



Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society

37TH SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The 37th season of the **Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society** has been very exciting thanks to the generous support of the community, foundations, sponsors, local businesses, music lovers and volunteers.

Six famous national and international Chamber Music Ensembles were featured during our **Classical Series**. In October, violinist **Benjamin Beilman** and pianist **Orion Weiss** opened the season with a technically superb and musically inspiring performance. They were sponsored by the **Corpus Christi International Competition**. **VOCES8**, an a cappella octet from the United Kingdom, completed the 2018 offerings. They were sponsored by the **City of Corpus Christi Arts and Cultural Commission**.

2019 included four spring performances. Two of America's most prominent quartets, the **Dover Quartet** and the **Pacifica Quartet** together presented Mendelssohn's masterpiece, the Octet in E-Flat Major. They were followed by the **Hermitage Piano Trio**, three of Russia's most spectacular young soloists, sponsored by the **Morris L. Lichtenstein, Jr. Medical Research Foundation**. The **Akropolis Reed Quintet**, sponsored by the **Coastal Bend Community Foundation**, provided an amazing interactive musical adventure and the **Telegraph Quartet**, based in the San Francisco Bay Area, completed the season with a program full of contrasts.



Our **Champagne Classics** concert series once again added a bit of spice to the concert season, with three special concerts featuring classic and new music in small, casual settings in downtown Corpus Christi. These concerts at **House of Rock** and **Nuevo Cafe** drew large, diverse audiences.



SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLES

We plan to continue presenting our **Youth Chamber Music Program** with the goal of nurturing the next generation of young musicians for a fourth season. The **Diamond Quartet** and the **Catgut Quartet**, the two CCCMS Youth String Ensembles, finished the current year with a pre-concert performance prior to the **Telegraph Quartet's** concert on April 12. In an evaluation form, one of the graduating seniors wrote: "...this program has changed my life, and I will never forget it."



These 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 10-11 coaching sessions free of charge each semester.

2019-2020 CONCERT SEASON

CLASSICAL CONCERT SERIES

Apollo's Fire, October 5, 2019. This celebrated Baroque orchestra will perform the entire Vivaldi Four Seasons on period instruments. Of their performance at Tanglewood, reviewer David Sears wrote, "It was like no other performance of this work I have ever heard."

Spanish Brass, November 16, 2019. Spanish Brass, one of the most dynamic and admired brass groups on the international music scene, has been described by renowned trumpeter Maurice André as playing "with amazing cohesion" and "sets the highest standard for brass chamber music."

Verona Quartet & Daniel Hsu, January 25, 2020. Van Cliburn medalist Daniel Hsu joins the outstanding Verona Quartet, praised by the San Diego Story as an ensemble who "plays and breathes as one."

Miró Quartet, February 22, 2020. "The Miró's approach to these epoch-making masterpieces is consistently animated and imaginative, often keenly driven though nearly always dispatched with a light touch." —*Gramophone*

Gryphon Trio, March 28, 2020. "This is a piano trio that plays with strength and unanimity... big, bold, almost orchestral performances." —*Los Angeles Times*

JCT Trio, April 18, 2020. Three renowned visionary artists of the next generation: pianist Conrad Tao, violinist Stefan Jackiw, and cellist Jay Campbell, combine talents in this eclectic new piano trio!



CHAMPAGNE CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES

Verona Quartet & Daniel Hsu

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 | 7:00 pm

Miró Quartet

Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 | 7:00 pm

Gryphon Trio

Friday, March 27, 2020 | 7:00 pm

A small, relaxed setting in downtown Corpus Christi...

beautiful chamber music performed by enchanting, world-renowned musicians...

a complimentary glass of champagne...an utterly unique experience for an affordable price.

2018 - 2019 OUTREACH CONCERTS

The Chamber Music Society's educational outreach season has been exciting and extremely rewarding, bringing music to local elementary, high school and college students.



Several hundred children were able to hear **Benjamin Beilman** and **Orion Weiss**, The **Akropolis Reed Quintet** and the **Telegraph String Quartet** in stunning performances, nurturing the next generation of music lovers across our community. Performances were held at **Mireles** and **Berlanga Elementary Schools** and **Baker Middle School**. In addition, **VOCES8** presented a vocal music workshop at **Del Mar College**.



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