



Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival

Newsletter

Fall 2020

40th anniversary season to be incredible!

From the Artistic Director

“Man plans, and God laughs”. We had such an exciting season planned for you this past summer, alas, all washed away by the pandemic. But, we have just redoubled our efforts to make NEXT summer, our 40th anniversary season, even more incredible! Hopefully, God will smile on us and we’ll all be together again then to celebrate the best life has to offer.

We are planning a true blockbuster season to celebrate our milestone 40th anniversary in the summer of 2021 with some of the world’s finest musicians again gracing the mountains



Legendary Violinist/Violist Pinchas Zukerman

with their talents in a wide variety of creative programming and fun events in multiple venues around the entire area.

Among the favorites returning will be legendary violinist/violist **Pinchas Zukerman** with his Trio; recent Grammy Award-winning cellist **Zuill Bailey**; the magnetic **Eroica Trio**; and Norwegian violinist **David Coucheron**. Making their Festival debuts in 2021 will be young superstar **Ray Chen**, violinist; Bluegrass master fiddler **Mark O’Connor** in a special “Beethoven & Bluegrass” program; harpist **Bridget Kibbey** (called “the Yo-Yo Ma of the harp”); and the **Hermes Quartet** from Paris among others.

The Festival’s 40th Celebration will also include



Hermes String Quartet from Paris

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Blockbuster season set to celebrate milestone 40th anniversary



Violinist David Coucheron

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collaborations with The Bascom with an art exhibit and concert, classes about music with CLE and a very special event at Old Edward's Orchard House at The Farm. Our annual Festival Feasts, Salons and Family Concert and Ice Cream Social round out an exceptional season.

Your incredible continued support has allowed us to continue our operations without having to make any major cutbacks, and we hope you'll help make our 40th anniversary a huge success.

Stay "tuned" for more updates about the 40th anniversary season, get complete information about the Festival on our website at h-cmusicfestival.org, and follow us on Facebook!

*William Ransom,
Anna and Hays Mershon
Artistic Director
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Master Fiddlers Mark and Maggie O'Connor



Eroica Trio

President's Message:

Looking forward to spectacular 40th season experience

It's hard to believe that the summer passed without the joy of attending Festival concerts together. But we are now planning and looking forward to a spectacular 40th Anniversary season. As you can see from Will's message, he has planned a Festival with incredible musicians, including a return visit from Pinchas Zuckerman, this time with his trio. Because so many of you generously chose to allow us to retain your 2020 donations, we were able to weather the pandemic financial storm. But we will be

Special events, free concerts and programs

June 27: HCCMF original cover-art exhibit and concert at The Bascom

July 7: Annual free Interlude Concert at the 1st Presbyterian Church – Highlands

July 8: Annual free Family Concert and Ice Cream Social at the 1st Presbyterian Church – Highlands

July 13: "Martinis & Mozart" Concert with the Hermes Quartet from Paris at The Orchard House – Old Edward Farm – Highlands

Series of musical programs in collaboration with the Center For Life Enrichment (CLE: clehighlands@yahoo.com for dates, times, and tickets)

Plus Very Special Salons and our annual Feasts of the Festival.

depending on your continued support in 2021 to make this 40th Anniversary an extraordinary experience.

Most of the other events we had planned for 2020 will be on our agenda in 2021, including events at the Bascom featuring the art of the Festival and a concert at the Old Edwards Inn's Orchard venue. And you will not want to miss tenor Tim Miller. Last year we were excited that the new venue at the Village Green was opening and that our Cashiers concerts would be moving there from the Library. I hope that some of you were able to live-stream the concert that Will and Yinzi performed from the Village Green this summer, perhaps the first and only concert this season indoors at the Village Green. A very few of us (10) were privileged to attend that concert in person and I can report that the space is magnificent. Cashiers audiences are so fortunate to have this new venue to look forward to.

Thank you so much for incredible support during this difficult time. With luck and the help of science, we will all be together again next summer.

Martha Pearson, President



Festival Feasts / Salons

Planning has already started for the 2021 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, 2021. 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 • Box Office
CD and Poster sales • Advertising solicitation

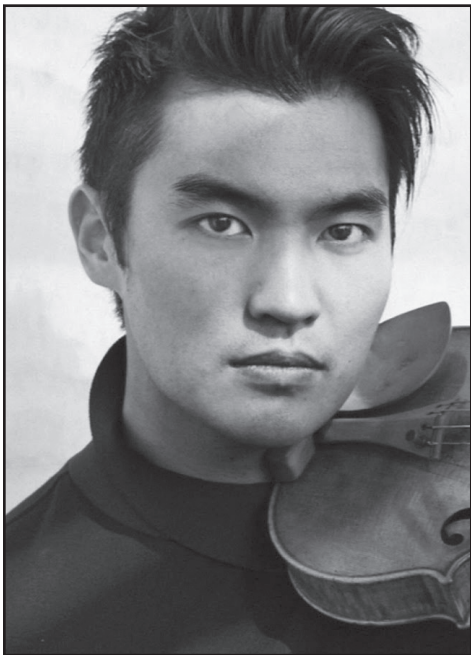


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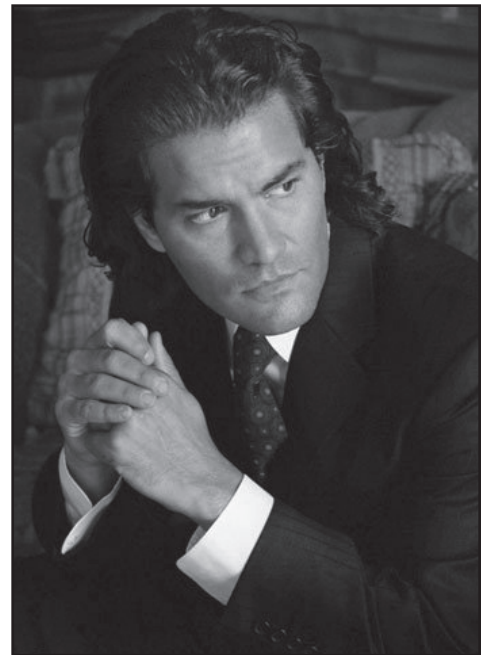
40th Anniversary Season to feature some of world's finest musicians



Violinist Ray Chen



Harpist Bridget Kibbey



Cellist Zuill Bailey
