The 35th season of the Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society has been both busy and exciting thanks to the generous support of the community, foundation sponsors, local businesses, music lovers and volunteers.

Six famous national and international Chamber Music Ensembles were featured during our Classical Series:

- In October, the Danish String Quartet began our season with their quirky sophistication, and the Euclid Quartet gave a thrilling performance in November to round out the 2016 year. 2017 sprang to life with the American Chamber Players in January and the vibrant Aeolus Quartet with Violist James Dunham in February. In March, we welcomed virtuoso pianist and first Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Ralph Votapek to the stage, joined by South Texas' own Corpus Christi Brass Quintet +1 for a lively rendition of Rhapsody In Blue in a sold-out concert sponsored by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation. Our Classical Concert Series was wrapped up with a magnificent performance by Duo Ingolfsson-Stoupel at the end of April. What a remarkable season!

Our Champagne Classics concert series continued to add a bit of spice to the concert season, with three special concerts featuring classical and new music in small, casual settings in downtown Corpus Christi. Each event at House of Rock and Havana Club drew a large, diverse audience from many backgrounds--everyone was there to enjoy a relaxing evening of beautiful music, happy to take part in such a unique shared experience!

Two CCCMS Youth String Ensembles gave pre-concert performances to enthusiastic audiences of all ages. Our Youth Chamber Music Program continues to expand and nurture the next generation of young chamber musicians.

It has been an exciting season for our community and student outreach events! We kicked off the new season in style with a free community concert with the Corpus Christi Chamber Players at the end of September--complete with a surprise pop-up concert at the HEB at Robert & Alameda. In November, we hosted the Euclid String Quartet for an hour-long concert at Windsor Park Elementary's Cafetorium to a completely packed house. On the first Friday of December, we made our CC Downtown Artwalk "debut" at Havana Club with a performance by the CC Brass Quintet +1 and a special showing of artwork by local artist Todd Ehle.

December also brought a new opportunity for the CCCMS Student Quartets to give a concert in the Children’s Area at Barnes & Noble Bookstore. The American Chamber Players performed for a delighted audience at Trinity Towers in January (pictured above), and in February the Aeolus String Quartet visited Carroll High School for a performance sponsored by the Carroll Orchestra (pictured at left). At the end of April, the CCCMS Student Quartets gave their final performance of the season, and on May 1st, Duo Ingolfsson-Stoupel presented an outreach concert at Berlanga Elementary School.
**UPCOMING 2017-2018 CONCERT SEASON**

**CLASSICAL CONCERT SERIES**

**Orion Quartet**, October 7, 2017. “The group’s playing and interpretation was consistently beguiling and technically impeccable.” *Los Angeles Times*

**Vienna Piano Trio**, November 18, 2017. “The ensemble sound was impeccably balanced and colorful.” *Houston Chronicle*


**Tesla Quartet**, March 24, 2018. "...superb capacity to find the inner heart of everything they play, regardless of era, style or technical demand." *The International Review of Music*

**Emerson Quartet**, April 28, 2018. The Emerson String Quartet has amassed an unparalleled list of achievements over four decades, including *Musical America’s* "Ensemble of the Year."

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**CHAMPAGNE CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES**

**Orion Quartet**
Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 | 7:00 pm

**Vienna Piano Trio**
Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 | 7:00 pm

**Tesla Quartet**
Friday, March 23, 2018 | 7:00 pm

*A small, relaxed setting in downtown Corpus Christi…
beautiful chamber music performed by enchanting, world-renown musicians…
a complimentary glass of champagne…an utterly unique experience for an affordable price.*

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**YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLES**

The **CCCMS Youth String Ensembles** are made up of pre-college students recommended by their school instructors and selected to be part of the CCCMS ensembles based on their musical skills and commitment. The ensembles are coached by Susan Sturman, CCCMS Program Director and Professor of Cello & Bass at Del Mar College, and Todd Ehle, CCCMS Board member and Professor of Violin & Viola and Director of the Corpus Christi Chamber Orchestra at Del Mar College.

The students receive 40+ coaching sessions free of charge each semester. One of the student cellists commented that the experience has been invaluable: “I have learned to focus on my specific part while working to blend with the other three instruments. In chamber music you become aware of the group as a whole, not just the section with which you perform.”

Pictured Above: A CCCMS youth string quartet performs in the Children’s Area at Barnes & Noble Bookstore (December 2016).