Dear Blossom Friends,

I hope you have taken the opportunity to get your tickets for Blossom Music Festival’s concerts and the 50th Celebration event A Symphony of Food and Fine Wine. Tickets can be ordered on The Cleveland Orchestra website.

We need your help in making our wine auction a successful fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting The Cleveland Orchestra. Please consider donating a bottle(s) of fine wine (we ask that it is valued over $75) or a monetary donation to go towards the purchase of wine. To make a donation please visit:
https://blossomfriends.ejoinme.org/makeawinedonation

Susan Kenney and her wine auction committee are eager to pickup your donations. If you have any questions please contact Susan at suedatwalden@aol.com or 330-606-0344.

I look forward to seeing you at this exciting 50th Celebration on the stage at Blossom Music Center.

Elizabeth McCormick
President

2018 Summer Season Celebrates Blossom’s 50th Anniversary

Blossom Music Center marks its 50th anniversary in 2018, and The Cleveland Orchestra is planning a special season and a summer-long celebration at its summer home.

The summer’s special Blossom 50th Anniversary Celebrations include a special Benefit Evening: A Symphony of Food & Fine Wine on Friday, July 13, presented by Blossom Friends of The Cleveland Orchestra and featuring dinner on stage in the Pavilion with a wine auction and performance by members of the Orchestra. The Cleveland Orchestra musicians will be featuring a Mozart Flute Quartet and include Joshua Smith, flute, Amy Lee Rosenwein, violin, Joanna Patterson Zakany, viola, and Tanya Ell Woolfrey, cello. Honorary Chairs for the benefit evening are Peter Van Dijk, who designed the music center’s award-winning Pavilion, and his wife Bobbi.

Honorary Chairs Peter and Bobbi van Dijk for A Symphony of Food and Fine Wine

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The garden-to-table dinner features 5 renowned chefs: Roger Thomas, Viceroy L’ Ermitage, Beverly Hills, CA; David Holland, NOSH Creative Catering, Zach Hirt, Nuevo, Cleveland and Akron; Lauren Shaffer, pastry chef, Cleveland; with Culinary Director, Rick Carson, NOSH Eatery & Creative Catering.

Each menu item will be paired with specially chosen wine by our wine makers, David Mazzone, Cleveland Urban Winery; Bottle to Glass, wine maker, Cristina Alonso, Bodegas Fusion Winery, Spain; Euro Fine Wines, Hunter Vogel, wine maker, Treasure Hunter Winery and Jack Siefrick of Cast Wines in Sonoma.

Local farms, specializing in organic gardening, are providing ingredients for the dinner. These include: Trapp Family Farm, Tea Hills Farm, Bluebird Meadows, Brunty Farm, Aurora Springs Farm and NOSH Forage.

Attendees at the benefit can bid through an on-line auction of fine wines from prized collections throughout the evening. The wine catalogue will be available on the website July 2 and bidding begins July 5. Tickets are available at www.clevelandorchestra.com or by contacting Lis Hugh at 330.840.8429.

All event proceeds benefit The Cleveland Orchestra. Blossom Friends is a 250 member volunteer organization whose mission is to promote and financially support The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom Music Center. Blossom Friends membership is open to all. For more information call Lis Hugh, 330.840.8429 or Connie Van Gilder, 216.513.3075.

Meet the Chefs for Blossom’s 50th Benefit: A Symphony of Food and Fine Wine

The Culinary Director for A Symphony of Food and Fine Wine is Chef Rick Carson of Nosh Farm & Nosh Creative Catering. Rick trained in Classical Culinary Arts & drawing from his Chef Titles in Hotels, and Fine Dining Restaurants. Rick's travels in Europe, Asia and the Caribbean lends Global influences to his plates. Carson has a passion for sourcing fresh ingredients, including from his Organic Farm in Hudson along with foraging locally to create new cuisine.

Chef Rick Carson, of Nosh Farm & Nosh Creative Catering

Chef David Holland of Nosh Creative Catering & Chef Cultivated Dining Series, is classically trained in French cuisine and draws from his experience as a Chef in Fine Dining restaurants and hotels. Chef David’s inspiration comes from learned modern techniques and flavors from traveling the United States, fusing modern and classic with passion for fresh, locally produced ingredients and designing a creative, interactive experience for his guests.

