



# Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society

## 35TH SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

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 virtuosic 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.

## 2016 -17 CCCMS OUTREACH CONCERTS AND STUDENT QUARTETS

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.



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## 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*

**Jeremy Denk & Stefan Jackiw**, February 3, 2018. "A tirelessly inquisitive pianist and a brilliant young violinist." *New York Times*

**American Brass Quintet**, March 3, 2018. "...positively breathtaking." *New York Times*

**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.*

## 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).*

