

# Quarter Notes

## Newsletter



13 February 2026



CONTESTANTS (LEFT TO RIGHT): LUKE LORENZO, JEANETTE LARSON (WINNER), AMALYA LORENZO, BENJAMIN WADE (SECOND PLACE), CALVIN EVELER, VALERIE CHEN (THIRD PLACE), CAROLINE DAVIS, CALEB HILL, IAN FOCHT.

## The Young Artist Competition Rises to a High Note!

With hearts pounding and a total of eighteen hundred dollars of cash prizes to be won, nine youth performers competed February 8, 2026, 3 pm at The Fredericksburg Baptist Church. The students competed on violin, piano, cello, clarinet and voice performing works by classic, romantic and contemporary composers. Winners were Jeanette Larson, violin, first prize; Benjamin Wade, bass vocalist, second prize; and Valerie Chen, clarinet, third prize.

The ArtsLIVE! Young Artist Competition offered its first competition nearly 25 years ago. This year, the annual competition received its first funding from the Cornelia Bryant Endowment Fund, in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region.



In this newsletter  
you can expect:

Young Artist  
Competition  
Results

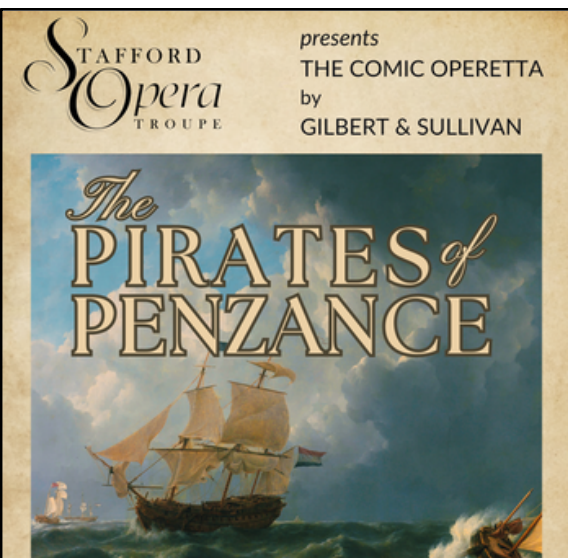
Opera in Schools

37th Chamber  
Music Festival  
Update

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## Opera in Schools is Back

We are very excited to partner with Stafford Opera Troupe to bring opera back to our schools this March! We will be visiting four schools in Fredericksburg, Stafford and Spotsylvania. The children are going to love the select performances from *The Pirates of Penzance*, including the hilarious "Modern Major-General's Song". They will also receive learning packets filled with fun activities and interesting facts.

★ THE 37TH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL ★

Presented By **Arts LIVE!**

MAY 13-24, 2026

🎵 3 CHAMBER CONCERTS

FEATURING WORLD RENOWNED MUSICIANS

ALEXANDER FITERSTEIN, CAROL WINCENC, PETER ZAZOFSKY, & MORE!

\*ENTER TO WIN GIVEAWAYS

🎻 4 LOCAL PERFORMANCES

- AVERY BALLET
- SHE RULES THE BENCH: CELEBRATING WOMEN COMPOSERS
- A SALUTE TO OUR MILITARY WITH "THE BEAUTIFUL BOUNDARIES OF BROADWAY"
- ZACH SMITH & THE BELTWAY BRASS



**TICKETS COMING SOON!**

If interested in sponsorship or in placing an ad, please email [thearts@artsliveva.org](mailto:thearts@artsliveva.org)



## Board Spotlight: Christian Moore

Christian Moore joined the board in 2025 and is the ArtsLIVE! Treasurer. He's lived in Fredericksburg for 24 years and enjoys the area's history and activities. He retired from the US Air Force and teaching in Stafford County Public Schools. Now he volunteers all over Fredericksburg. He helps in the Archaeology Lab at Ferry Farm and also leads school tours there. He helps with landscaping and gardening at the Mary Washington House, Rising Sun Tavern, Mary Washington Monument, etc. He sings in the Ebenezer United Methodist Church Choir and the Fredericksburg Community Choir. He also travels with his wife and completes mission projects for his church.

## 2026 Board Updates

### New Board Member

Ron Barricklow

He is proud of his marriage and two strong and independent daughters. He is also proud to have served in the US Air Force and then to be called to serve our youth by teaching in our schools. "I would like to see ArtsLIVE! more involved in schools, introducing music of all kinds to our children. A love and appreciation for music is very important to adults in our society."

## TRIVIA CORNER



Composer Chevalier de Saint-Georges was one of the best swordsmen in Europe.

Rachmaninoff had hypnotherapy to cure his writer's block, then he wrote his famous second piano concerto and dedicated it to his therapist.





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## Upcoming Community Events

For more information you can click the link to Facebook

