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COSMIC Symphony Newsletter

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We're Back!



Rehearsals kicked off two weeks ago, led by substitute conductor Bethany Alvey of St. Maries Choral Arts until Will Esterling joins the ensemble in the rehearsal room next week. COSMIC musicians are hard at work preparing for our first concert of the season!

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Time is Running Out to Apply for the 2026 COSMIC Young Artist Competition!



Mission The Young Artists Competition (YAC) seeks to promote, encourage, and foster the musical development of young artists who reside in the state of Maryland. Secondly, to identify exceptionally talented young artists and provide them the opportunity to perform a solo in concert with a live orchestra.

Eligibility Requirements

- Contestant is 18 years of age or younger (Junior Division) or between 19 and 24 years of age (Senior Division) on the date of Sunday, 28 February 2027
- Contestant is an instrumentalist (string, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, etc.) or vocalist

- Contestant is a state of Maryland resident
- Contestant is not contracted with professional management
- Contestant is not a previous winner of the COSMIC YAC Junior Division

Questions - contact the YAC coordinator at orchestra@cosmicsymphony.org

Click Here to Apply

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Don't Miss Our Season Opener!



Join us for an exciting opening to our 2026-2027 season with *The British are Coming*, featuring solo tubist Jasmine Pigott! This concert features works of Walton, Elgar, and Vaughn Williams. As always, these concerts are presented free of charge, and donations are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Jasmine "Jazzie" Pigott is a performer, composer, and educator known for expressive, narrative-driven artistry. A Meinl Weston Performing Artist, she tours internationally as a soloist and

clinician, appears with her duo J² with euphoniumist Jermaine Fryer, and serves as the Adjunct Professor of Tuba at Rowan University.

Her interdisciplinary work centers storytelling, identity, and expression through performance, composition, and writing. Dr. Pigott holds a B.M. from Ithaca College, a M.M. from Michigan State University, and a D.M.A. from the Peabody Conservatory at the Johns Hopkins University.

Learn More About Jasmine Pigott

Saturday, Oct. 10th Calvert Concert CANCELLED



We have made the difficult decision to cancel our Calvert County performance of our season opener concert on Saturday, Oct. 10th due to difficulties securing a venue. We are still working to find a home in Calvert County for our remaining concerts this season and will share more info as it becomes available.

Thank you to everyone who has commented, shared suggestions and expressed disappointment about the cancellation of our October 10 Calvert County concert in response to the concert cancellation announcement on social media. We share that disappointment.

Since May, we have been working to secure a venue for our 2026–2027 Calvert concerts. When the public schools we had been pursuing were unavailable for our October date, we expanded our search throughout the county. Altogether, we identified and researched 40 potential venues, including middle and high schools, churches, community and event facilities, fire halls and other possible performance spaces.

Unfortunately, we were unable to find an available October venue that could reasonably accommodate a 60–65-member orchestra and our audience while meeting our needs for space, acoustics, accessibility, climate control, setup and rehearsal time, and an affordable nonprofit rental cost.

We remain committed to performing in Calvert County. We are continuing to pursue options for our December, February and May concerts, although those venues have not yet been confirmed.

One encouraging development from the conversation surrounding our cancellation is hearing from the Arts Council of Calvert County that they are actively working on the larger issue of performing arts space in the county. Their recent survey received responses from 30 organizations, and Arts Council leadership has indicated that they are exploring potential locations and preparing to bring together organizations and other stakeholders as the effort moves forward.

COSMIC looks forward to being part of those conversations. A full orchestra has some unique facility requirements, and we are eager to work with the Arts Council, county leaders, other arts organizations and the community toward both immediate and long-term solutions.

Most of all, thank you to our Calvert County audience members and supporters. We know how disappointing it is to lose a concert in your community. It's disappointing for our musicians, too. We want to be back performing for you.

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