Message from Our President

In this issue of “Blossom Notes” we feature Joan Katz Napoli, Director Education and Community Programs and her staff: Sarah Lamb, Sandra Jones, Rachael Novak and Lauren Generette.

I had the opportunity to visit a classroom lesson with Kathy Collins, violin, at a school in Lakewood. It was fun to see those little faces so engaged, ears turned on and imaginations working. The lesson linked music and language arts through story telling. I found myself thinking about the characters that the music introduced and what story I might have written.

For over nine decades, The Cleveland Orchestra has been giving back to our community through live concert experiences for students and families. As they execute on their mission to foster a love of music and a lifetime of involvement with the musical arts, we salute the Educational and Community programs staff for a job well done. I encourage all of you to attend one of the many musical offerings of this program and experience how music impacts the audience.

Lis Hugh, President

Music for a Lifetime

By Sarah Lamb, Coordinator, Education & Community Programs, The Cleveland Orchestra

Not many people know The Cleveland Orchestra serves students and families of all ages and stages of life. The Orchestra’s commitment to education and community programs date back to 1918 and have remained a central focus of the ensemble’s activities in serving its hometown.

From an early age, PNC Musical Rainbows introduce children to instruments of the Orchestra one at a time, with child-friendly, half-hour performances by Cleveland Orchestra musicians, in the intimate setting of Reinberger Chamber Hall.

Throughout elementary, middle and high school, students return to Severance Hall on field trips to hear The Cleveland Orchestra perform live with guest artists at Education Concerts.

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Family Concerts offer unique and fun-filled opportunities for families to enjoy a world-class orchestra in their own hometown and spend quality time together. These are 60 minutes in length and are structured around a theme such as Halloween.

2016 marks the celebration of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra’s 30th year! COYO is an intensive orchestral training program for serious student musicians in middle and high school. Beginning April 28, the Green Room at Severance Hall will be home to a commemorative display celebrating 30 years of The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra!

Upcoming Special Events

May 8 – Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Concert, 3:00 pm, Severance Hall featuring Brett Mitchell, conductor and Jieming Tang, violin. Visit clevelandorchestra.com for tickets and restaurant reservations.

May 27 and 28 – Musical Rainbow “The Victorious Viola” with Lembi Veskimets, 10:00 am, Reinberger Chamber Hall at Severance Hall presented by PNC. Designed for ages 3 – 6. Visit clevelandorchestra.com for tickets.

Did You Know?

- TCO education and community programs reach more than 60,000 young people and adults annually.
- Four current TCO musicians were members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra in their youth.
- The Under 18s Free program offers free tickets (one per regular-priced adult paid admission) to young people under the age of 18 to all Family concerts, Cleveland Orchestra Youth concerts, PNC Musical Rainbows, and select Cleveland Orchestra subscription concerts.
- Teacher workshops link the classroom curriculum to the anticipated concert experience through ready-to-use lesson plans and resources.
- Adult Music Study Groups explore the subscription concert material the week before the concert and are held at local libraries and community centers. Registration for next season is in August!

A Closer Look – Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

Join us in celebrating 30 years of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (COYO)! Currently under the direction of Brett Mitchell, The Cleveland Orchestra’s associate conductor, COYO has become the musical destination for aspiring student musicians of middle and high school age.

Chosen by competitive audition, Youth Orchestra members are immersed in a pre-professional experience of the highest quality while benefiting from regular coaching with Cleveland Orchestra musicians. The orchestra consists of 100 musicians, many of whom pursue music at the conservatory level after graduation. COYO musicians are also eligible to audition for a distinctive chamber music program where Cleveland Orchestra musicians are embedded members and coaches.

Excerpted from Education & Community May Newsletter
**Blossom Friends sponsored ‘Conversation with André Gremillet’ Benefit a Success**

André Gremillet, the new executive director of The Cleveland Orchestra, was the special guest at an April Blossom Friends benefit. Hosting the event at Steinway Piano Gallery were Teresa and Ted Good and their daughter Catherine Good Brulport. Robert Conrad, co-founder and president of WCLV, interviewed Mr. Gremillet for a mid-April broadcast.

Approximately 60 guests were treated to an up close and personal opportunity to hear Mr. Gremillet while enjoying wine and hors d’oeuvres. A huge thank you to the Hudson Chapter for organizing such a wonderful event!

