



## *Letter from FOM President*

Dear Friends of Music,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 26th season of concerts presented by the Friends of Music of Queens University of Charlotte. In these challenging economic times, we are proud that we can continue to present performances by musicians of the highest caliber without running deficits or placing the future of our organization in peril. At a time when many people are struggling, it would be easy to say that music or the arts are expendable. However, music lovers understand that music is not a luxury but a necessity. Without it, our lives would have less meaning. This is especially the case with chamber music which is the most intimate form of music. There are simply no words that can express the feelings we experience when listening to a Mozart String Quartet or a Schubert Piano Trio.

The Friends of Music have three main goals for the 2009-2010 season:

**1. *Continue to offer great chamber music at affordable prices to the Charlotte area***

The performers this year are simply spectacular. While some may be unfamiliar to our audiences, all of them are among the finest musicians in the country. We will provide a mix of familiar and new repertoire and continue our recent practice of presenting the finest in jazz chamber music. In addition, we are proud to have kicked off a new series of Summer Serenades and now look forward to providing chamber music programs throughout the year. Also new this year is our pre-concert dinner/lecture series presenting some of the most influential people in the current arts scene in a relaxed and intimate atmosphere.

**2. *Expand our educational outreach activities***

Through our affiliation with Queens University of Charlotte, it has been our pleasure to sponsor educational programs for student musicians through the Fun with Chamber Music program and the Chamber Music for Teens summer camp. In addition, we have expanded our educational outreach programs, sending visiting artists to local schools, libraries, retirement homes and places of worship. We also provide limited scholarships for music students and support special programs and projects of the Queens music department.

**3. *Be an advocate for the arts in Charlotte***

Finally, we recognize that many of our fellow arts organizations are struggling and we have made a special effort to promote their concerts on our website and in our patron communications. In addition, we want to work with other organizations to help develop new audiences for the benefit of all music presenters in the Charlotte area.

We thank you for joining us at our concerts and we encourage you to help support our goals by becoming a member of our Circle of Friends and bringing your friends to our concerts.

Sincerely,

Brian Frumkin  
President, Friends of Music 2009-2010

### ***Friends of Music Appreciates Your Participation and Support***

The Friends of Music invites you to join our community in support of the current season by becoming a member of our Circle of Friends. For more information, visit FOM online at [www.queens.edu/friendsofmusic](http://www.queens.edu/friendsofmusic) or call the Friends of Music at Queens at 704 337-2213.

Checks may be sent to: Friends of Music at Queens University of Charlotte, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28274.



*Brian Frumkin,  
President, Friends of Music*

# THE 26TH SEASON

## FOM 2009-10 CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

### ***American Chamber Players*** **October 24, 2009**

"They have established standards of chamber music performance equal to any in the world," in the words of the Washington Post. And The New York Times said, "They appealed to the heart and the head, offering a warm, seductively luxurious sound and an impressive precision and unity of purpose." [www.acplayers.org](http://www.acplayers.org)

### ***Cypress String Quartet*** **November 14, 2009**

Through its 'Call & Response' commissioning and outreach program, the Cypress String Quartet has created a dialogue between the old masters and living composers, performing known and loved repertoire in a fresh context and introducing ground-breaking new works to the chamber music genre. Over just a decade, the Cypress String Quartet has commissioned and premiered more than 25 new works, four of which are now included on Chamber Music America's list of "101 Great American Ensemble Works" [www.cypressquartet.com](http://www.cypressquartet.com)

### ***Trio Solisti*** **January 16, 2010**

Trio Solisti's CD, Pictures at an Exhibition, prompted one of America's most notable critics, Terry Teachout of The Wall St. Journal, to proclaim, "...an ingenious arrangement of Mussorgsky's masterpiece... and a flawless performance of Ravel's luscious A Minor Piano Trio by the group that to my mind has now succeeded the Beaux Arts Trio as the outstanding chamber-music ensemble of its kind." Trio Solisti has been ensemble-in-residence for six years at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. [www.triosolisti.com](http://www.triosolisti.com)

### ***Renaud Garcia-Fons, Jazz Bassist*** **March 20, 2010**

Renaud has led a variety of ensembles including the Oriental Bass band, Navigatore 5tet and 8tet, and has given solo concerts whose title is Pilgrim. Over the past three years, he's performed most frequently with his trio, consisting of guitarist Antonio Ruiz and percussionist Pascal Rollando. In addition to leading his own groups, Renaud collaborates with other artists. On September 11th in 2002, he performed with Claire Antonini, a Persian Târ player, at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in a special event sponsored by UNESCO in commemoration of the World Trade Center tragedy of 2001. [www.renaudgarciafons.com](http://www.renaudgarciafons.com)

**TICKETS ARE \$15 FOR THE CONCERTS ABOVE. Students are FREE.**

**Concerts are in Dana Auditorium**

**Complimentary Receptions follow concerts**

**Concert Previews at 7pm**

### **NEW FOR 09-10 SEASON: PRE-CONCERT DINNERS**

In an effort to connect with other arts in Charlotte, the Friends of Music will offer pre-concert dinners and host guest speakers before each concert, starting at 6:30pm in Claudia Belk Dining Room on the Queens campus. Dinners cost \$30, and may be purchased on-line with concert tickets. Dinners are limited to 40 persons.

### ***2009-10 Speaker Line-up:***

**Dr. Paul Nitsch** on October 24, 2009;

**James Meena**, General Director of Opera Carolina on November 14, 2009;

**Jonathan Martin**, Executive Director of Charlotte Symphony Orchestra on January 16, 2010;

**Ben Roe**, General Manager of WDAV on March 20, 2010.

### **Friends of Music Mission**

Friends of Music at Queens University of Charlotte enhances the quality of musical life at Queens and in the Charlotte metropolitan area by sponsoring professional chamber music concerts at Queens, by providing support for the Queens University of Charlotte Department of Music, and by providing educational outreach programs.

### **Friends of Music Board of Directors** **2009-10**

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