

RIVER CONCERT SERIES 2026

FRIDAY EVENINGS
JUNE 26 - JULY 24

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St. Mary's College of Maryland
CHESAPEAKE
ORCHESTRA
Jeffrey Silberschlag, music director



“Since 1999, under the guidance of music director Jeffrey Silberschlag, the marriage of exceptional music and stellar water view has become a seasonal treat in Southern Maryland.”

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JEFFREY SILBERSCHLAG

Music Director

Maestro Jeffrey Silberschlag has distinguished himself in the world of music, performing as a conductor and trumpet soloist throughout Europe, the United States, Russia, China, Japan, and Israel. His performances have been described as “compelling” by Germany’s *Kolnische Rundschau*; “extraordinary” by Italy’s *L’Arena*; and “outstanding” by *Fanfare Magazine*.

Mr. Silberschlag is music director and conductor of the Chesapeake Orchestra and River Concert Series and co-director of the Alba Music Festival and Young Artists Program in Northern Italy. On November 15, 2011, in Prague, Mr. Silberschlag received the Prize for Artistic and Cultural Activities from the European Union



of the Arts, for his lifetime achievement in classical music as a conductor and trumpeter. He serves as Artistic Director and Head of Music Performance at St. Mary’s College of Maryland and held the Steven Muller Distinguished Professor in the Arts. He has been a faculty member since 1988 and served as chair of the Music Department.

Mr. Silberschlag has appeared as guest conductor with the London Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic, St. Petersburg Soloists, Orchestra Filharmonici di Torino, Symphony Orchestra of Rumania, Bulgarian Philharmonic, La Scala Virtuosi, Prague Chamber Orchestra, Salzburg Chamber Orchestra, and the Moscow Academy Chamber Orchestra.



River Concert Series' 27th Season!

The River Concert Series is designed to provide the citizens of Southern Maryland with professional performances throughout the summer, enriching the cultural offerings of our region, while raising the profile of Southern Maryland throughout the state. The Chesapeake Orchestra offers programs whose musical themes are designed to reach the broadest possible audiences. Internationally prominent artists and bright new talents fill the roles of soloists and narrators. We strive to provide concerts that are family-friendly, creating an atmosphere that brings our community together. River Concert Series' regular outdoor summer concerts have become a vital element of our community life and an important tool in the economic development of the region.



Deborah Greitzer

Executive Director, Chesapeake Orchestra



Deborah Greitzer, executive director of the Chesapeake Orchestra, has divided her career equally as performer and artistic director. She has held principal bassoon positions with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, New York City Opera National Company, Madeira Bach Festival, Alba Music Festival, the Italian Radio/Television Orchestra RAI-Torino, the Music Today Series in New York, and

the Chesapeake Orchestra.

Ms. Greitzer is a graduate of The Juilliard School and held a graduate fellowship at the Yale School of Music, Yale University.

She is a two-time winner of the Artists International Prize for Chamber Music, recipient of the George Wellington Miles Award at Yale University, and winner, with the Maryland Bach Aria Group, of the Norton T. Dodge Award for Creative and Scholarly Achievement. She was invited by Pierre Boulez as the only American finalist for his IRCAM Ensemble in Paris, France. Ms. Greitzer was Artistic Director of the New York Times Foundation Young Performers Series, producing concerts in Bryant Park, Union Square Park and Battery Park. For six years she directed the Tidewater Ensemble at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Ms. Greitzer performed in the 1998 Broadway revival of "The King and I" with Marie Osmond, and at the Kennedy Center with Haley Mills. She was the bassoonist with Anthony Newley, in the New York revival of his show, "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off." She also worked with Arthur Miller, and was the bassoonist for the New York premiere of his play, "Up from Paradise." Ms. Greitzer is adjunct faculty in the Music Department of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Facts at a Glance

2026 Season

Free concerts on Friday evening, mid June through July. The Chesapeake Orchestra, directed by St. Mary's College of Maryland's professor of music and world-renowned conductor and trumpeter, Jeffrey Silberschlag, performs with acclaimed artists and celebrated personalities of regional and national note.

Location

Townhouse Green at St. Mary's College of Maryland, overlooking the beautiful St. Mary's River.

Hours

Grounds open at 5PM, concerts begin at 7PM

Admission

Free! Admission provided through sponsor underwriting.

Attendance

Over 10,000 attendees for River Concert Series 2025

Seating

Concert-goers bring their own chairs and blankets. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Vendor Services

A large assortment of food, beverages, and arts and crafts are available from local vendors. Concert-goers may bring their own picnics.

Parking

Free parking is available at nearby campus locations. Handicapped parking is available adjacent to the concert site.

Funding

The River Concert Series is underwritten by businesses, government agencies, organizations and individual donors. The series encourages a strong community spirit by creating a weekly summer gathering place for fun and entertainment, enjoyed by all.