**Gourmet Matinee Save the Dates**

| July 12 | August 3 | September 1 |

**Announcing a Pre-Sale Opportunity for Donors**

Save 20% on Blossom Pavilion Tickets with Promo Code 25562. To view the Blossom Festival events go to [http://www.clevelandorchestra.com/calendar/index.aspx](http://www.clevelandorchestra.com/calendar/index.aspx)

Tickets go on sale May 9th so make sure to take advantage of this savings opportunity.

**Cavs Team Up with The Cleveland Orchestra**

The Cleveland Cavaliers will be using The Cleveland Orchestra’s recording (taped at Severance Hall in August 2014) of the "O Fortuna" portion of Orff's "Carmina Burana" in a video. This piece is often used to generate competitive energy and the Cavs will be using it in their pre-game inspirational video during the 2016 NBA playoffs.

This recording features the Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus conducted by former assistant conductor Andrew Grams, now music director of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. The video can be viewed on the orchestra's Facebook page, [https://www.facebook.com/Cavs/videos/10154191265503278/](https://www.facebook.com/Cavs/videos/10154191265503278/)

**Barbara Cassell, Mary Walker Sprunt and Phillip Roscoe**
Chapter News:

The Congress Lake Country Club was the setting for the luncheon and meeting for members of Kent Chapter. Galo Arboleda, violinist with the Kent State University Orchestra, entertained the guests as they arrived with selections from Bach, Ravel and Kreisler. Following a spring-like luncheon, pianist Spencer Perkins delighted the members with his own composition, A Novel for Piano and other pieces by Ravel and Schubert.

L to R clockwise: Spencer Perkins, Barbara Feldmann, Janet Sessions, Roberta Ewbank

For an Enchanted Melody... A Magical Experience Luncheon and Musical Program

Thursday, May 26, 2016
11:30 a.m.
ThornCreek Winery
155 Treat Road, Aurora

Featuring: Canterbury Quartet
William Preucil, Violin
Alexandra Preucil, Violin
Sonja Braaten Molloy, Viola
Martha Baldwin, Cello

Tickets $55

Presented by Aurora Blossom Friends of The Cleveland Orchestra

RAFFLE: 8 days, 7 nights; 2 bedroom Beachfront Condo in Longboat Key, Florida including airfare. Raffle tickets are $20.00, credit cards accepted.

Event Questions Contact: Susan Poremba, Vice-President and Program Chairman, ABFCO, (Snow3k@gmail.com)

Member Orientation – May 11 and June 6, 6:00 pm at Blossom Music Center

Plan to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to not only learn more about Blossom but participate in a ‘behind the scenes’ tour of Blossom.

Blossom tours will be hosted by Ron Tynan, General Manager, Live Nation, and Christopher Roddy, Director, Facilities & Events Management.

For more information please contact Virginia Marino at marinvi@yahoo.com.

A Reflection of Time

Blossom Notes would love to publish your past photographs of Blossom Music Center in our Summer Issues.

Please send any photos (in pdf or jpg format) to Elizabeth McCormick (elizmccormick@yahoo.com).
2016 Arts Day & Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio

A luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, noon, at the Columbus Athenaeum.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio is a statewide program that showcases and celebrates Ohio artists, arts organizations, arts patrons, and business support of the arts. The general public is invited to nominate individuals and organizations with a selection committee made up of Ohio Arts Council board members and three individuals selected by Ohio Citizens for the Arts choosing the winners.

Jan Robinson, A Donor Story by Laurie Burman, Development Officer, The Cleveland Orchestra

They are ordinary people. Jan Robinson has always had music in her life; her father taught her to harmonize “You are my sunshine” when she was 3 years old. She first attended a Cleveland Orchestra concert when she was in the fourth grade and says “it was like magic”. Jan was not a regular concert attendee until her husband Roger treated her to a subscription for her 50th birthday.

In addition to violin lessons from an early age and singing in various choirs in Lake County, when Jan retired from her position as a school speech language pathologist, she began taking piano lessons. After receiving an inheritance, Jan was able to purchase a 1937 restored Model M Steinway which she views as a gift from her mother.

