21-22 with a concert at the High Museum of Art, a private art tour, a feast...more information will be forthcoming. A change in 2018 will be the new benefits associated with our top level donors. For those contributing \$20,000+ and for our Legacy Society, we are thanking you with free concert tickets as well as reserved seating and parking. We will also raise the level of giving for our Angel Party to \$2,000 as we endeavor to make this a very special evening of thanks.

I can't wait for the music to start again on our plateau. Please give us your generous support as we plan our 37th year of fabulous music. We couldn't do it without you!

*Olivia Holt, President*

### **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 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. Contributions received between June 1st and September 30th will be listed in the following year's program.

### **FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL**

Our volunteers, the Friends of the Festival, are the backbone of the Festival. As a Friend of the Festival you can help in many ways:

- Intermission reception
- CD and Poster sales
- Box Office
- Advertising solicitation

Executive Director:

## *Thanks to all who have enriched this creative tradition*

The past thirty-six concert seasons have brought together incredible artists whose standards of excellence and commitment to chamber music have enriched the creative tradition of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. Thank you, William Ransom, for making our Festival like no other!

Our donors, underwriters and grants made this season possible. Our feast, salon and housing hosts, friends of the Festival, and our hard-working Board

of Directors deserve our sincere thanks for their support and volunteer spirit.

Please call me at 828-526-9060 or email me at [hccmfnc@gmail.com](mailto:hccmfnc@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of HCCMF by volunteering, hosting a feast or salon or housing one of our wonderful artists.

*Nancy Gould-Aaron*  
*Executive Director*



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## ***Feasts of the Festival/ Salons at Six***

Planning has already started for the 2018 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. Hosts will also receive an invitation to our Angel Party which is a thank you to those who contribute \$2000 or more 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](mailto:hccmfnc@gmail.com) and we shall send you information and connect you with the Feast/Salon Chairperson.

