

WHY ARE YOU A FRIEND?

“Membership in the Center for the Arts is a profound commitment through both time and money to investing in the future of our neighborhoods, our towns, our states and our nation!”

— LOUIS DELAIR, JR.

“Becoming part of a vibrant and diverse community; making new friends; getting to know the staff and the other volunteers of the Center; being able to attend discussions and other events with the artists and other experts; and, simply, having fun.”

— ENID W. WEBER



Joyce and Gary Grimes learn more about the art of performances at an Artists in Conversation event celebrating L.A. Theatre Works.



Thelma Weiner and Rita Flickinger get a sneak peek of upcoming performances at the annual Friends-only Season Preview.

More than 80,000 audience members from throughout the region attend the *Great Performances at Mason* each season at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. Patrons of all ages and interests find something innovative and fascinating at the Center for the Arts—a cultural anchor that entertains, educates, and enriches our lives. For close to two decades, financial and volunteer support of the Friends of the Center for the Arts has made it possible to present world renowned performances at ticket prices designed to welcome a broad and diverse audience—even though the costs of presenting those performances often exceed the income from ticket sales. The continued and enthusiastic support of the Friends of the Center for the Arts enables the *Great Performances at Mason* to offer a breadth and high quality of programming in music, dance, theater, and opera.

JOIN OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS TODAY!

THE FRIENDS OF THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS provides financial and volunteer support for the Center's programs and activities. As a Friend, your membership supports the season of the *Great Performances at Mason*, as well as the Pre- Performance Discussions, community outreach and education programs, the Friends-Only Artists in Conversation programs, and Special Events. Your gift demonstrates your appreciation for the important role the arts play in our lives and our community and ensures a bright future for the Center for the Arts. Become a Friend today and join the hundreds of members who are enjoying the benefits and the satisfaction of supporting the arts at Mason.



Jim Carroll, the founder of the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, left, with Robert Portland, a longtime Friend of the Center for the Arts.

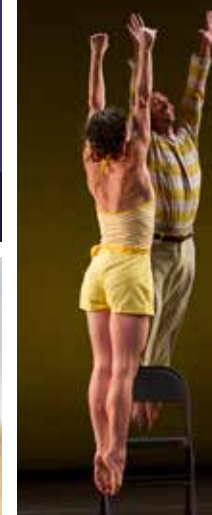
A payment plan option is available!

Make your contribution monthly, quarterly, or twice a year in an amount most convenient for you. Just choose the “payment plan” option on the membership form.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2016/2017 SEASON



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INCLUDING THE GRAND TIER SOCIETY



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FRIENDS SPECIAL EVENTS



Brooke Roberts and Candy Levin enjoy good food and musical insights at an Artists in Conversation event with Turtle Island Quartet.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS host two special events each season. Members receive invitations to join us for creatively themed pre- and post-performance receptions and dinners. These special events are held in the Center for the Arts and take place immediately before or after a performance.

In addition, Friends will also receive an invitation to the popular Season Preview Event, where Friends members learn about the new season of *Great Performances at Mason* before the general public! This event will be held on April 5, 2017.

FRIENDS-ONLY ARTISTS IN CONVERSATION



Robert and Diana Graham experience the world of the Virginia Opera at an Artists in Conversation event.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS host five Artists in Conversation events each season. Invitation to Artists in Conversation events are an exclusive benefit of membership and are open to all members at the Contributor level of giving or higher free of charge. Artists in Conversation events provide members the opportunity to gain a behind-the-scenes look into the *Great Performances at Mason*. These lively conversations are led by guest artists and members of the faculty. During the 2016/2017 season of *Great Performances at Mason*, members will receive an invitation by email with the date and location of the Artists in Conversation event.