As retired school teachers the Robinsons live a modest life. Yet they are not exactly modest when it comes to their charitable giving. They are wonderfully generous to those organizations that move them…including The Cleveland Orchestra. Jan gives her time as the President (and was a founding member) of the Northeast Chapter of Blossom Friends of The Cleveland Orchestra. She gives her talent in so many ways and, the Robinsons give their treasury. This past year, they made a legacy gift to the Orchestra. They have bequeathed the wonderful Steinway piano to us, a gift from her mom who helped to instill a love of music in Jan.

When the Robinson’s decided to also leave their home to the Orchestra, Jan made sure to protect the couple in the future. We will receive the proceeds from their house if the asset remains in the estate at some time in the future. Legacy gifts go into the Orchestra’s endowment fund, enriching future generations. Jan has said “living with my beloved husband Roger who has Alzheimer’s Disease, music serves as my respite and salvation.”

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Won’t you join them?

Exciting News for Blossom Friends

Our Blossom Notes – Newsletter of Blossom Friends of The Cleveland Orchestra is now available online!!

To access the online version please click on the following link:

http://www.clevelandorchestra.com/support-and-volunteers/volunteering
The Circle by Elizabeth Arnett, Manager Leadership & Individual Giving, TCO

The Circle is the young professionals group for The Cleveland Orchestra: designed for those 21-40 who share a love of music and a mission to support one of Cleveland’s — and the world’s — cultural gems. Enjoy incredible concerts, meet new people, and get an inside look at this world-renowned institution.

Become a Circle Member for just $20 per month!

Membership includes:
- Premium seats to hand-selected concerts six times per year at both Severance Hall or Blossom Music Center.
- Opportunities to meet new people at special networking events, volunteer, and professional development.
- An additional 20% off all other Cleveland Orchestra classical concerts.

If you have any additional questions, please email thecircle@clevelandorchestra.com or call 216.231.7558.

Upcoming Circle Events

Here are the Circle's upcoming events - included FREE with your Circle members.

End of Season Party at Great Lakes Brewing Company
Thu, 6/23 at Great Lakes Brewing

Enjoy great food, sample our composer beer pairings, and meet new people in our annual end-of-the-year party! We'll have lots of fun activities - try your hand at an instrument, tour the brewery, or just enjoy the atmosphere.

Summers@Severance: Cooper Competition
Fri, 7/22 at Severance Hall

Experience the drama as three finalists of the Cooper Piano Competition compete for $40,000 in cash prizes as they perform the world’s greatest piano concertos with The Cleveland Orchestra. Afterwards, enjoy drinks in the warm summer evening on Severance Hall's front terrace.

Blossom: Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma
Sat, 8/13 at Blossom

We've put together the perfect Blossom experience! Before the concert, enjoy drinks and food, and play lawn games - then we'll take our seats on the lawn to enjoy this eclectic group of distinguished musicians, composers, and performing artists from around the world.
**Concert Calendar:**

May 5\(^{th}\), 6\(^{th}\), and 7\(^{th}\) – Stravinsky’s Firebird, Andrés Orozco-Estrada, conductor, Kirill Gerstein, piano, Severance Hall. Check [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) for tickets and times.

May 12\(^{th}\), 13\(^{th}\), and 14\(^{th}\) – Zimmermann Plays Bartók, Franz Welser-Möst, conductor, Frank Peter Zimmermann, violin. Check [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) for tickets and times.

May 19\(^{th}\), 20\(^{th}\), 21\(^{st}\) and 22\(^{nd}\) – Beethoven’s Emperor, Franz Welser-Möst, conductor, Rudolf Buchbinder, piano. Check [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) for tickets.

May 26\(^{th}\) and 28\(^{th}\) – Dvořák’s Stabat Mater, 7:30 pm. Check [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) for tickets.

**Special Events:**

May 8\(^{th}\) – Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, 3:00 pm. Check [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) for tickets and times.

May 27\(^{th}\) and 28\(^{th}\) – PNC Musical Rainbow, The Victorius Viola, 10:00 am. Check [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) for tickets.

The Women’s Committee of The Cleveland Orchestra are presenting the Alice B Weeks Scholarship Program and Annual Meeting at The Country Club in Pepper Pike on Friday, June 3\(^{rd}\) starting at 11:30 am. The featured performers are the 2015 Scholarship Recipients, Tong Li and Dana Mietus, both violinist. The program will be moderated by Joan Katz Napoli, Director of Education and Community Programs for The Cleveland Orchestra. For more information contact Mary Abbott, 440-893-9176.