

## The Cleveland Cello Society 2009-10 Season

**Sunday, October 4th, 2 pm Scholarship Winners' Recital** Guaranteed to be an inspiring afternoon, come hear the winners of the CCS 2009 Scholarship Competition! This year's winners are: Collegiate Division : **Michael Kaufman**, Agnew Prize for Bach : **Avery Waite**; Senior Division : **Charlie Reed**; Junior Division : **Benjamin Francisco**; Elementary Division : **Ian Quinn**

Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Tickets: \$5 at door, free to CCS members

**Sunday, November 8, 2:30 pm *i Cellisti! 2009*** Our very popular annual concert which provides the prize money for the annual CCS Scholarship Competition. This year we have decided to return to the format of the very first *i Cellisti*, featuring solo performances by cellists from across northeast Ohio, but this time with the theme "The Cello Goes Vocal". Cellists of The Cleveland Orchestra, the Opera Cleveland Orchestra and the Cleveland Pops as well as cellists from the faculties of the Cleveland Institute of Music, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Case Western Reserve University, and Cleveland State University will perform. Featured works will include arrangements of arias from operas by Puccini, Massenet, and Mozart plus songs composed by Rachmaninoff and Richard Strauss. A great sampling of the Cleveland cello scene, you will not want to miss this truly unique program in which the cellists of northeast Ohio take on some of the great operatic and vocal roles of music history!

Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Tickets: \$10 suggested donation at the door, or consider supporting *i Cellisti! 2009* as a \$100 patron. Arrive early for best seats!

**Sunday, April 11, 12:30 - 4:30 pm The Annual CCS Scholarship Competition** for elementary school through college-level cellists of Northeast Ohio. The CCS has decided for the first time to open the competition (collegiate and high school divisions only) to the public. A limited number of seats will be made available at \$25 per seat. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity to hear the Cleveland area's upcoming young cello talent. Tickets will be issued on a first-come, first serve basis.

Venue: the Music Settlement, 11125 Magnolia Drive (in University Circle)

**Sunday, May 16, 2 pm** The CCS takes its first field trip: to the rare and wonderful Caldwell Collection of Viols. Located in Oberlin, the Collection is the largest private holding of antique viols in America, and perhaps in the world. It includes 16 bass as well as 5 treble size examples, all made between 1584 and 1750. The collection was assembled by Catharina Meints, who retired recently after thirty five years as a cellist with The Cleveland Orchestra, and her late husband, James Caldwell. Catharina has long been a pioneer in this country in the playing of early music on "original" instruments, co-founding the Oberlin Baroque Performance Institute in 1972. Ms. Meints graciously welcomes members and friends of the CCS to her home in Oberlin. Seating is limited, so make your reservation early: \$25 per person. (this is the re-scheduled date from the 2008-09 season)

**For more information regarding any of these events or to join the Cleveland Cello Society, call Ida Mercer at 216-921-3480 or visit our website, [www.clevelandcello.com](http://www.clevelandcello.com)**