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.

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 cities 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."
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**GRAND TIER SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

Benefits listed above, plus:

- 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)**

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- Discounted parking at weekend Great Performances at Mason events

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