



Venue Change for Swing for the Symphony!

In just a few short months, you can spend a day on one of the most beautiful golf courses in the area.

Swing for the Symphony is scheduled for **Monday, May 16th** at the **Cassique Golf Club** on **Kiawah Island**.

Please note: this event was originally scheduled to be held at the Kiawah Island Club's River Course but has been changed to the Cassique Course, also a part of the private Kiawah Island Club.

Registration is at 9:30am, Golf Clinic is at 10 am; Tee-Off is at 11 am. Awards and dinner will follow, as well as music by the brass of The Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

There will be outstanding prizes and individual contests for Hole-In-One; Closest-to-the-Pin (both men and women) and Longest Drive (men and women).

If you are a golfer, why not put together your foursome? If not a golfer, tell your golfing friends about this event that will raise money for the CSO and for our Tri-county music scholarships.

For complete details go to csolinc.org and click on *Swing for the Symphony*. You can download the entry form, gather your foursome or let us put you together with some other golfers.

Send your check in to support this fun event.
Julie Fenimore: singingjul@aol.com
Kitty Reid: kjreid@bellsouth.net

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

What a busy, dynamic, and worthwhile organization the CSOL® is! We are most fortunate to be affiliated with and supportive of our excellent Charleston Symphony Orchestra, as well as to watch and nurture so many musically talented youth in the Lowcountry through our substantial scholarship program. In 2015 we were able to increase our funding to the CSO while maintaining our generous scholarship program in helping close to 40 young musicians continue their musical studies with their teachers both last summer and during the school year, at summer music camps, or at colleges and universities. In 2016, we will strive to do even better to achieve our goals in these areas. This winter and spring we are continuing our Revels fundraising events and the selling of our car sponsorships, and are embarking very soon on our biggest fundraiser, the 2016 Designer Showhouse. Last but certainly not the least, we will host our second Swing for the Symphony Golf Tournament on May 16. Read about this exciting event on this page.

Our new Showhouse is located at 156 Wentworth Street and was introduced to at least 80 members at the Bare Boards Party on January 24 at 4:00 pm with wine and delightful refreshments. Many of the designers who have now been selected to design the decor of the rooms were on hand to meet us and told us a little about their plans. Many, many volunteers are needed to make this project a big success, and all members are asked to sign up on our website's SignUpGenius for the days, times, and activities when you'd like to help. Each CSOL® member is asked to work 4 4-hour shifts while the house is open, from March 17 to April 17. This is always a good way to get to know your fellow members better, to have fun together, and to feel the satisfaction of

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CSOL® Board for 2015-16



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Orchestras, Volunteer Council.....	Carol Lou Yaeger

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knowing that you've made a worthwhile contribution to supporting music in the Lowcountry! The Preview Party will be held on March 16 at 6:00 pm when new Mayor

Tecklenburg will be on hand to cut the ribbon and officially open the 2016 DSH. Elegant hors d'oeuvres and tasting station delights will be served with champagne provided by Lexus along with other beverages. The CSO brass ensemble will provide music, and the newly decorated house will be unveiled for all to tour and admire. It's always an exciting evening. Check our website for ways to order tickets and watch your mail for invitations. Co-Chairs Sue Ingram, Patty Tully and Lyn Magee and their talented teams are working hard to make it all happen. Please say yes if you are called on to help, but don't wait for that. Go to www.csolinc.org and sign up! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Meanwhile don't forget to come to our next Coffee with Maestro on February 26 at 10 at the Calhoun Library where Ken Lam and a CSO musician will talk to us.

I wish you a joyous, healthy, and peaceful 2016.

Becky Hilstad
President CSOL®

Music Scholars Perform

Shannon Fitzhenry and Nicholas Bentz, former Karen and David Stahl Scholarship winners and co-concertmasters at Peabody, performed a recital with Chee-Hang See accompanying on January 2nd. Proceeds of \$509 benefit the Karen and David Stahl Memorial Scholarship. Their performance was superb and we so appreciate their talent and their commitment to the CSOL®!



