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Celebrations Continue

BMCA Celebrations 2005-2006

As one of its fund-raising efforts, BMCA asks volunteers to host fun, interesting events on a small scale. These Celebrations may be held in people's homes or elsewhere and are designed to give participants a chance to socialize, enjoy good food and drink, and/or learn new things. The current round of Celebrations, which ended in May, raised more than \$15,000,



which goes to the BMC scholarship fund.

For the upcoming year (June 2005 to May 2006), BMCA Celebrations will include a wider array of activities than ever before. This means that, even if you're not a gourmet cook, don't have a home that's built for entertaining, or have a limited budget, you can still help by hosting an event. The idea is to get more hosts and guests involved and to make it easier to put together a terrific event.

Of course, if you do enjoy cooking and would like to host a food-focused Celebration, by all means, please sign up! A few fresh ideas in this regard include a sushi party, a clambake, a creat-your-own-pizza party, a theme dinner such as "a taste of Provence," a lavish picnic (perhaps before or after a BMC performance), a wine tasting dinner, or jazz and cocktails.

Other, more offbeat ideas include ladies' day at the spa, a murder mystery dinner, a Final Four party, poker night, or a Kentucky

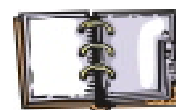
Derby party. For those who relish the outdoors or want to create a more "active" or hands-on event, Celebrations ideas include a wildflower walk and picnic, a bird watching breakfast, white water rafting and a cookout, a sunset cruise and cocktails, or a cooking demonstration.

Volunteers may host events on their own or team up with others, as have a group who will be leading a "Breakfast in the Park, with Walking, Waterfalls, and Waterfront" on September 10. By joining with others, hosts defray costs and share the planning and work. These hosts ran with the idea of taking advantage of our community's natural beauty and multitude of hiking opportunities and developed their Celebration based on their enjoyment of hiking and viewing waterfalls.

Please consider becoming a Celebrations host. Feel free to use any of the themes listed here or to use you own creative thinking to devise an event. We hope to offer a wide range of events and prices (for example, the "Waterfalls" Celebration costs \$25 per person, whereas an elaborate dinner might cost \$100 per attendee). And if you are unable to host, please watch for our Celebrations booklet, flyers, and advertisements so you can sign up to attend the events that appeal to your interests.

Anyone willing to host a Celebration may contact VP for Fund-raising and Celebrations committee chair Debbie Klingender for more information at 883-4556 or debathart@aol.com. Please let Debbie know of your interest as soon as possible, but no later than July 15. Thank you so much!

Annual BMCA Meeting
BMC campus July 26, 2005
at 5:30



Enhanced BMC Experience

Alfresco Dining Enhances BMC Experience

Enjoy a delicious dinner before a concert at Brevard Music Center's Café con Brio, located adjacent to Whittington-Pfohl auditorium. The alfresco, covered café features culinary fare from Falls Landing Restaurant, with dinner served before Friday and Saturday concerts, opera dress rehearsals and performances, and Variations concerts.

Two dinner seatings will be offered at 4:45 PM and 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served until 45 minutes before curtain time. Please make sure to arrive on time. Reservations cannot be guaranteed if you are more than 15 minutes late.

EXCEPTION: The final Variations concert, Emmylou Harris on July 12, will have dinner seatings at 5:15 PM and 6:30 PM.

Reservations are recommended and available by calling (828)-884-2835.

Café con Brio accepts American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Note: In order to provide the best possible service with existing time constraints, we are unable to accommodate requests for separate checks.



President's Letter

Playing on a Winning Team!

Dear BMCA Volunteer:

Very few human experiences top the satisfaction and sense of fulfillment of playing on a winning team. Our 69th season is underway, and you are contributing to its success by ushering at concerts, staffing Harmony House Gift Shop, hosting at Café con Brio, selling BMW raffle tickets, making local distributions of this season's performance calendar and helping out with dozens of administrative tasks. For all of that, I thank you – but you were also at work long before the season.

Prelude 2005 – Phantom Of The Opera – was a rousing success. Under the leadership of Co-chairs Janie Sargent and Linda Candler, supported by committee leaders Tine Liegerot, Bob McGarry, Nancy Nix, Molly Tartt and Monica Williams, over \$102,000 was raised to support our students and programs. It was a stunning evening.

