

Have You Forgotten Something?....

Dear CSOL® Member,

Just a reminder that the time to purchase a car sponsorship is quickly drawing to a close. As you know this is one of our important fund-raisers. Not only do the sponsorship proceeds support the CSO and our scholarship program, but **one lucky sponsor will win a gorgeous 2016 Lexus E350**, valued at over \$46,000. The date for the ticket drawing is coming up on May 27nd, and you don't want to miss out on this great opportunity!



Sponsorships are \$100 and only 1,200 will be sold. If you purchase 5 tickets, you get the 6th one free! Please take a moment to go to www.csolinc.org and purchase at least one sponsorship. If you don't want or need a new car, consider buying a sponsorship in the name of a relative or close friend, who will certainly appreciate your generosity. Thank you for your support for this initiative and for our Charleston Symphony Orchestra!

Be sure to like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/csolinc?fref=ts>

And encourage your friends to SHARE our page!



Dear Friends,

Have you seen the fabulous 2016 Designer Showhouse yet, either at the Preview Party, on Opening Day, or while working there? It's charming, colorful, and charismatic; in short it's a winner! Sign up on the website's SignUpGenius, if you haven't already, grab a friend and go for lunch soon! You'll love it and the food's delicious with our new caterer this year. The boutiques are full of interesting things as well, and don't forget that much of the decorative items and furnishings are for sale, too! Thanks and congratulations go to our hard-working and creative chairs, Sue Ingram, Patti Tully, and Lyn Magee, and their most creative designers! The house is open from 10:00 to 4:00 Mondays through Saturdays, and 1:00 to 4:00 on Sundays until April 17. The Preview Party with the ribbon cutting ceremony where Mayor John Tecklenberg cut the ribbon was a fun and lovely event enjoyed by nearly 200.

Our latest two Coffees with the Maestro were well attended. One included an interesting talk and demonstration by Brandon Nichols, our CSO horn player who's been with the CSO for 25 years. He demonstrated his French horn as well as an Alpine horn, many feet long and very beautifully decorated. We will continue to have our musicians come to the coffees so we can get to know them better and learn more about their amazing talents. The second Wine and Such with Yuriy Bekker was a fun gathering at the garden cafe of the Designer Showhouse on March 17. Yuriy spoke to us about the upcoming Masterworks that he would be conducting, and he brought along Adam Schoenberg, the composer of a CSO commissioned new work which was to be premiered at the concert. Adam fascinated us with his talk about his life, his compositions, and his methods. We plan to have more of these kinds of meeting next year.

The Lexus car for which we're selling \$100

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CSOL® Board for 2015-16



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President	Becky Hilstad
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sponsorships needs your support, both in helping to sell sponsorships at the DSH and in buying a sponsorship or two! Let's make this a very successful fundraiser and you might just win a beautiful car at the same time. Lexus has agreed to

help sponsor our Swing for the Symphony Golf Tournament at Kiawah's Cassique Golf Club on May 16 for \$10,000 and will bring 4 more of their beautiful cars to display there.

Speaking of the golf tournament, it's not too far away and golfers and sponsors are needed to make this event a success. It is ably chaired by Julie Fenimore and Kitty Reid. Please tell all of the golfers that you know to come play and enjoy the delicious dinner and prizes. There's no need to sign up with a foursome (although that's nice if you can); we can put with others and it will be an easy and fun format.

Our last Coffee with the Maestro was on April 1. Our new slate of officers, which had been announced by eblast to the membership a few weeks prior, was elected by acclamation with a quorum present, as is required. Some proposed changes to the Bylaws were also passed. The slate and Bylaw changes can be found on page 6. At the Coffee, Maestro Ken Lam spoke about the Masterworks concert and introduced the soprano soloist, An Young Hong, to us. She shared many interesting tidbits about her musical life and charmed us all.

Auditions were held at the beginning of March during three long days at the College of Charleston for some 90 talented young musicians, all arranged by Ann Birdseye and her Education Committee. Please read her article here about the very talented scholarship winners for this year. A recital of the top winners will be held on May 1 at 3:00 pm at the Bishop Gadsden Chapel and all are invited to attend. Many of these young people will be playing at the Designer Showhouse as well.

What an amazing group of volunteers, committee members, and Board Members we have at the CSOL®. Be sure to let us know what you'd like to be involved in. There's always room for more! Thanks to all!

Becky Hilstad
President, CSOL®



Swing Time is Almost Here!