Car Giveaway Fundraiser

We're kicking off our 2015-2016 car giveaway fund-raiser! We are partnering with Hendrick Lexus Charleston and will be awarding a 2016 Lexus ES 350 to one lucky sponsor. The car is Atomic Silver and has a navigation system, moon roof, leather trim interior, and too many other features to mention.

Sponsorships are only \$100 – or \$500 for six (get one free!). We will only sell 1,200 sponsorships. You can purchase your sponsorships by . . .

- Completing and returning the application you received in the mail (checks should be made out to CSOL®)
- Visiting the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. website at www.CSOLINC.org
- Calling 404-242-6092 (Claudia Porter)

This is an important fund-raiser for the CSOL® and is a great way to show your support for our Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Be sure to let your friends, neighbors, and family know about this opportunity, and pass along a rack card to your dentist, stylist, doctor, accountant, mechanic, or anyone else who might be interested. Wouldn't you love to see this car parked in your driveway?



2016 Designer Showhouse Kicks Off with Bare Boards Party

On Sunday, January 24th, eighty plus CSOL® members and guests converged on the James Sanders House at 156 Wentworth St. to get a “before” look at what will be the 2016 Designer Show House, as well as to enjoy fellowship, food and drink. At this event traditionally dubbed the “Bare Boards Party,” attendees had the opportunity to tour the house before its rooms are transformed by interior designers some of whom were guests at the party. It was the general consensus of those present that this house was hardly “bare boards” as it is already a lovely home just waiting to be enhanced by a cadre of creative designers and staffed by CSOL® members. The Bare Boards Party was another much enjoyed CSOL® event and set the scene for great times ahead with our members working together for the benefit of the CSO.



Photos courtesy of Wally Briedis, Peggy Cross and Carolyn Witte

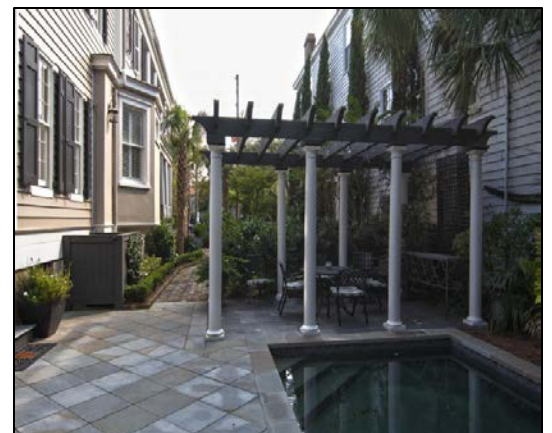
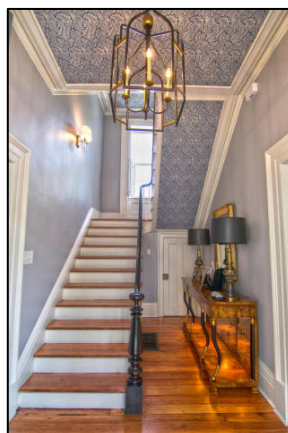


Many thanks to Peggy Cross and Faye Griffin and their team for organizing such a lovely party!

2016 Designer Showhouse – a Beauty in the Making

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. is pleased to present its 39th Symphony Designer Showhouse! The James Sanders House, constructed circa 1851, is located in Harleston Village, one of historic Charleston's oldest neighborhoods. It seamlessly blends beautiful period features with modern amenities. The three-story Charleston Single House boasts many historic details, a beautiful garden and saline pool. This historic property is being transformed into a showcase by some of the lowcountry's most talented interior designers, featuring the epitome of 19th century elegance with 21st century style. Music will be provided by members of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, as well as youth scholarship recipients and area musicians. Lunch will be offered in the Café 6 days a week. The Boutique, as always, will feature designer jewelry, beautiful clothing, accessories, gift items and much more. Visit our Designer Sales area to take home furniture and furnishings that have graced the rooms of the 2016 Designer Showhouse.

We look forward to seeing you there. See page 5 for details on how you can help make this Designer Showhouse a success!



Help Wanted

We need your help! There are many ways to participate in supporting this year's Designer Showhouse. Check the 'Want Ads' below to see where *you* would like to help out. Remember, all CSOL® members have an obligation to work at the DSH at least two days (4 shifts) while the Showhouse is open.

