



MUSICAL NOTES FOR YOU

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PLAN TO ATTEND OUR EXCITING WSO 35TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

by Paul Try

The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra's 35th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Kingsmill Resort is the League's major annual fundraiser. This will be a special evening with a cocktail reception, fine dining, a live auction, a paddle raise, and for entertainment — the award-winning sister act, Gracie & Lacy will be performing 'Lady Legends'. Gracie & Lacy will sing and dance a dazzling serenade of popular hits in the style of Liza Minnelli, Barbra Streisand, Whitney Houston and more! See www.gracieandlacy.com for samples of their performances.

Invitations have been mailed and are also available on the web at www.williamsburgsymphony.org or via Marie Mamikonian at mariemams@hotmail.com or phone (630) 390-6170.

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Celebrating 35 Years as Williamsburg's Musical Treasure

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
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THE WSO
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We have a great array of live auction items from musical opportunities and dining venues to mountain or island getaways. See these at www.williamsburgsymphony.org/league. Sponsorships are also a great way to show your support for the WSO and provide recognition for you or your organization. Even if you are unable to attend, you may be a sponsor or donor via your response card. Sponsorships of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 are available, and sponsors receive special recognition and tickets for the event.

Your Gala attendance, sponsorship, donations and participation in the auction and paddle raise will provide that essential support the WSO needs to support its educational outreach programs that reach over 7500 students annually, as well as support its operations and the guest artists with the Master Classes they conduct for students from the local area.



SECOND ENCORE AFFAIR FOR 2018-2019 SEASON!

A Chef's Kitchen

On January 13, twenty-six eager patrons gathered at A Chef's Kitchen, on Prince George Street, expecting good food, good company, and good humor. They were not disappointed! Chef John Gonzales and his assistant prepared a delicious meal blending their

expert culinary instruction with historical and regional context, and with delightful humor. Champagne, hors-d'oeuvres, paired wines, a four-course meal, and dessert were included in the evenings offering. Skillet Baked Cornbread, also referred to by Chef Gonzales as "Life Changing Cornbread", was prepared with attention to detail and ingredients to produce a mouth-watering moment - especially when slathered with warm honey butter! For those daring to try this and other dishes at home, Chef Gonzales provided a 12-page recipe booklet. One of the most popular of the Encore Affairs events, A Chef's Kitchen always sells out quickly and will be included in offerings for 2019-2020. The League greatly appreciates the support of all who participated in this and other Encore Affairs events.

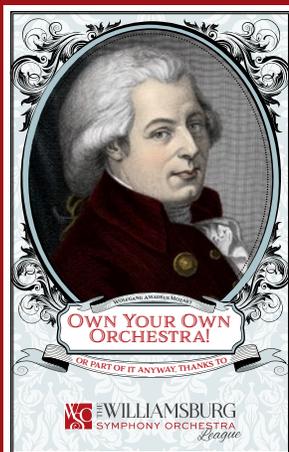


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THE WSO LEAGUE ENCORE AFFAIR AT THE TRELLIS IS A HIT!

by Paul Try

The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) League held its Third Encore Affair called "Private Dining in Style at the Famous Trellis". The event was held in the Trellis' special elegant dining room where Chef Mary Zaragosa provided a unique four-course dinner to rave reviews from all attending. Her Winter Bisque (with mushroom, carrot and apple relish) was the hit of the night followed by an exquisite NY Strip Loin. Paired with finely matched wines, the ambience, food and service made for an outstanding event. Thanks to Trellis Manager Susan Cicero, the donated evening provided an excellent example of the Trellis' outstanding support for the WSO.



OWN YOUR OWN ORCHESTRA

Our annual 'Own Your Own Orchestra' brochure has arrived in your mailbox! This is a very easy and important way to help "our" Williamsburg Orchestra pay its expenses every year. Highlighted musician? Everyone's favorite...Mozart!

For more information, click here [Own Your Own Orchestra](#)

 **THE WILLIAMSBURG**
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Celebrating 35 Years



9 APR.
7:30 P.M.
WILLIAMSBURG
COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tchaikovsky MASTERWORKS CONCERT 4
Symphony No. 6

Featuring Music Director Janna Hymes

An Outdoor Overture by Aaron Copland ❧ *Capriccio espagnol, Opus 34* by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Opus 74, "Pathétique" by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Tickets: \$38 ❧ \$48 ❧ \$58 ❧ \$10 for students with ID

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Georgianna S. Avioli

MEET GEORGIANNA S. AVIOLI

League Board Member

Georgianna has been a supporter of the Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra since its first concert as The Williamsburg Symphonia on May 26, 1984. She even has an original program of Peter and the Wolf!

She has been a permanent resident of Williamsburg for almost fifty years where she and husband John have raised their three children. Professionally, Georgianna has taught mathematics in local high schools and for 23 years was adjunct lecturer of mathematics at the College of William and Mary.

About three years after the Symphonia's first successful concert and decision to add adult concerts, Georgianna founded the support group, now known as The League. She remembers when about five people did most of the work and the first "gala" raised \$2000. She is now Chairman of the Encore Affairs Committee of the League and is enjoying her new role working with such creative, innovative and dedicated people. Many more than five!

