

# Cleveland Cello Society Newsletter

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The CCS held its annual scholarship competition on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church and the winners are. . . .

Collegiate Division : **Michael Kaufman**  
Agnew Prize for Bach : **Avery Waite**

Senior Division : **Charlie Reed**  
Honorable Mention : Nathaniel Matthews

Junior Division : **Benjamin Francisco**  
Honorable Mention : Braden McConnell & Sameer Apte

### Elementary Division : **Ian Quinn**

**Michael Kaufman**, age 21, has just completed his third year of study with Steven Doane at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. He is originally from Cleveland, where he studied with Pamela Kelly and then Alison Wells in the Young Artist Program at the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM). He has participated in music festivals in Verbier, Norfolk, Sarasota, and Kronberg and has played in master classes for Frans Helmerson, Ralph Kirshbaum, Pieter Wispelwey, Miklós Perényi, and Paul Katz. As a chamber musician, Michael is the cellist of the Ars Subtilior Trio, which competed in the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition in 2008

**Avery Waite** is in his junior year at Oberlin Conservatory. Originally from California, his principal teachers have included Neal Cary, Amir Eldan and Darrett Adkins. He is the recipient of the Mu Phi Epsilon Scholarship, the Sacramento Symphony League Scholarship and the McCrory Foundation String Scholarship and participated in the 2008 New York String Seminar Program with Jaime Laredo. He has performed in master classes for Anner Bylsma, Matt Haimovitz, Zuill Bailey, Desmond Hoebig.

**Charlie Reed** is 15 years old and a freshman at Ashland High School. He is principal cello of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra. In 2008 he attended Credo Chamber Music Camp at Oberlin College, where he will be going again this summer. He began cello when he was 9, and has studied with Jane Reed, Ginevra Ventre and Heidi Albert. He currently is a student of Martha Baldwin at CIM. A member of his school's cross country team, he also enjoys playing electric bass

**Benjamin Francisco**, 14, is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Old Trail School in Bath, Ohio and will attend Hawken School in the Fall. He began cello at the age of four and currently studies with Melissa Kraut at the CIM. As a member of the Contemporary Youth Orchestra, he participates in their chamber program as well. He has attended the CIM Chamber Music program for the past three summers. Benjamin enjoys Debate, History, competitive swimming, skiing, golfing and travel.

**Ian Quinn** is 8-years-old and a second grader at St. Sebastians School in Akron, Ohio. Currently a student of Christina Babich Rosser, former teachers include Pam Kelly and Linda Gashler. He has attended several summer Suzuki Institutes over the years in both Colorado and Santa Fe, and performs with his family in the Quinn Quartet. In his free time, Ian enjoys playing soccer, running, snowboarding, and playing video games.

Announcing a new course offering this fall at the Cleveland Music School Settlement:

**Cello Choir & Theory for Cellists! Wednesdays 7:15-8:45pm Ida Mercer, instructor**

Come every Wednesday evening for a cello workout like no other! Each session will begin with a theory class designed just for cellists in the first half hour. Working in bass and tenor clef, theory will be presented with drills and exercises specifically for cellists. This will be a hands-on approach, designed for all cellists to "take it up a notch". The intervals, scales, and arpeggios taught will be played on the cello, taking music theory from the abstract to the real-deal. After adequately warming up, the group will launch into the wonderful world of cello choir literature. Original works and arrangements of works spanning from the Renaissance to contemporary will be included. One of life's great joys is playing in a cello ensemble—don't miss it! Only one requirement: able to play 2 octave scales, 0-3 #'s and b's [Cost: \$216 per semester] For more information, call the Settlement at 216-421-5806, ext. 109.

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**FYI:** The tour of the Caldwell Collection of Viols, originally scheduled for Sunday April 5, 2009 will be rescheduled for the fall of 2009. It turned out that April 5 was the final day of several area school spring breaks, with many of our members finding themselves out of town. Based on that information, Cathy Meints agreed to re-schedule her presentation in fall of 2009. Stay tuned—the new date will be announced with our 2009-10 season.

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**It's not too late to register for the New Directions Cello Festival, June 5-7 at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY.** Wanting to learn more about "alternative" cello? This is the festival for you! Details at [www.newdirectionscello.com](http://www.newdirectionscello.com)

## Classified Ads!

**Cello for sale:** 1999 William Harris Lee. Excellent cello for the price. Must play!!! Great sound! Only one owner. \$12,000. Call 502-295-7050 or [jcvaughn84@hotmail.com](mailto:jcvaughn84@hotmail.com).

**Cello for sale:** full-size cello, maker: Samuel Eastman, with older case. \$900.00. Please contact [elainebreiner@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebreiner@yahoo.com) or 216-221-4241.

**Cello for Sale:** Full-size cello and bow, nice sound, very good condition, \$2,500. Call 216-283-6560

**Wanted to buy:** Quality ¾ size cello. Call 216-751-7127 or email [dgoldenberg@roadrunner.com](mailto:dgoldenberg@roadrunner.com)

Have a cello to sell? Want to buy a bow? Please send your cello-related ads to [idakmercerc@aol.com](mailto:idakmercerc@aol.com). We will upload your ads to the CCS website and also publish them in the newsletter. Please remember to tell us when your stuff sells (or you find the item you want), so we can remove the ad when no longer needed.