House Sitters

We still have slots left to sign up for house-sitting the Designer Showhouse during the work and decorator phase February 1st through March 16th. We have been given permission to park in the Fisher House parking lot two doors down so getting to the house and parking is very easy.

Choose between two shifts: Monday through Saturday:

Morning 9:00 – 1:30

Afternoon 1:30 – 6:00

Lyn Magee, 908-310-2888

lynmagic@gmail.com

Distribution Help

Help is needed to distribute rack cards to the hotels, Visitors Center, Historic Charleston Foundation, and other businesses in and around Charleston. For more information, contact

Sue Ingram, 843-532-4562,

singram2812@gmail.com

Docents

Please round up your friends, family, and neighbors and volunteer to serve as docents. There are two shifts per day – 9:30 to 1:00 and 12:30 to 4:00 (Mon-Sat) and 12:30 to 4:00 on Sundays. Contact

Mary Davis, 843-830-1504,

Marydavis7545@gmail.com

Special Rate Ticket Sales

You will soon receive your packet of five special rate tickets to the DSH. Do your friends and neighbors a favor: save them \$5 per ticket by doing a special rate purchase. Tickets are *only* \$20 until the house opens to the public.

Send your money back in the enclosed envelope. Contact

M.E. Canaday, 843-216-1329

canadayme@att.net

Sales Staff: Café, Designer Sales, & Boutiques

Members are needed to staff the house as salespersons in the Boutique and Designer Sales and as waiters/waitresses in the Café. Join in the fun of participating in our major fundraising event of the year. For details on how to volunteer check:

www.csolinc.org or call:

...for the Café, **Sue Ingram**, 843-

532-4562,

singram2812@gmail.com or

Jackie Gawthrop, 443-945-1661,

jsgawthrop@bellsouth.net

...for Designer Sales, **Margaret**

Strauss, 843-991-5502

strauss.margaret@yahoo.com

...for the Boutique, **Bonnie Merkel**, 843-259-9875,

bonniesbeetle@gmail.com

...for the Jewelry Boutique,

Angela Hall, 843.224.4551,

angela.hall1@comcast.net

Front Desk Ticket Sales

Meet the public at the ticket desk as they come in to discover this year's DSH! Taking or selling tickets is a fun job and you are sitting down at the desk with a partner.

Claudia Porter, 404-292-6092

claudia.porter@teradata.com

Car Sponsorship Sales

Join the sales team that will be stationed by the beautiful brand new Lexus near the Showhouse's piazza. This is a fun social activity and helps to support the Car Sponsorship fund-raiser.

Stuart Hotchkiss, 843-813-3100,

stuart.hotchkiss@yahoo.com

Meet our Designers

Third Floor

Terri Baldwin and

Christie Shealy

TCB design-interiors

Second Floor Piazza

Marian S. Chatfield, ASID

Chatfield Interiors

Dining Room

Bobbi Jo Engleby

Domain Interiors & Design

Living Room

Sandra Ericksen

Sandra Ericksen Design, LLC

Master Bedroom

Alexandre Fleuren

Alexandre Fleuren Interiors

Hallway

Marsha Fox

Kitchen

Heidi Huddleston, CKD

*Delicious Kitchens
& Interiors, LLC*

Master Bathroom

Lauren Messina, ASID, NCIDQ

Lauren M. Creative, LLC

Sitting Room

Terry Stephenson

Juxtaposition home & garden

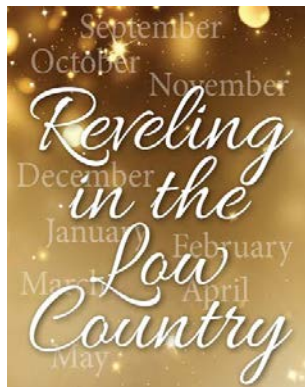
Master Closet

Hilary White

First Floor Piazza

Ann Yancy

Ro Sham Beaux



CSOL® Reveling

Our trip to Brookgreen Gardens was lots of fun. Although rain had been predicted and it did rain, nary a drop was felt by our happy traveling group. A common theme heard on arrival home was "Let's go again next

year!" Our thanks to Marion Schools, Barbara Chapman and Janet Rosensweig for sponsoring this Revels.