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

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

Registration is at 9:30 am; Golf Clinic at 10 am; Tee Off at 11 am. Awards, Cocktails with a featured Lexus champagne bar and Dinner will follow with a serenade by members of the brass section of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Several CSO musicians will be playing golf right along with CSO supporters. (Rumor has it that CSO conductor Ken Lam will be vying for first prize.)

There will be outstanding prizes such as \$10,000 for a Hole In One, Closest to the pin (for both men and women), and the Longest Drive (for both men and women). Lexus, one of our premier sponsors, will be adding to the beautiful scenery at Cassique with cars placed strategically on the golf course

hoping that no one will hit an errant shot! Of course, there will be splendid prizes for winning teams. You can even buy your chance to win this year's Lexus by purchasing a chance for \$100. The car will be right in front of the Cassique club house. You can't miss it.

If you are a golfer, why not make up a foursome? We can even put you with others to make up a foursome. If not a golfer, talk to your golfing friends about the event that will raise money for the CSO and for our Tri-county music scholarships. All the information about the tournament can be found at CSOLINC.org. Click on Swing for the Symphony and away you go.

Since Cassique will be the place to be on Monday, May 16, 2016, don't delay. Send in your entry form with your payment enclosed so that you won't miss out on the 2016 Swing for the Symphony.

Kitty Reid, kjreid@bellsouth.net, 843-559-7802
Julie Fenimore, singingjul@aol.com, 843-571-6593



CSOL[®] Annual Spring Luncheon Announced

Our Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on May 13 at 11:30 am at the Country Club of Charleston. Honored guests will be introduced, our outgoing Board of Directors will be thanked, and the newly elected Executive Committee of the Board will be inaugurated. Invitations will be mailed soon but save the date!

Cost will be \$32.00 and reservations can be made by sending a check to KITTY REID AT 4683 Lazy Creek Lane, Wadmalow Island, SC. 29487

Coffees with the Maestro Feature Musical Guests



Lower Left: Brandon Nichols, horn player for the CSO, entertains Coffee attendees with a demonstration of the Alp Horn, a featured instrument in Brahms' First Symphony



Above: Maestro Ken Lam and Ah Young Hong, soprano soloist for the April 1 Masterworks, spoke at our March Coffee with the Maestro to the delight of the audience

Oh, What a Night! Preview Party Kicks off 2016 Designer Showhouse

Almost 200 guests attended the Preview Party at the 2016 Designer Showhouse, located at 156 Wentworth Street in Charleston. The evening began with delightful music provided by a brass ensemble from the CSO. Mayor Tecklenberg was on hand for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony and entertained guests later with piano favorites on the Steinway piano in the Parlor. Our sponsorship car this year, a beautiful silver Lexus ES 350, was stationed at the entrance to the driveway for all to admire. Partygoers sipped champagne and enjoyed wonderful hors d'oeuvres and tastings from our caterer this year, MOSAIC, before touring the beautifully designed rooms of this year's house. It was a lovely, balmy, star-studded spring evening – a great way to celebrate the opening of the 2016 Designer Showhouse!





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More Celebrations!

The Designer Showhouse was the location for 2 other important celebrations in March. The Workers Party was held on March 13, in the Showhouse garden. The CSOL® hosted this event for designers, painters, suppliers and other donors to express our gratitude for all the hard work and donations they provided to make this Showhouse so lovely. On March 25, the CSOL® welcomed 40 senior docents from the Historic Charleston Foundation in appreciation for their assistance with advertising our Showhouse at their Meeting Street, Market and Visitor Center locations. Many thanks to all the CSOL® members who donated delicious treats and their time and talents to host these events.

Next and Last Coffee with the Maestro

Our next and final Coffee with the Maestro will be on April 22 at the Bethel United Methodist Church at 222 Calhoun Street (instead of the Library) and will feature Maestro Ken Lam and members of the CSO who are celebrating 25 year anniversaries. Some of our favorite hand knit merchandise will be for sale among other wonderful items. Come and help celebrate a very successful CSO and CSOL® year!



Maestro Ken Lam with guest performer Sandra Shem

We Need Your Help!

Help is still needed in some areas for the Designer Showhouse, especially to sell car sponsorships and for ticket sales and collection at the door. Please go to our website and click on the blue box that says, "Volunteer at the



Designer Showhouse" and then sign up on the SignUpGenius. Support our Showhouse by bringing friends, having

lunch, shopping at the boutiques and designer sales. The Showhouse closes on April 17 so we have less than two weeks to go!

