

34TH SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society's 2015-16 Concert season brought over-the-top events and programs to our Coastal Bend community. Famous international music ensembles were featured from China, Germany, and Canada and broadened our community's knowledge of people and music from around the world. This season introduced the *CCCMS Champagne Classics* subscription series of special concerts presented by world-recognized ensembles playing both classical and new music in small, casual settings. The CCCMS Youth String Ensembles played a spring pre-concert recital at Del Mar College to an enthusiast audience of all ages. *Wu Man & the Shanghai Quartet* introduced the history of sounds of music from ancient and new China to a full audience at Wolfe Recital Hall.

REACH OUT FOR MUSIC INITIATIVE 2015-16
 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

October 2-3, 2015. *The Miro' Quartet.* This award winning quartet performed a series of outreach programs at Richard King High School, CCISD, The Havana Club, and Del Mar College. Programs were sponsored by the City of Corpus Christi Arts and Cultural Commission and the Texas Commission on the Arts. Band and orchestra students gathered at Richard King High School for the free performance and a presentation that demonstrated musical concepts that engaged the students. The new *CCCMS Champagne Classics* program at Havana Club was attended by over 90 people who were eager to be enlightened and interact with the musicians on various musical topics while enjoying beautiful classical music. The Quartet presented a pre-concert video/discussion at Wolfe Recital Hall Del Mar College documenting their detailed preparation and recording of Schubert's String Quartet No. 15 in G Major. Student vouchers offered for this season concert.

November 20-21, 2015. *The Chiara Quartet.* Windsor Park Elementary school 4th and 5th graders listened attentively as the quartet members introduced them to classical music and the techniques used to create musical sounds by the individual instruments. The program was sponsored by the Morris L. Lichtenstein, Jr., Medical Research Foundation. Chiara presented a *CCCMS Champagne Classics* program at the House of Rock that brought fresh excitement to traditional string quartet music. Student vouchers offered for this season concert.

January 22-23, 2016. *The Gryphon Trio.* Several hundred students enjoyed the educational performance from this world-class trio from Canada. New and classical music from around the world was played and discussed. The Gryphon Trio, one of the world's preeminent piano trios, enlightened and entertained the audience at the *CCCMS Champagne Classics* concert at Havana Club. Sponsored by HEB. Student vouchers to attend season concert.

April 2, 2016. *Calmus Vocal Ensemble.* The ensemble participated in a vocal master class educational event for the Del Mar College *Chamber Singers* and Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Kingsville, *Chamber Singers* and their choir directors at Wolfe Recital Hall. The public was invited to listen in. Partly sponsored by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation. Student vouchers offered to attend this season concert.

April 15-16, 2016. *American Quartet.* Free community concert presented at Coffee Waves 4-15-16. Vouchers distributed to CCISD students and Del Mar College students to attend this season concert free of charge.



Daniel Ching, of Miro' Quartet, answers questions for students.

The CCCMS 2016-17
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 Subscription Series

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THE 2016-17 CONCERT SEASON

Danish String Quartet, October 22, 2016. “..technical and interpretive talents matched by an infectious joy for music-making and rampaging energy.” *The New Yorker*

Euclid Quartet, November 19, 2016. “..performances of rare commitment and passion.” *Gramophone*

American Chamber Players, January 28, 2017. “..standards of chamber music performance equal to any in the world.” *The Washington Post*

Aeolus Quartet with violist James Dunham, February 25, 2017. Praised for their “high-octane” performance by *Strad Magazine*

Spectrum Brass with pianist Ralph Votapek, April 2, 2017. An all-Gershwin program featuring vocalist Elizabeth Stoner. Votapek was Gold Medalist of the First Cliburn Competition.

Ingolfsson-Stoupel Duo, April 30, 2017. Violinist Ingolfsson is a Corpus Christi International Competition winner. “. . flawlessly pure and beautiful.” *Strings Magazine*. With pianist Stoupel. “. .an excellently attuned duo.”

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS THE YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLES

Thanks to the generous donations and support of our patrons of the **Reach Out for Music** initiative, the CCCMS has been able to establish two youth string ensembles for the 2015-16 school year. Pre-college students were recommended by their school instructors and selected to be part of the CCCMS ensembles based on their musical skills and commitment. The ensemble coaches were Susan Sturman, CCCMS Board member and Professor of Cello at Del Mar College, and Todd Ehle, CCCMS Board member and Professor of Violin/Viola and Director of the CC Chamber Orchestra at Del Mar College. The students received 40 plus coaching instructions free of charge both semesters of the 2015-16 school year. The two string ensembles performed a spring pre-concert recital at Del Mar College to a large and enthusiast audience of children and adult season concert attendees. Both ensembles received standing ovations. The CCCMS needs your financial support of the **Reach Out for Music** initiative in order to continue student coaching by college level professors this next school year. Donations are appreciated.



One of two CCCMS Youth Chamber Music string ensembles performs at Del Mar College Wolfe Recital Hall reception area prior to a season concert this spring.

REACH OUT FOR MUSIC DONATIONS

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support the Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society's classical music outreach programs in our schools and community. 100% of your donation helps the CCCMS continue to provide these innovative programs through the **Reach Out for Music** initiative. Your support is appreciated. Donations by check may be mailed to the **Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society**, PO Box 60124, Corpus Christi, TX 78466-0124.



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