Thanks to our 2025 sponsors



Sponsorship Levels

Concert Sponsor \$3,500

- Recognition in all concert advertising for your sponsored concert, including all print media coverage in publications such as the County Times and the Southern Maryland News.
- Your logo and link to your company's home page on the Chesapeake Orchestra website throughout the year.
- Your organization's name on the cover of the program, and logo and description of your organization in the printed program distributed each week.
- On-site banner, with your logo, prominently displayed at all concerts.
- 5 parking passes.
Valid at every Chesapeake Orchestra concert at River Concert Series, at St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2026..

Series Sponsor \$10,000

- Recognition in all concert advertising for your sponsored concert(s), all print media coverage in publications such as the County Times and the Southern Maryland News.
- Half page ad in the River Concert Series Program.
- Your logo and link to your company's home page on the Chesapeake Orchestra website, throughout the year.
- Your organization's name on the cover of the program, and logo and description of your organization in the printed program distributed each week.
- On-site banner, with your logo, prominently displayed at all concerts.
- 12 parking passes.
Valid at every Chesapeake Orchestra concert at River Concert Series, at St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2026.

Soloist Benefactor \$15,000

- **All Series Sponsor Benefits**, plus the opportunity to become an underwriter of a guest soloist at the River Concert Series. Past guest soloists that have been underwritten are Suzy Bogguss, Hilary Kole, Susan Narucki, Vonda Shepard, Catrin Finch, the Ahn Trio, Maureen McGovern, and the Fifth Dimension.
- Soloist Benefactor's name is listed in the program and on the website next to the soloist.
- Soloist Benefactor has an opportunity to meet the soloist for photos.



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- Concert Sponsor - \$3,500**
 - Concert of your choice
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- Soloist Benefactor - \$15,000**
 - Underwriting of a soloist (such as past soloists Hilary Kole, Suzy Bogguss, The Ahn Trio, Catrin Finch, Lara St. John, and Vonda Shepard) to be selected when the program is announced.
 - Sponsorship of guest artist



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Organization name/ as you would like it to appear in the program

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Jose Cueto-2018



Ahn Trio-2006



Anne Akiko Meyers-2009



Terance Blanchard-2011

TESTIMONIALS

BAE SYSTEMS

The Chesapeake Orchestra and our River Concert Series have taken us all back to a simpler time and place, in which we gathered with friends in the small town center square, and caught up on the happy events of the day. On Friday evenings in the St. Mary's summer we get to go back to that old close-knit community, to stroll the quad among friends and neighbors, to feel the wonderful music, and for a moment to remember how glad we are...to be "home". Thanks for the concert memories we all share. - Tom Garrison



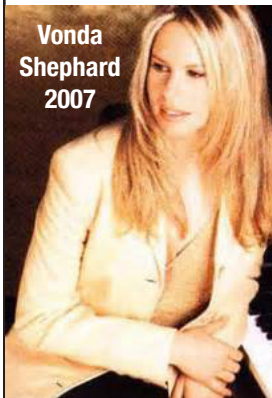
Olivia Vote
2021

"The River Concert Series is like a mini-Tanglewood - it's a real treasure; a Renaissance for this part of Maryland."

~Andrew Balio, principal trumpet, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

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These festivities are unsurpassed in providing opportunities for us all to expand our horizons and reacquaint ourselves with neighbors. Booz Allen Hamilton is pleased to support this acclaimed series and the reward it gives to the entire community.



Vonda Shephard
2007

KBR

KBR is proud to be a sponsor of the Chesapeake Orchestra, and grateful to the Chesapeake Orchestra for providing a taste of "normal life" through these crazy times. Thank you for continuing to bring culture, beautiful music, and joy to Southern Marylanders in good times and in uncertain times. - Kerrie Grant

O'BRIEN REALTY

Many companies give back to their community and our firm has participated in many charitable activities over the last 40 years. What inspired me back in 1999 was the opportunity to join together with other sponsors and deliver a talented, professional orchestra to St. Mary's County. It was an inspired and forward thinking moment when Jeffrey Silberschlag and Debbie Greitzer started the process that has evolved into the Chesapeake Orchestra. How lucky we are that they have continued to dedicate themselves to this project. It benefits so many families, friends, and visitors here in Southern Maryland. O'Brien Realty is glad to continue to be a part of it! - Mike O'Brien



Hilary Kole-2010

SMARTRONIX

Smartronix, founded and headquartered in St. Mary's County, is proud to be a full-series sponsor of the River Concert Series. This wonderful, free event which combines world-class musicians and a family-oriented picnic environment in a picturesque river setting is just another reason why Southern Maryland is called "the land of pleasant living."

TAYLOR GAS COMPANY

The members of the Taylor family are regular attendees at the River Concert Series and are not surprised at the crowds. The incredible success is due to careful planning and lots of hard work by Jeff Silberschlag and all those involved at the College. We are happy to have been a concert sponsor since its first year, and definitely give the series two thumbs up! - Frank Taylor



Natii Wright
2017



Brian Ganz-2018