On a cold evening in January revelers gathered at the fabulous home of Jane and Bob Miller to enjoy dreaming of California while tasting California wines and munching on goodies prepared by Jean Carlton, ably assisted by Carolyn Witte. It was a delightfully relaxing evening keeping warm in the house and by the chiminea on the porch. Special thanks to our wonderful hosts and sponsors.



In February we are looking forward to a glorious early spring day on Dewees. We'll celebrate Valentines Day with a great brunch and be treated to hearing the CSO's own brass quintet AND a naturalist tour of the island. There is still room on the 12:00 pm. ferry so hurry to sign up and join us.

The date of the final revels, "Take me out to the Ball Game" is now set. It is May 4th. It's a fun way to enjoy a private suite, ball game food and, I hope, a Riverdogs win!

Don't miss the McLeod plantation Revels or the cocktails and dessert surrounding the final



Saturday concert of the CSO.

Join us for one or more of these fun events!

Long Range Planning Committee Update

The LRP committee met in January and decided to update and flesh out the job descriptions of the Executive Committee in order to help those who will be elected in 2016. Thanks to Dottie Harden who found the "old" job descriptions which will be used as a starting basis. Each of this year's Executive members will be given a chance to add their updated activities so that by the time these job descriptions are given to the 2016 Executive committee, the LRP committee hopes that they will be better equipped with information as to their job responsibilities.

Coffee with the Maestro

The first 2016 Coffee with the Maestro was held on Friday, January 8, 2016. Ken Lam addressed the CSOL® briefly and talked about the upcoming Masterworks concerts. He then introduced us to Tony Marti who has recently been granted tenure as principal trumpet at the CSO. Tony was born and raised in Tenerife, Spain where he was highly influenced in his musical interests by his father who is a musician in a hotel.

Tony studied at Mannes and has played in the New York Philharmonic, Madrid Symphony, Japan Philharmonic, and Tokyo Symphony Orchestra. During his earlier stint in New York City, Marti became friendly with Michael Smith so when an opportunity came up at the CSO, Michael gave his good friend a call to see if Tony would be interested in auditioning here. The rest, as they say, is history.

Marti has been in Charleston 1.5 years and was recently married. For our entertainment, he did a fabulous upbeat riff on 'Taps'.

Our next Coffee is on February 26 ; coffee is at 10 am and the program starts at 10:15. See you there!



SignUp Genius Update

Last year SignUpGenius was introduced to CSOL® as an electronic way to sign-up as a volunteer for the many activities that CSOL® sponsors. We used it for signing up volunteers for DSH house-sitting a year ago and for refreshment sign-ups for the Tour of Homes in November, 2015.

This year we are implementing SignUpGenius for most of our Designer Showhouse volunteer activities and look forward to using it for our other big events this year: Swing for the Symphony, the Tour of Homes and other CSOL® sponsored fund-raisers.

Why use SignUpGenius? It is an easy way for individuals to sign up for volunteering time without having to play phone tag with activity chairpeople; volunteers can see at a glance what slots are open and what works best for their personal schedules. They can delete or change their time slots as their personal schedules change and SignUpGenius sends them email reminders several days in advance to advise them of their upcoming volunteer schedule.

For activity chairpeople, they can get an at-a-glance view of how the volunteer schedule is filling in and where there are gaps in the schedule that need to be filled.

For the CSOL® as a whole, the reports that are created give us a list of who our previous volunteers have been, what roles they have served in, how many volunteers have been needed for which events, how many total volunteer hours our organization has provided, etc.

SignUp Genius is a great tool for the CSOL® volunteer corps which is spread over many miles and who are using all kinds of devices: PCs, Apples, iPads and even iPhones! SignUpGenius is web-based and no special software needs to be loaded on one's computer to use it.

Thanks to the many CSOL® volunteers who have already jumped in and started using this tool to schedule their volunteer hours. We are all learning how to use this valuable tool together. If

you would like to sign up to volunteer for one of the Designer Showhouse activities, go to the CSOLinc.org homepage and click on the Designer Showhouse Volunteer Signup button.