Scholarship Winners Selected

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League is proud to announce the recipients of their youth scholarship program for 2016. On March 5, 7 and 8, eighty-eight students auditioned for a total \$27,110 in awards to support pursuing a degree in music at college, summer music study or private lessons during the school year.

The scholarship auditions would not be possible without the tireless efforts of members of the education committee who staffed the auditions for over 20 hours across three days, not to mention the hours invested in scheduling auditions, preparing food, contacting recipients, securing gifts for judges, and on and on. Equally committed were our judges: Barry Goldsmith, Barbara Borg, John Holley and Chris Clark. We are also very grateful to the College of Charleston for providing such wonderful space for the auditions.

The Education Committee invites you to a recital on May 1, 3:00, Bishop Gadsden Chapel on James Island. The college scholarship recipients, including the 2016 Stahl Scholar, and the two Goldsmith Scholars will perform followed by a reception.

Award Recipients

Elliott Cihlar, violinist, was awarded the David and Karen Stahl Memorial Scholarship for college study (\$2,500). **Anna Neely**, vocalist, **Emily Caron**, bassoonist, **Amelia Wingard**, oboist, and **Chloe Miller**, vocalist each received \$2,000 college scholarships.



Ashley Yoon and Caleb Borick were both recognized as Ruth and Barry Goldsmith scholars and will receive funds for their summer study. Thirty-six additional young musicians will receive support for summer study. (See list on page 8)

Three violinists were recognized as Matching Grant recipients. All applicants for the grant are members of the Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra. The following winners receive \$500 to support their private study during the school year:

Anthony Joyce, Jennifer Lee, Andrew Messersmith.



New Slate of Officers Elected

The following individuals were elected/re-elected to the CSOL[®] Board at the April 1, 2016 CSOL[®] General Meeting:

President -- Becky Hilstad
Treasurer -- Susan Leggett
Recording Secretary -- Janette Moody
Corresponding Secretary -- Kitty Reid
VP Long Range Planning -- Patti Tully
VP Projects -- Claudia Porter
VP Membership -- Kathy Pease
VP Education -- Gloria Palmer-Long

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their hard work -- Mary Davis, Chair, Sue Ingram, Ann Birdseye, Lucy Preyer, Kitty Reid, Sylvia Stallings, Peggy Cross, Claudia Porter, and Patti Tully.

By-Law Changes Approved

Several changes to the CSOL[®] bylaws, proposed by Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Dottie Hardin, were also approved at the April 1 General Meeting:

CURRENT BYLAW: Article VIII...Officers and Executive Committee (pg. 45)

Section 2...Elections, Qualifications and Terms of Officers

a. The Nominating Committee shall meet and submit a slate of officer candidates to the Board no later than the March Board Meeting.

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Spring Revels - March–April 2016

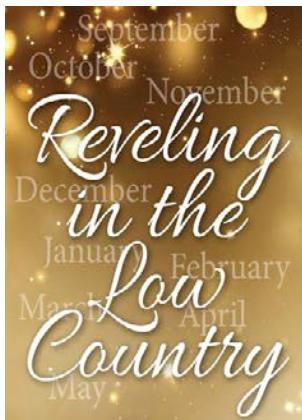
McLeod Plantation was a vast plantation located just across the river from Charleston on the Ashley River. Today it borders the Charleston Country Club and offers us a wonderful slice of our fascinating past. We visited the site on April 6th at 10:00 am and had a Gullah tour since the original slave cabins are still intact. After the visit we lunched at the new pavilion where we were to have listened to the CSO string quartet playing some Black music appropriate to the times. Unfortunately, the music had to be cancelled due to the chilly temperatures. Thanks so much to Celia Hansult, Dottie Hardin, Kate Dolan, Lucy Preyer, and Marlies Tindall for sponsoring this visit.



Our final Revels will be “Take Me Out To The Riverdogs.” On May 4th we will have a fun filled night at the ball game which has become a CSO tradition. We celebrate a successful year by cheering for our team, eating a hotdog, and having a beer in a skybox provided by our hosts the Charleston Riverdogs, Phyllis Miller, Kathy Hill and Lucy Preyer. Space is available. Please sign up before May 1st. on our website, www.CSOLinc.org so the tickets will be waiting for us. Join us for this casual, fun, and relaxing time.

