

# OREGON COAST MUSIC ASSOCIATION

## WINTER NEWSLETTER



### Going back to our roots! Co-Presidents message

The 38th Oregon Coast Music Festival was amazing!! Many thanks to the Board of Directors and volunteers who made 14 events happen in 10 days - our biggest Festival ever!

As announced during the Festival Orchestra concerts, Co-Presidents Linnae Beechly and Kathy Metzger will be retiring at the end of the 2017 Festival.

That said, the Board is committed to putting all our time and energy into making the 39th Festival one to remember, so we are going back to OCMA's roots—with three Symphony Orchestra Concerts! With our sharpened focus comes some sacrifice, so the Festival will not include the eclectic blend of concerts we have featured in the past.

We will continue with the traditional opening of the Oregon Coast Music Festival with the Bay Area Concert Band at Mingus Park on Saturday, July 22nd.

Orchestra week will begin with Orchestra Concert I, "The Virtuoso Orchestra" on Tuesday, July 25th featuring works by Berlioz, Ginastera, Copland and Ravel, the Pops Concert on Thursday, July 27th with a tribute to Song and Dance and culminate with Orchestra Concert II, "Northern Lights" on Saturday, July 29th, music inspired by the land of the midnight sun.

We are asking the OCMA Membership and Sponsors to consider increasing support. We hope you will raise your membership to the next level, or sponsor one of our incredible Orchestra musicians, a whole Orchestra section, one of the Orchestra concerts, Maestro James Paul or our new Associate Conductor Adam Stern!

Furthermore, we are asking you to spread the word and refer new members and sponsors. Growing our membership base expands our resources and enriches our community.

This Festival has flourished for almost 39 years and with your support we can continue to be the longest running music festival on the Oregon Coast.

### Save the dates:

Saturday, July 22nd, 2017

Bay Area Concert Band at Mingus Park

Tuesday, July 25th, 2017

"The Virtuoso Orchestra" at Marshfield High School

Thursday, July 27th, 2017

"Gotta Dance!" at Marshfield High School

Saturday, July 29th, 2017

"Northern Lights" at Marshfield High School

Please note, no poster signing or membership drive events are scheduled in 2017 so that we may continue to focus on organizing, streamlining, and defining the process for a smooth transition in 2017 when our talented Co-Presidents pass the torch.

### 2017 Board of Directors

Kathy Metzger, Co-President

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Special thanks to Michelle Petrofes for creating the beautiful 25th Anniversary Quilt that was presented to Maestro James Paul during the 2016 concert week.

### Welcome!!

The OCMA Board of Directors would like to introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Loree Gehrke.

In order to provide a seamless transition upon their retirement in July, the Co-Presidents wanted to make sure OCMA had a wonderful, capable person in the background to assist the new President and Board Members in 2018.

Loree volunteered during the 2016 Orchestra week and totally impressed us with her attention to detail, ability to multi task and proficiency in working well with everyone.

We're thrilled to have Loree with us and will be mentoring her through the rest of the year as we work towards the 39th Oregon Coast Music Festival!

# 2016 Festival Report

## 2016 TICKET SALES

The 2016 Festival was not only a great success but reversed a long-time trend. Historically, the Pops Concert sells the highest number of tickets followed by Concert I (Tuesday) and then Concert II (Saturday). However, due to the growing positive buzz about the quality of our orchestra last season, Concert II outsold Concert 1 and came within \$20 of the Pops Concert.

Thanks to our many very generous sponsors and members!

## About this years music selections:

The "**Virtuoso Orchestra**" features four challenging pieces, each selection makes demands on the musicianship of the orchestra and requires the utmost in unity and rhythmic tightness.

The "**Northern Lights**" Concert is a celebration of great Scandinavian composers, Alfvén, from Sweden, Nielsen from Denmark and Sibelius from Finland. Nielsen's "Helios Overture" was inspired by the sun rising and setting over the Aegean Sea during a visit in 1903.

The Pops Concert "**Gotta Dance!**" is a tribute to some of the most influential talents in dance, film and musical score and features works by some of America's most beloved composers including Richard Rodgers, George Gershwin and Aaron Copland.

Thank you to Adam Stern for sharing his thoughts on the music chosen for our 2017 Festival!

## Gift the gift of music:

Wrap up your gift giving here and support OCMA at the same time.

Purchase the **Classical Concert Series** all three concerts for \$50. We'll issue you a gift certificate to present to the lucky recipient.

Gift an **OCMA membership**. There are many affordable levels to choose from and you may introduce somebody new to the festival!

**Sponsor a musician**, or an entire section in honor of a friend or family member. Your "Friend of the Festival Orchestra" donation will help defray the cost of bringing the orchestra together and the recipient name of your choosing will appear in the 39th Annual Festival Program.

**Sponsor a page in the Festival Program** and your personal message or greeting will appear at the bottom of the page. Honor a family member, special employee or a business.

We also have a limited number of **shirts, posters and wineglasses**. Put together an OCMA gift basket that is sure to be appreciated.

For purchasing options visit our website or contact us !

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