

Dear Friends,

I am excited to announce this year's Festival of Musicale Series. Once again, Andrew and I have lined up a very diverse series of programs for you to enjoy. The homes and locations are fabulous, our hosts are generous, warm people, and the refreshments are first class. This year, each musicale will be held on a Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. I invite you to join us and enjoy the fun!

## *Holiday Melodies*

Penn National Golf Course Community will host our holiday musicale in their beautifully decorated Clubhouse on December 4. I cannot imagine the holidays without music and we will not disappoint! Tim Gotwald, flute and Dan Dropkin, guitar will also perform a group of popular and traditional carols in an easy-listening jazz style. There is no sweeter sound to me than that of children singing. The Cumberbunds, our accomplished (and adorable) children's choir, will also perform. The group is led by CVSM faculty members, Jeffrey Noll, director and Rochelle Kniss, accompanist. A carol sing will round out this yule-tide program. You will be filled with holiday spirit.

## *St. Patrick's Day Extended*

St. Patrick's Day celebration will spill over onto Sunday, March 18 at the beautiful home of Michael and Shelby McGinley. Their home, located on one of Hagerstown's most prestigious streets, The Terrace, will become an Irish Pub! The afternoon will feature singer-guitarist Kevin James performing authentic Irish music, and bagpiper Mark Knox will greet us as we gather. Michael and Shelby McGinley and Mike and Susan McGinley are wonderful hosts and will make us feel like old friends immediately. So join us and lift your Irish beer\* high as we celebrate this festive holiday. \*Wine, and a non-alcoholic beverage will also be available.

## *Opera, Broadway, and Popera*

On April 29 we will return to the extraordinary home of Hank and Jan Guarriello. When I think of appropriate music for our gracious hosts, I think singers: singers of opera, singers of high notes, singers with beautiful, passionate voices. That is what we have! Our singers include three CVSM alumni: Elisabeth Turchi, Elizabeth Jacobs, Jason Widney, and long-time friend of CVSM, Christyan Seay. Lisa Turchi, a coloratura soprano, has performed in the US and abroad singing leading opera roles, oratorio and concert literature. Beth Jacobs, soprano, sings frequently in the Harrisburg area and recently was guest soloist with the Mansfield University Chorus. Jason Widney, baritone, performs with the Baltimore Opera and other venues in the Baltimore area. Chris Seay has sung in numerous venues in the Harrisburg Area including the Harrisburg Opera. The talented group will sing arias, duets, trios, and quartets from Opera, Broadway, and "Popera" (more popular music sung in an operatic style). Valerie Merriman will accompany at the piano.

## *The Great American Songbook*

Don't miss our last musicale of the season on May 20. The home of our host, Frank Hayman is listed on the Historic Registry. This is the home where Harriett Lane, niece of James Buchanan and mistress of the White House during his presidency, was born in 1830. Once inside the front door, you are standing in the gold-leafed, arched entrance hall. The home is full of magnificent antique furniture, opulent fabrics, and an incomparable collection of art not frequently seen in this area. In addition, it has a Steinway grand piano which will be expertly played by our own Brian Helman. Brian has chosen a program taken from the Great American Songbook and will be joined by Herm Hopple, bass and Sam Hepfer, drums. I am excited to say, I am joining the trio for several songs.

All of these are wonderful, interesting, intimate locations with incredible music to match. Please remember that all proceeds go to support Cumberland Valley School of Music—your community music school.

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