ENCORE AFFAIRS

Coming Soon!

The Encore Affairs Committee has been busy planning a fun and financially productive 2019/2020 season. There are dinners in restaurants and private homes, cocktail parties, musical events, bus and boat trips. Some events are repeats of successful past events and others are new and exciting ventures. Watch for details after plans are firmed. We are so grateful to the many generous people whose businesses and private contributions make the Encore Affairs possible. One money-saving opportunity will be our new online registration; again, it is a new process and details are not yet available.

DID YOU KNOW...

September 14, 1993 was proclaimed Symphonia week in Williamsburg. 'The Symphonia is an indispensable part of the community.' –Williamsburg Mayor, Trist McConnell.



Tessa Lark, violinist

BACKSTAGE AT THE WSO TESSA LARK

Special Guest Violinist

Violinist Tessa Lark, Silver Medalist in the 9th Quadrennial International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, recipient of a 2018 Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship and a 2016 Avery Fisher Career Grant, and winner of the 2012 Naumburg International Violin Competition, is one of the most captivating artistic voices of our time. She has consistently been praised by critics and audiences for her astounding range of sounds, technical agility, and musical elegance. A budding superstar in the classical realm, she is also a highly acclaimed fiddler in the tradition of her native Kentucky, delighting audiences with programming that includes Appalachian and bluegrass music and inspiring composers to write for her.

Ms. Lark has been a featured soloist at numerous U.S. orchestras since making her concerto debut with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at age sixteen. She performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall in 2017 on Carnegie's Distinctive Debuts series, and again the following year as part of APAP's Young Performers Career Advancement showcase. Ms. Lark has appeared at such venues as Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, the Artist Recital Series at Oberlin College, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, the Perlman Music Program, San Francisco Performances, Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts, Ravinia's Bennett-Gordon Classics series, Troy Chromatic Concerts, Chamber Music Tulsa, Caramoor's Wednesday Morning Concerts, the Seattle Chamber Music Society, and the Marlboro, Yellow Barn, Olympic, and Music@Menlo festivals.

A passionate chamber musician, she has toured with musicians from Ravinia's Steans Music Institute and Musicians from Marlboro. Her piano trio, Trio Mod tre, took top prize in the 2012 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. Ms. Lark has collaborated with such renowned artists as Mitsuko Uchida, Itzhak Perlman, Miriam Fried, Donald Weilerstein, Pamela Frank, Kim Kashkashian, Peter Wiley, and Ralph Kirshbaum. She joined Caramoor Virtuosi as a result of her participation in Caramoor's Rising Stars Series.

Keeping in touch with her Kentucky roots, Ms. Lark performs and programs bluegrass and Appalachian music regularly and collaborated with Mark O'Connor on his CD "MOC4," released in June 2014. She also plays jazz violin, most recently performing with the Juilliard Jazz Ensemble at Dizzy's Club Coca Cola in New York City. She premiered her own *Appalachian Fantasy* as part of her Distinctive Debuts recital at Carnegie Hall, where she also gave the world premiere of Michael Torke's *Spoon Bread*, written specifically for her stylistic capabilities.

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In addition to her busy performance schedule, Ms. Lark has served on the faculty of the Great Wall International Music Academy in Beijing, and as an alumna of NPR's From the Top she is active in that radio show's arts leadership program as a performer and educator. Ms. Lark's primary mentors include Cathy McGlasson, Kurt Sassmannshaus, Miriam Fried, and Lucy Chapman. She is a graduate of New England Conservatory and completed her Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School, where she studied with Sylvia Rosenberg, Ida Kavafian, and Daniel Phillips.

ONLY SIX TICKETS LEFT!

Don't put it off any longer!

You don't want to miss the amazing artistry during a compelling performance from the WSO's May 2019 guest violinist, Tessa Lark. Jon and Jan Krapfl will graciously open their home for this not-to-be-missed private dinner with astonishing music.

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: Limited to 28 guests, \$150 per person (\$75 tax deductible). Event is dressy.

For Reservations: Contact Annette Thompson at annettethompson1991@gmail.com.

WELCOME TO NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS

We welcome the following people who have recently joined the League! We are ever grateful for the continuing support of all our members. We couldn't do it without you!

Pat & Dick Hubbard
Barbara McFarland
Roger & Gail Saunders

CALENDAR

2018-2019

APRIL 9, 2019, Masterworks Concert #4
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6
Williamsburg Community Chapel | 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 27, 2019, WSO League Annual Dinner
Concert Fundraiser, "An Evening of Lady Legends
with Gracie & Lacy"
Kingsmill Resort

**MAY 16, 2019, High Tea at High Tide
Encore Affair #5 | SOLD OUT

**MAY 19, 2019, A Private Performance
Featuring Guest Artist, Tessa Lark, Violin
Encore Affair #7 | 6:30 p.m. | Williamsburg

MAY 21 & 22, 2019, Masterworks Concert #5
Season Finale with Love
Tessa Lark, Violin | Kimball Theatre | 7:30 p.m.

** For details on all Encore Affairs see: www.williamsburgsymphony.org/league

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