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| **Mid-Columbia Symphony Notes**Much of the information here is also posted on our website; go to our blog posts page, [here](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/posts/).**Annual Meeting of the Mid-Columbia Symphony Society**Purchasing tickets or donating to the symphony makes you a member of the Mid-Columbia Symphony Society, the organization that funds the symphony orchestra and its business operations. Our ***annual meeting*** will be held at ***6 pm on August 24***, using Zoom virtual meeting software. The link to the meeting is:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82392027520?pwd=YjNOTFVoRUo2S2NwQnZKc3BOYVhhZz09This is the meeting at which we elect new members to our Board of Trustees and elect key positions within the Board. If you would like to be considered for the Board, please submit our application form found [here](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/MCS_BoardAppl.pdf) and submit to the Symphony office.**Check Out Our Expanded Website**We have expanded our website to include four new features: posted messages (our ‘blog’ page), archived recordings, playlists, and “Our Video Messages”—a page of video messages during our forced hiatus from live performances. Read on … *and tell your friends!***New: Conductor’s Notes  ·  Monthly observations from Maestro Nicholas Wallin**On our “Our Video Messages” page, found on our website [here](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/get-to-know-us/), Music Director Dr. Nicholas Wallin discusses chamber orchestra repertoires, which might be the first kind of live performance that we can fit within restrictions on audience size, once they begin to relax. You can also see Dr. Wallin’s video [here](https://youtu.be/n4NNt-Y8U6Q).**Getting to Know Our Orchestra**Music Director Nicholas Wallin interviews two of our principals: Adella Hammerstrom (bassoon) and Don Hammerstrom (trombone). You’ve watched them perform for years; here’s a chance to learn about our musicians as we wait to resume live performances. Watch the video on “Our Video Messages” website page, or go [here](https://youtu.be/zXwNECB6tW0).**New: Archived Recordings**The Mid-Columbia Symphony has recorded its performances for decades, going back to the 1960s. We are digitizing these recordings to make them available to our patrons while we are unable to perform live. Three of them are on our new “archived recordings” page, found [here](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/recording-archives/), and feature Young Artist Competition winners Bill McKay and Sheila Gephart when they were teenagers. You can understand how they came to prominence in the local music scene from their early performances!**Seeking a Volunteer Director of Communications**In June the Symphony Board created the volunteer position Director of Communications. Currently, Bill Kuhn is serving as interim director, but we are looking for a volunteer to fill this position permanently. If you would like to learn more, please find a description of the position and directions for applying [here](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Director-of-Communications-Position.pdf).**Musical Quote**"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time."--Leonard Bernstein**New: Playlists**Our expanded website includes a new page for posting playlists. The first one is posted [here](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/playlists/), and more will follow. If you have your own playlist of favorite orchestral music, post it using [this form](https://midcolumbiasymphony.org/playlist-submission-form/) so we can all compare notes.**Mid-Columbia Arts Fundraiser**This year the annual Mid-Columbia Arts Fundraiser became the MCAF 2020 virtual event. It netted $100,000, which was distributed equally among the four Mid-Columbia performing arts groups. Options for next year, given the current state of uncertainty, are being evaluated by the MCAF steering committee. It appears we should be planning another virtual fundraising event for next year, even though one of the principal sponsors would prefer a live event.  Many attendees at live events did not attend our virtual event; perhaps the technology deterred them.**The Lighter Side of Music • A monthly lighthearted look at music***Another consequence of our pandemic...*  *Supposedly a famous Israeli violinist said,"In America sick people go to the doctor; in Israel, they go to my concerts."*   Are you familiar with the ***Mozart Group***? It’s a string quartet composed of Polish instrumentalists whose specialty is making classical music***fun***. The group may be seen [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46OSU7HRmSM&list=RDgg-dedGmMxU&index=6) on YouTube. You can find several of their other performances on YouTube, including two highlight episodes. |

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