Phillip and Jacqueline Johnson spend quality time with the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

FRIEND (\$100 - \$149)

- Acknowledgment in performance programs
- Priority processing of season tickets
- Half-price ticket offers for select *Great Performances at Mason*
- Access to the Friends-only refreshment area with complimentary coffee and soft drinks at *Great Performances at Mason* events
- Invitation to pre- and post-performance Special Events
- Invitation to the annual Season Preview Event
- Subscription to the Friends print and electronic newsletters
- Membership pin

CONTRIBUTOR (\$150 - \$249)

Benefits listed above, plus:

- Complimentary invitation to the Friends-Only Artists in Conversation Events
- Discounted parking at weekend *Great Performances at Mason* events

DONOR (\$250 - \$499) (\$30 non-deductible)

Benefits listed above, plus:

- Reserved seating at four Pre-Performance Discussions
- Two complimentary tickets to a Mason student performance*
- Invitation to backstage tour opportunities (two per season)

PATRON (\$500 - \$999) (\$70 non-deductible)

Benefits listed above, plus:

- Five free parking passes for weekend *Great Performances at Mason* events*
- Four vouchers for complimentary wine at the Concert Hall Lobby bars*

*This benefit affects tax deductibility.



JOIN THE FRIENDS

Name(s) (for use in printed materials)

Address

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

Friends e-mail addresses are confidential and are not distributed to 3rd parties for any reason. Providing your e-mail helps us cut administrative/ mailing costs.

- I am a new member this 2016/2017 season
 I am renewing my membership for the 2016/2017 season

I would like to join the Friends at the following membership level:
(Your 2016/2017 season membership will be valid through June 30, 2017)

- Friend – \$100-\$149 (fully tax deductible)
 Contributor – \$150-\$249 (fully tax deductible)
 Donor – \$250-\$499 (\$30 non-deductible)
 Patron – \$500-\$999 (\$70 non-deductible)

Grand Tier Society

- Sponsor – \$1,000-\$2,499 (\$85 non-deductible)
 Advocate – \$2,500-\$4,999 (\$85 non-deductible)
 Benefactor – \$5,000+ (\$235 non-deductible)

- I would like to decline membership benefits to make my gift tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Payment Method:

A. The total amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

- A check is enclosed (payable to GMU Foundation, Friends of the Center for the Arts)

Please charge \$ _____ (total amount) to my

- MasterCard Visa AmEx

B. I would like to join through a payment plan.

- Please charge \$ _____ every (month, quarter, six months) for a total of \$ _____ to my
 MasterCard Visa AmEx

Name as it appears on card (please print)

Card #

Exp. Date

Signature

MAIL TO: Friends of the Center for the Arts | George Mason University
 4400 University Dr MS 4C1 | Fairfax, VA 22030-4444

GRAND TIER SOCIETY

THE GRAND TIER SOCIETY represents the higher levels of giving for the Friends of the Center for the Arts. Members of the Grand Tier Society play a visionary and leadership role in ensuring that the season of *Great Performances at Mason* continues to remain vibrant and affordable today and for future generations. In grateful acknowledgment for their leadership support, the Friends of the Center for the Arts offer its Grand Tier Society members exclusive benefits to further enrich their participation in the life of the Center for the Arts and the *Great Performances at Mason* season.

GRAND TIER SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Grand Tier Society members receive all of the benefits listed to the left, plus:

SPONSOR (\$1,000 - \$2,499) (\$85 non-deductible)

- Grand Tier Society acknowledgement in performance programs and on a special recognition wall located in the Concert Hall Lobby all season long
- Invitation to two Grand Tier Society events each season hosted with special guest artists from the Washington Metro area
- Grand Tier Society pin
- Complimentary CD of a *Great Performances at Mason* artist*

ADVOCATE (\$2,500 - \$4,999) (\$85 non-deductible)

Benefits listed above, plus:

- Opportunity to meet a *Great Performances at Mason* artist backstage*

BENEFACTOR (\$5,000+) (\$235 non-deductible)

Benefits listed above, plus:

- Pre-performance cocktail reception for ten guests*