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FALL 2022

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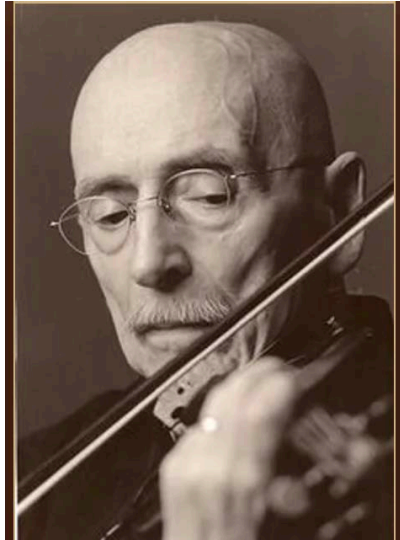
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Jorge Gardos 1931 - 2022

Jorge Gardos, CSP board member Emeritus and Musical Advisor, 91, died Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the age of 91 at home. He was the beloved husband of Donna (Robbins) Gardos for 30 years. Born in Budapest, Hungary, a son of the late Nandor and Ilona (Desser) Gardos, he had lived in Warwick for over 30 years, previously living in Caracas, Venezuela and New York City. Jorge was a Holocaust survivor of the Budapest Ghetto and escaped communist Hungary in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution. A concert violinist, conductor and educator, he went on to perform throughout South America, the United States, and Europe, and remained deeply committed to teaching music until the end of his life. We will miss you Jorge.

Student Spotlight - Norah, Emma and Lyla Gordon

It has been incredible to watch our two oldest daughters learn how to play the violin and gain so much more than a musical skill. Their confidence has soared and they are so proud of themselves. I'm looking forward to the same for my youngest daughter who just started and is already beaming with pride. I'm so grateful for all that CSP has done for our family, they really are transforming lives through their wonderful music program.

Cindy Gordon, mother



Welcome back to CSP teachers John Bender, Mary Casale, Vicki Boyle, Wendy Rios, Peri Delorenzo, Amanda Neves, Kelsey Foeller and Rees Rulevich. Also, please welcome new teacher Bryan Francis Rizzuto.

CSP Fall Classes Have Begun

Classes have begun with a banner year of new and returning students. We are happy to welcome over 120 youth and 60 adults to our programs. To the left, are beginners from the Guiteras school. Below are the Advanced String Orchestra rehearsing at the Bristol State House.



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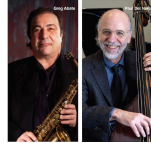
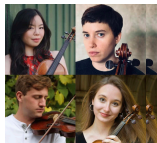
Gilded Strings Event Was an Amazing Success

Thank you to all the donors, sponsors, supporters and guests of our recent *Gilded Strings* fundraiser that was held at Blithewold Mansion in Bristol. Your support allows us to continue to offer our programs of *affordable and accessible* string lessons in the East Bay area.

Additional thanks to the event committee for their hard work in preparing for this event: Mary Almeida, Alan Bernstein, Peter Bodner, Laurel Curtis, Fran O'Donnell, Lavinia Gadsden, Catherine Hawkes, Chris Manchester, Fran O'Donnell, Loren Palmer, Lorna Tiernan, Joan Wallace and Glenn Wolf.

We would also like to offer special thanks to Joe and Betty Brito for their continued support of the Community String Project.

We are happy to report that with the support of our guests and sponsors we raised \$40,000 to support our programs.



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Artist
Series



Last Spring, CSP inaugurated the CSP Artist Series - an on-going series of intimate performances by highly-talented artists at the historic Bristol Statehouse. Our series features a diverse array of world class performances with a close up view of the artists for an immersive artistic experience. Last Spring we presented the Arrow Quartet from the Juilliard School of Music, and the Greg Abate/Paul Del Nero Quartet. This Fall we presented Nicolas King with Gray Sargent on October 1, and Duke Robillard, Paul Kolesnikow and Marty Ballou on October 21. Please check our website for upcoming performances.

Cars for Charity



Through our partnership with Cars for Charity, you can give CSP a car or a boat for Christmas. We're not picky...any car will do: no-longer running, old and needs work, the family clunker, or a car that still has a few good years left on it. Cars for Charity will pick up and/or tow the car from its location, at no charge to you. To donate a car (or boat) to CSP, please visit carsforcharity.net, select CSP as your charity and make your donation. It is that easy!



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