In February we celebrated Valentine’s Day with a fabulous brunch and brass concert on Dewees

Island. The ferry ride was eventful because we had to rescue a hat overboard. Wonderful food and music provided all the warmth needed on a chilly day. (See above photo.) Touring by “people mover” and golf cart added to the fun event. Thanks to Ruth Peters,



Joan Marchetti, Linda Manning, Caroline Thibault and Mary Davis.

Revels has had a very successful year and we, the revels committee: Caroline Thibault, Jane Miller, Bonnie Merkel, ME Canaday, Celia Hansult, Lorraine Perry and Dottie Hardin thank you for the good times and fun filled parties. Ideas are welcome for next year, please join our committee.

Bylaw Changes - Continued from page 6

CURRENT: The slate will then be distributed to the members in writing two weeks prior to the April general meeting.

NEW BYLAW WILL READ:

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CURRENT: d. The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the April meeting or at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

NEW BYLAW WILL READ:

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the March general meeting.

CURRENT: f. The term of office is one year with the exception of the Office of Treasurer, whose term is unlimited subject to yearly review and approval by the Executive Committee

NEW BYLAW WILL READ:

The term of office is one year with the exception of the Office of Treasurer, whose term is a minimum of two years with unlimited renewals subject to yearly review and approval by the Executive Committee.

Feeding the Musicians

Help feed lunch to the CSO Musicians by bringing food to the Calhoun Street Library at noon on April 21. They are very grateful to us for doing this for them. Let me know if you plan to come and bring sandwiches, salads especially, or desserts at bthilstad@aol.com or 843-469-3271. This will be our last time for this season.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 16, 9am-12 pm

Instrument Petting Zoo
“Saltwater Sounds”
Charleston Aquarium

Sunday, April 17, 4:30-6 pm

Designer Showhouse
Closing Party
156 Wentworth Street
Charleston

Thursday, April 21, 12-2 pm

Feeding the Musicians
Calhoun St. Library
Charleston

Friday, April 22, 10 am

Coffee with the Maestro
Coffee at 10, meeting at
10:15
Bethel Methodist Church
222 Calhoun Street
Charleston

Sunday, May 1, 3:00 pm

CSOL[®] Scholarship Recital
Bishop Gadsden Chapel
James Island

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 pm

Revels – Take Me Out to
The Riverdogs
Riverdogs Stadium
Charleston

Wednesday, May 4, 10:00 am

CSOL[®] Board Meeting and
Luncheon
Cassique Clubhouse
Kiawah (between
Freshfields and Kiawah
Gate)

Friday, May 13, 11:30 am

Spring Luncheon,
Annual Meeting and
Installation of Officers
Country Club of Charleston
One Country Club Drive
Charleston

Monday, May 16, 10:00 am

Swing for the Symphony
Golf Tournament
10 am registration
11 am Shotgun, followed
By dinner
Cassique Golf Club
Kiawah Island

Friday, May 27, 8 pm

Car Sponsorship Drawing
Charleston Custom House
Charleston

CSO Concerts

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 pm

Pepsico National Young
Artist Competition
The Gaillard

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
Robert Dank, Piano
Tchaikovsky and Brahms

Summer Study

Awards Announced

The Education Committee is pleased to announce the following students have been selected to receive support for summer study:

Jay Baek, *piano*
Morgan Monty, *flute*
Jason Guo, *piano*
Erick Won, *violin*
Reed Kurtz, *piano*
Olivia Monty, *clarinet*

Benjamin Halford, *violin*
Jacob Humphrey, *clarinet*
Karen Mendes-Escobar, *violin*
Jenna Flaherty, *voice*
Eliza Turner, *voice*
Benjamin Kremer, *violin*
Lauren Reynolds, *voice*
Yuna Zhao, *piano*
Jenny Yao, *piano*
Erica Kremer, *cello*
Sapaycia Rosales, *alto sax*
Frederic Chen, *piano*
Emma Lacey, *flute*
Manuel Mendes, *violin*
Wennie Rodriquez, *piano*

Lindy Turner, *voice*
Kerri Wong, *piano*
Davis Johnson, *piano*
John DiMario, *piano*
Joseph Mueller, *piano*
Skylar Baraso, *cello*
Hannah Bergman, *piano*
Abigail Bryant, *violin*
Fiona Kent, *piano*
Joseph Bryant, *violin*
Hannah Morgan, *flute*
Anna Tavormina, *piano*
Peyton Smith, *flute*
Peyton Shinkle, *flute*
Fanny Cheung, *piano*