

COSMIC Symphony Newsletter

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How COSMIC is Keeping Busy Over Summer Break

Board of Directors Annual Strategic Planning Meeting

The COSMIC Board spent the day together on May 9th to go over governance updates, financial planning, the vision for next season, and more!



"Meet the Musicians" Event

In appreciation of our dedicated musicians and donors, longtime COSMIC supporter Kathy Glockner partnered with COSMIC to host our first "Meet the Musicians" event at Historic Sotterley, which allowed our orchestra members and their families to mingle with COSMIC supporters who have donated \$100+ over the past year while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music performed by Tom Anderson, Katherine Clinton, and Sarah Gravelle! The evening was a wonderful success, and we hope this will become an annual opportunity for our musicians and supporters to connect, celebrate, and strengthen the COSMIC community.

Thank you to all who attended, our performers, and especially Kathy for making the event possible.





COSMIC concertmaster and first violinist Dave Kung ran a mathematics workshop at Harvard University!

The Undergraduate Math Modernization Summit is a bold, forward-looking initiative designed to reimagine mathematics education for the 21st century. As rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, data science, and technology reshape the workforce, the traditional undergraduate math curriculum is no longer keeping pace. This summit brings together leading educators, industry experts, and institutional leaders to address this urgent gap and drive meaningful, large-scale change. Hosted at Harvard from May 18–20, the two-day summit will convene 60 influential stakeholders committed to transforming post-secondary mathematics education. Together, participants will collaborate to develop innovative strategies, identify high-impact reforms, and build a national movement focused on equipping students with essential skills such as mathematical modeling, computational thinking, and data-driven problem solving. The summit will culminate in the creation of a comprehensive white paper—a blueprint for the future of undergraduate mathematics. This guiding document will outline modern teaching principles, propose flexible and inclusive course pathways, and offer actionable strategies for implementing change across higher education systems nationwide. By fostering collaboration and advancing a shared vision, the Undergraduate Math Modernization Summit aims to ensure that mathematics education evolves to meet the needs of today's students, tomorrow's workforce, and a rapidly changing world. [Click here for details.](#)

Modernizing Undergraduate Math Summit 2026

Our Sponsors

The Summit will drive national reform in undergraduate mathematics, fostering collaboration, scaling innovative teaching, and modernizing course pathways. It will produce a white paper outlining 21st-century competencies, flexible pathways, and a roadmap for nationwide implementation.

May 18–20, 2026
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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AMS AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
ASA
siam Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
MAA MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICANS
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COSMIC horn player Felicita Rich is preparing for an exciting horn choir camp this month!

The DC Horn Choir Camp is an exciting summer program for high school hornists, adult amateurs, and college students. Participants enjoy an immersive week of horn playing, including an opening faculty recital, masterclasses with multiple guest artists, large horn ensemble rehearsals, and a grand finale concert. The relaxed, encouraging environment allows students of varying experience levels to learn and grow! This year, Michael Hall, Principal Horn of the National Philharmonic will serve as our guest Principal Horn. Other special appearances will include Shona Goldberg Leopold of Towson University, Ken Bell of the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra and the Navy Band Horn Quintet! The workshop is directed by Dr. Brad Tatum, Co-Principal Horn of the Apollo Orchestra and Band and Orchestra Teacher at Elizabeth Seton High School. [Click here for details.](#)

COSMIC pianist Tom Anderson will be performing with Solid Brass on June 12th!

As part of the Town of La Plata Summer Concert Series, Solid Brass, CSM's jazz ensemble, will be performing a selection of big band jazz, pop, rock, and R&B instrumentals at La Plata Town Hall from 7:00 - 9:00 PM on Friday, June 12th. This performance is free! [Click here for details.](#)

European Riverboat Cruise Opportunity

COSMIC Symphony is pleased to invite concert goers to join them on an AMA Waterways European riverboat cruise in 2027! Join us at Barrel 9 in Lusby on the evening of June 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM for more details. Appetizers will be served, and a cash bar available, featuring a special COSMIC cocktail. Space is limited. RSVP no later than June 12 to marybeth@bytheseatravel.com



Don't Miss our Season Kickoff Fundraiser this September!

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Tickets on Sale July 1st!

Join us for our fourth annual Season Kickoff Fundraiser! This event includes complimentary appetizers and desserts, raffles, musical performances, and the full inside scoop on what is coming up for the 2026-2027 season! Your ticket purchase will help us continue bringing great music to our Southern Maryland community for another exciting season.

Save the Dates for Next Season!

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For more information:



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OCTOBER
10 & 11
2026

SEASON OPENER

DECEMBER
12 & 13
2026

WINTER CONCERT

FEBRUARY
27 & 28
2027

**YOUNG ARTIST
CONCERT**

MAY
01 & 02
2027

SEASON FINALE

DID YOU KNOW?

🧐 Austrian composer Arnold Schoenberg, whose birthday was ironically the 13th of September, suffered from the fear of the number 13, also known as triskadekaphobia. When he was 76 years old, a friend pointed out that 7 plus 6 is 13, which was enough to convince him he would not live to see 77. This turned out to be true, as he passed away on July 13th, 1951, two months before his 77th birthday.

👁️ German composers George Frideric Handel and Johann Sebastian Bach lived with declining vision in the last few months of their lives, both caused by botched ocular surgeries done by the Chevalier John Taylor, called the "poster child for 18th century quackery" by Daniel Albert, author of *Men of Vision*.

👂 German-born composer Robert Schumann plunged his hands in a slaughtered animal's internal organs or intestines to heal his ailments!

Support COSMIC Symphony Through Your IRA!



A Tax-Smart Way to Give

Did you know that if you are age 70½ or older, you may be able to support COSMIC Symphony directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

A QCD allows eligible individuals to make a charitable gift directly from an IRA to a qualified nonprofit organization like COSMIC Symphony without counting the distribution as taxable income. For many donors, this can provide important tax advantages while also helping sustain the free, high-quality orchestral performances and educational programs you enjoy throughout Southern Maryland.

Individuals age 70½ and older are eligible to make QCD gifts. For donors age 73 and older, QCDs may also count toward Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), making them a meaningful and tax-efficient way to support the organizations you care about most.

To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, simply contact your IRA administrator or financial advisor and request that the distribution be sent directly to:

Chamber Orchestra of Southern Maryland, In Concert (our official name, EIN 62-5129030)

As always, we encourage you to consult your tax advisor or financial professional regarding your individual circumstances.

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