Extensive off-season work to upgrade and repair facilities was accomplished once again by “Cushman and Company,” and Ellie Vibert and her gardeners have the campus looking great.

Your mission to support young musicians



John Candler, President of BMC

grows with each passing year. This season, your contribution to the annual scholarship fund, combined with earnings from your BMCA Scholarship Endowment Fund, is supporting twenty-two students. Their average age is 20.1 years, with 12 female and 10 male. They include a rising high school sophomore, several rising college seniors

and all years in between. They come from 13 states – North Carolina to Washington, and play 13 different instruments. And they're all here as a direct result of your good work. I hope that you will have a chance to meet Alex Applegate, Claire Aronis, Francis Auer, Lindsey Baggett, Victoria Brown, Daniel Chapa, Jennifer Coalson, Lemuel De La Cruz, Noelle Drewes, Chandler Lugate-Laus, Andrea Geniuk, Jenece Gerber, Lewis Heald, Lauren Huckaba, Ji-Yun Jeong, Joshua Lebar, Rebecca Marquardt, Leif Petersen, Julia Reeves, John Roberts, Brandon Schantz and Derek Stein. They are why we exist.

On behalf of our students, staff and trustees - THANK YOU for all that you do for us. The Brevard Music Center is a winner, and you are key players on the team. Thank you, and enjoy the season!

President, Brevard Music Center

Prelude 2005

Fabulous Phantom of the Opera

What a night it was! On June 4, more than 200 BMC friends found themselves transported to the glamorous opulent world of the Paris Opera House, complete with chandeliers, brilliant murals and (dare we add?) the fabulous phantom himself. Nancy Nix and her talented and enthusiastic decorating committee outdid themselves as did every one of the hard-working committee members whose efforts made this year's Prelude the most successful ever. Net proceeds exceeded a record-breaking \$102,000. Congratulations to you all!

Linda Candler and Janie Sargent, Prelude Co-chair



The Paris Opera House (a.k.a. Straus Auditorium)

Photo courtesy Nancy Nix

Harmony House Open

Harmony House Volunteers are "Ready to Roll!"

After months of preparation which includes buying product, folding and hanging apparel, pricing merchandise, cleaning Harmony House, putting up the big tent and merchandising the shelves – Harmony House Gift Shop volunteers are ready to open the shutters and roll out the racks! This year's offering includes many new items such as an exciting line of miniature instruments with stands, bronze instrument clocks, black bear musician figurines, coffee mugs with the BMC logo, CD-splitters (to simplify the frustrating task of opening a new CD), BMC lanyards, banks and more. This season's apparel line includes



Mary Sauerteig, Karla Atkinson and Pat Dran roll out the garment racks for one last inspection

29 new designs and special items for the women and children.

Michel Robertson, Manager of HH Operations, is excited to announce a special Harmony House Raffle this summer. "Jane Shiley, one of the area's finest quilters, has donated to BMC a beautiful mini-quilt with a musical motif which will be raffled off at Harmony House. Tickets are \$2 each, and the drawing for a lucky winner will be held the last day of the season, August 7. The quilt, entitled PIECES OF MUSIC, is signed by Jane and is on display at Harmony House. I hope everyone will support the BMC scholarship program by shopping at Harmony House Gift Shop and purchasing at least one raffle ticket."

Michel Robertson, Chairman

Special Activities for Children

Young Person's Concert



On Saturday, July 30, the Brevard Music Center presents its annual Young Person's Concert a free event for children of all ages and their families beginning at 11:30 AM. The concert will begin at 1:30 PM at Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium. The program, "Music from the Movies," explores the importance of music through such well-know films as *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Titanic*, *Apollo 13* and *Star Wars*. Gerard Floriano leads the Transylvania Symphony Orchestra.

Pre-concert festivities, provided through the energies of BMC staff and BMCA mem-

bers, include a hot dog lunch and musical petting zoo, with Music Center students demonstrating a variety of instruments for the orchestra. Kids are welcome to pluck a violin, beat a drum or try a clarinet. Other activities include face painting and a drawing contest, complete with prizes.

The Brevard Music Center, in partnership with First Citizens Bank, presents this annual Young Person's Concert. Children of all ages and their families are invited to this free event, with pre-concert activities beginning one hour prior to performance.