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Moving on Up, Down, and All Around

USCB Chamber Music returns for its 45th season with brilliant artists joining Andy Armstrong to play the grand music of the classical repertoire: Stefan Jackiw, violin, and Yoonah Kim, clarinet, playing Schubert and Strauss in November; Abigel Kralik, violin; Jeroen Berwaerts, trumpet, and Mak Grgic, guitar, playing Beethoven and Bach in January; Edward Aaron and Jeewon Parks playing Mendelssohn and Gershwin in February; Amy Schwartz Moretti and string all-stars playing Chausson and Vivaldi in March; and Indra Thomas, vocalist; Alison Shearer, saxophonist, and marimbist, Eriko Daimo, playing Debussy and Puccini in April.

There are also some exciting new opportunities coming our way:

Growing the next-generation audience: Early in the fall Andy will ask area music teachers to integrate Youth Concert composers and artists into their classes and then bring their music to vivid and meaningful life for area youth gathering at the Arts Center on Saturday, January 11th at 3 pm for a rousing hour of uninterrupted music and discussion about the magic classical music can bring into our lives: a gift we never grow too old to enjoy.

Celebrating emerging artists: Spotlighting the success of Amy Schwartz Moretti's program at the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings, we have Miss Moretti leading a small chamber orchestra of her all-star strings in a program of Vivaldi's "Winter" and "Spring" and other favorites on March 9th.

Expanding the classical repertoire: We celebrate the world premieres of new compositions by our own Andrew Armstrong at the piano on February 16th and by saxophonist Alison Shearer, who wowed us with her composition for 7 musicians "Apollosis" last spring. She seeks to do so again, this time with a piece for alto sax, marimba, voice, and piano on April 6th.

Offering new venues, finding new friends: On Friday September 27th at 5 pm, St. Marks in Port Royal hosts a **FREE** recital with Andy at the piano. On Wednesday, November 13th at 3 pm, USCB in Bluffton hosts a **FREE** concert with Jackiw, Kim, and Armstrong. As we conclude the season, let's dispel once and for all the image that classical music is only for stuffy high-brows in concert halls by meeting our artists on Thursday, April 3rd at Bay Street's Saltus River Grill. Enjoy alto sax, keyboard, marimba, and vocals as we gather for drinks at 5.

As we enjoy our way to CM's 50th anniversary, let's allow ourselves and our artists to dream big and to make brilliant music for as many and as varied an audience in as many venues as we can muster. Our future and the music we bring to our community are only as limited as our vision and willingness to explore the possibilities together. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this fabulous season; go on-line at www.uscbchamermusic.com for complete information and to purchase tickets or call Staci Breton at 843-208-8246 dwh.