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Also featured will be Roger Thomas, Executive Chef at Viceroy L’Ermitage in Beverly Hills. Many locals know Chef Thomas from Akron when he was at the highly regarded Wine Merchant. From there he traveled to Europe where in Paris he became a certified chef. Upon returning to Ohio, Thomas became the executive chef of Ken Stewart’s Grille before opening his first restaurant, Sixteen Eighty. From there he traveled extensively in Italy working with renowned chefs before opening Piatto in Akron. In 2014 he moved to L’Ermitage to transition the menu from Italian to French.

Lauren Shaffer, pastry chef, started her culinary journey by cooking for her two younger brothers at a young age. Her love of making people smile by bringing tasty treats encouraged her to attend Pennsylvania Culinary Institute to study pastry and baking. Since then she has worked her way through some of the best bakeries and restaurants Cleveland has to offer.

Chef Zack Hirt of Nuevo realized he wanted to cook while taking Home Economics class in 1988. Born and raised in Highland Square, he has always worked in and around Akron. His first paying job was at the Akron Art Museum, where he served soda at art lectures. Since then he has been working in the foodservice industry, such places as the Mustard Seed Market, Piatto (under Roger Thomas), The Bistro on Main, and the Amber Pub, where he was the Executive Chef. The opening of Nuevo ends an 8 year stint as the sauté chef at Crave.

Summers@Severance

SUMMER BRAHMS
Friday, July 27 at 7:00 pm
The Cleveland Orchestra
Herbert Blomstedt, conductor
BRAHMS Symphony No. 4

CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA
Friday, August 10 at 7:00 pm
The Cleveland Orchestra
Vasily Petrenko, conductor
Bartók Concerto for Orchestra

HANDEL, HAYDN, & MOZART
Friday, August 24 at 7:00 pm
The Cleveland Orchestra
Jonathan Cohen, conductor
Kristian Bezuidenhout, piano
Handel Occasional Oratorio Overture
Haydn Piano Concerto in D major
Mozart Symphony No. 25

Order tickets online at clevelandorchestra.com
Gourmet Matinees

Three delightful afternoon events (noon to 2:00 pm) featuring musicians, gourmet lunch and friends, all to support The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom Music Center during their 50th Celebration!

Monday, June 25
Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra
Musicians (COYO)
Célina Béthoux, violin, accompanied by TCO musician Carolyn Gadiel Warner,
And Mikel Rollet, viola

Monday, July 30
Jeffrey Rathbun, oboe

Monday, August 20
Beth Woodside, violin

Register Today: clevelandorchestra.com/GourmetMatinee

Thanks for your Support!

Chapter News

The Akron Chapter held their annual meeting on April 30. Co-chair of A Symphony of Food and Fine Wine, Lis Hugh, was the featured speaker.

The Aurora Chapter hosted a Kickoff to Blossom meeting on May 10 at the Club House at the Lakes of Aurora. Thirty five members met for coffee, tea and breakfast goodies. Lis Hugh and Peggy Krinsky spoke to the members about the coming 50th season at Blossom Music Center.

Blossom Friends extends their deepest sympathy to the passing of Taylor “Teke” Kennady Heston, Jr., husband of longtime Blossom supporter and Canton Chapter member, Faye Heston.

The NE Chapter held a luncheon meeting on April 20 featuring Henry Peyrebrun, bass player for The Cleveland Orchestra. On June 5 they will have their annual meeting at Grace Woods.

Calling All Blossom Members - Last Call to Work Information Booth at Blossom Music Center

Volunteers are still needed for the Blossom Music Festival concerts.

Remember, volunteers need to be a Blossom Friend member. If you are able to volunteer please contact Danielle Dieterich, 330-310-4524 or Danielle.m.dieterich@gmail.com.
Blossom Music Festival Concert Calendar:

July 7th – Opening Night, Pictures at an Exhibition, conductor Franz Welser-Möst with Stephen Rose, violin, Mark Kosower, cello, Joela Jones, piano. and The Cleveland Orchestra. 8:00 pm. Check clevelandorchestra.com for ticket information.

July 21st – Mahler’s Titan, conductor Jahja Ling and the Kent Blossom Chamber Orchestra and Blossom Festival Chorus. 8:00 pm. Check clevelandorchestra.com for ticket information.

August 5th – Dvorák’s Seventh, conductor Michael Francis and The Cleveland Orchestra. 8:00 pm. Check clevelandorchestra.com for ticket information.

August 12th – Yo-Yo Ma Plays Bach. Note, The Cleveland Orchestra does not appear in this program. 7:00 pm. Check clevelandorchestra.com for ticket information