

Cleveland Cello Society Newsletter

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Item 1: www.clevelandcello.org is up and running!!

So that the CCS can be as “green” as possible, we’re trying to reduce paper mailings by encouraging all CCS members (new and returning) to “re-join” as Electronic CCS Members.

The benefits of CCS membership remain the same: free admission to some of our events and reduced rates to others; notice of all the cello events the CCS team knows of in NE Ohio; free “For Sale” listing of cellos, bows and accessories; and our bi-monthly newsletter (September-April) – but now an electronic copy via email rather than a paper copy in the regular mail.

The additional benefits of “electronic membership” include the ability: to download and print scholarship and workshop applications on your own computer; to see lots of event photographs on the website; and faster email updates on new events and developments!

So please detach the form below (be sure to clearly enter your email address) and mail it with your annual dues. **But NEVER FEAR!!** We recognize some of our members are not “email-types”. That’s just fine—for those who prefer, we will continue to send newsletters via the US mail.

Item 2- For the first time in the history of the CCS it is possible to make advance reservations for the entire season. Enclosed please find the CCS 08-09 season flyer and order form. Please fill in your order form, enclose it along with your membership renewal –you’ll be set to go for the entire season! Again, never fear if you do not want to buy in advance: we will continue to sell tickets at the door to all of our events. So buy in advance or on the day of the event: either way is fine for with the CCS!

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Cleveland Cello Society Membership Application

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check one if you are a: professional musician student amateur cellist

Dues: \$10/one student \$25/adult \$25 family membership at one address

Yes, I’d like to be an Electronic CCS Member:

Email (please print clearly): _____

I prefer to continue to receive my CCS newsletter via the U.S. mail.

Send this form and check to: Cleveland Cello Society - P.O. Box 201894 - Cleveland, OH 44120

Other upcoming cello concerts and masterclasses in NE Ohio:

The legendary Dutch cellist **Anner Bylsma** will be in residence at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, free and open to the public, October 12 through 14, at the following times:

- Sunday, October 12th, 7 pm - 9:30 pm (chamber music coaching)
- Monday, October 13th, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (cello masterclass)
- Tuesday, October 14th, 9 am - 12 noon (chamber music coaching)

CCS member **Ida Mercer** performs Beethoven's Sonatas Op. 102, Nos. 1 and 2, in collaboration with pianist Nathan Carterette, on Wednesday, October 15th, at 12:15pm. This is part of the "Midday Music Mosaic Series" at Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights. Brown-bag lunches welcome and encouraged! Free of charge!

Renowned cellist **Stephen Isserlis** (who was featured on a past CCS recital) will be in residence at Oberlin November 6 and 7. On Thursday November 6, he will play at 8pm at Finney Chapel (with pianist Connie Shih). On Friday November 7, you can hear him at 11:30 am at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. For more information, including ticket prices, see: <http://www.oberlin.edu/artsguide/artist-recital-series/3-isserlis.shtml>

CCS member **Nick Diodore** presents a solo cello recital on Thursday November 13 at 7 pm in the Recital Hall at the Cleveland Music School Settlement, 11125 Magnolia Drive in University Circle. The program will include Bach's *Suite No. 6 in D major*, Gyorgy Ligeti's *Sonate*, and Benjamin Britten's *Suite No. 2*. Free and open to the public!

Another outstanding Dutch cellist, **Pieter Wispelwey**, makes his Cleveland debut on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Mixon Hall at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Presented by the Cleveland Museum of Art, Wispelwey will perform Beethoven's complete sonatas and variations in collaboration with pianist Lois Shapiro. The first cellist ever to receive the Netherlands Music Prize, awarded to the most promising young musician in the Netherlands, Wispelwey is among the first of a generation of performers who are equally at ease on the modern or the period cello. A recital tour de force! Tickets are \$42, CMA members \$40. For info and tickets call (216) 421-7350 or visit www.clevelandart.org/viva

Calling all Classified Ads!

Got a cello to sell? Want to buy a bow? Looking for a specific piece of sheet music? A new season calls for a fresh set of CCS Classified Ads! Please send your cello-related ads to idakmercer@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.