If you have questions or problems with SignUp Genius, contact Lyn Magee at 908-310-2888, lynmagic@gmail.com.

Holiday Tea a Great Success!

The 2015 Holiday Tea was held on December 9th at the Gadsden House on East Bay Street. Luxury Simplified/King Street Hospitality Group provided this lovely venue for our gathering. Over 70 guests attended and spent lots of time on the beautiful piazza enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. Yuriy Bekker provided entertainment for us with wonderful traditional Christmas carols. The beauty of his violin and League Members voices joining in created a festive mood.

Many thanks to Peggy Cross and Faye Griffin for organizing the party and for their gorgeous decorations! And much appreciation to League members who provided refreshments – it was a great party!



Photos courtesy of John Sanders

CSOL[®] Welcomes New Members

Bobbi Hill
2 Laurens Street, Unit 3B
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 207-4729
roberta.hill@homecast.net

Nannette Battista
3538 Ashwycke Street
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466
(843) 856-0519
abattiste@comcast.net

Corrections to the Directory and New e-mail Addresses

Lorraine Perry New e-mail
Lorper62@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates to Note

Wednesday, February 10, 10 am

CSOL[®] Board Meeting
Calhoun St. Library,
Charleston

Sunday, February 14, 12 pm & 1 pm departures

Revels – Retreat to Dewees
Island – includes lunch

Thursday, February 25, 12-2 pm

Feeding the Musicians
Calhoun St. Library
Charleston

Friday, February 26, 10 am

Coffee with the Maestro
Coffee at 10, meeting at
10:15
Calhoun St. Library
Charleston

Wednesday, March 2, 2:30 pm

CSOL[®] Board Meeting
Calhoun St. Library,
Charleston

Wednesday, March 16, 6-9 pm

Preview Party
Designer Showhouse
156 Wentworth St.,
Charleston

Thursday, March 17, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Designer Showhouse Opens
156 Wentworth St.,
Charleston

Thursday, March 17, 5-6:30 pm

Wine and Such
The home of Kathy Pease
112 Queen Street, Charleston
(limited to 30 guests)

Friday, April 1, 10 am

Coffee with the Maestro
Coffee at 10, meeting at
10:15
Calhoun St. Library
Charleston

Wednesday, April 6, 2:30 pm

CSOL[®] Board Meeting
Calhoun St. Library,
Charleston

Sunday, April 17, 2016, 4:00 pm

Designer Showhouse Closes
Designer Showhouse Closing
Party 4:30 – 6:00 pm
156 Wentworth Street,
Charleston

Friday, April 22, 10:00 am

Coffee with the Maestro
Coffee at 10, meeting at
10:15
Calhoun St. Library

Sunday, May 1, 3:00 pm

CSOL[®] Scholarship Recital
Location TBA

Wednesday, May 4, 10:00 am

CSOL[®] Board Meeting
And Lunch
Kiawah Island Club

Monday, May 16, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Swing for the Symphony
Golf Tournament
Cassique Golf Club
Kiawah Island

Friday, May 13, 11:30 am

Annual Spring Luncheon
Installation of Officers
Location TBA

Friday, May 27, 8 pm

Car Sponsorship Drawing
Charleston Custom House
Charleston

CSO Concerts

Friday, Saturday, Feb. 26 & 27th, 7:30 pm

Masterworks
The Gaillard
Ken Lam, Conductor

Saturday, March 12, 7:30 pm

Pops 4
The Gaillard
Country Legends

Friday, Saturday, March 18 & 19, 7:30 pm

Masterworks
The Gaillard
Yuriy Bekker, Conductor

Friday, Saturday, April 1 & 2, 7:30 pm

Masterworks
The Gaillard
Ken Lam, Conductor
CSO Chorus

Thursday, Friday, April 7 & 8 7:30 pm

Cos Fan Tutti (opera)
Memminger Auditorium

Friday, Saturday, April 15 & 16 7:00 pm

Pops 5
The Gaillard
The Godfather

Friday, Saturday, April 22 & 23 7:30 pm

Masterworks
The Gaillard
Ken Lam, Conductor