The Cleveland Cello Society 2008-09 Season

Sunday, October 5th, 2 pm Scholarship Winners' Recital Guaranteed to be an inspiring afternoon, come hear the winners of the CCS 2008 Scholarship Competition! Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Tickets: \$5 at door, free to CCS members

Sunday, November 9, 2 pm *i Cellisti! 2008* Our very popular annual cello ensemble concert provides the prize money for the annual CCS Scholarship Competition. A great sampling of the Cleveland cello scene, the concert presents staples as well as premieres of cello ensemble literature and features cellists of The Cleveland Orchestra, the Opera Cleveland Orchestra and the Cleveland Pops. Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Tickets: \$10 suggested donation at the door, or consider supporting *i Cellisti! 2008* as a \$100 patron. Arrive early for best seats!

Monday, December 15, 8 pm Solo Artist Series
Desmond Hoebig, cello (with Andrew Tunis, piano)

Best known to Clevelanders as the Principal Cellist of The Cleveland Orchestra, this is Desmond Hoebig's last season in Cleveland, before leaving for Houston, where he will join the faculty of the Shephard School of Music at Rice University. In gratitude for Mr Hoebig's service to our musical community (including four years as President of the CCS), we are presenting him here in solo recital, with fond farewell wishes for a wonderful new phase in an already-illustrious career! The concert will also feature pianist Andrew Tunis, who serves on the piano faculty at the University of Western Ontario. The Hoebig-Tunis duo has collaborated for well over twenty years, concertizing throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. Venue: Harkness Chapel, 11200 Road in University Circle. Tickets: \$15, and \$50 tickets sold at the door. Arrive early for best seating.

Sunday, January 11, 1 - 4 pm "Everything Cello" Workshop This is an exciting and eclectic afternoon for all CCS members and friends. Offerings will include: cello ensemble reading sessions (at three levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced), Kent Collier's "Physics of Cello" presentation (back by popular demand), a high-tech electronic cello "looping" demonstration by Derek Snyder, and a Baroque cello session (complete with gut strings). Bring your cello with you for an after-noon of playing. This is a great chance to see how cello playing has evolved over some 400 years! Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Tickets are \$5 for CCS members, \$15 otherwise.

Sunday, April 5, 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.

Sunday, April 26, 12:30 - 4:30 pm The Annual CCS Scholarship Competition for elementary school through college-level cellists of Northeast Ohio. At the Cleveland Music School Settlement, 11125 Magnolia Drive in University Circle.

For more information regarding any of these events or to join the Cleveland Cello Society, call 216-395-3818 or visit our website, www.clevelandcello.com

Make your reservations for the 2008-2009 CCS Season now!!

Yes, for the first time in the history of the CCS, you can now make advance reservations for the entire upcoming season. Please select which events you would like to attend, designating the number of seats you want for each, at what price level. Now you won't have to bring cash or your checkbook to the events! Just fill in this form and send it and your check to: Cleveland Cello Society - P.O. Box 201894 - Cleveland, OH. 44120

Please note: We have always been a "ticketless" society. So we will not be mailing tickets to you, but we will send a confirmation of your order, and hold your seats for you at the event.

Name: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ telephone: _____

Sunday, October 5th, 2 pm: Scholarship Winners' Recital **Sub-totals**
Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights
Free admission to all CCS members
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$5 per ticket \$ _____

Sunday November 9th, 2 pm: *i Cellisti! 2008* (our annual scholarship fundraiser)
Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$10 per ticket \$ _____
Please reserve _____ *i Cellisti! 2008* Patron Tickets @ \$100 per ticket \$ _____
(Note: \$90 of the Patron Ticket \$100 is tax-deductible).

Monday December 15th, 8 pm: Solo Artist Recital: Desmond Hoebig (w/Andrew Tunis, piano)
Venue: Harkness Chapel, 11200 Bellflower Road in University Circle
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$15 per ticket \$ _____
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$50 per ticket (seats in front rows) \$ _____

Sunday January 11th, 1 - 4 pm: "Everything Cello" Workshop
Venue: Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$5 (CCS members) \$ _____
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$15 (non-CCS members) \$ _____

Sunday April 5th, 2 pm: CCS Viola da Gamba Field Trip
Venue: Catharina Meints home in Oberlin—maps will be sent to ticket holders
Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$25 per ticket \$ _____

Order total (no tax!) \$ _____