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CBTB Elects New Executive Board Members

In April 2014, a group of dedicated Concerts By The Bay board members met to select its future executives that will continue the direction and growth of the concert organization.

Changes to the Executive Board were as follows:

- ◆ **Jim Pavik replaces Tom Tucker as President.**
- ◆ **Karen Williams replaces Mairi Furniss as Vice President.**
- ◆ **Becky Morgan replaces Karen Williams as Secretary.**
- ◆ **Mike Reed will assist, and in time replace, Clement Dickey as Treasurer.**

Please support these executives as they carry forward the CBTB torch in providing world class music to subscribers, and in providing the very best youth education programs to your children & grandchildren!

Tom Tucker and Mairi Furniss have given years of great CBTB leadership, and will remain active members of the board. Thank them, as you see them, for their past leadership.



Youth Education: CBTB Gives Back to Mathews & Gloucester School Children

Your sponsorship of CBTB, in collaboration with a grant from the Virginia Arts Commission, with matching grants for the Gloucester Community Foundation, and the Mathews Community Foundation, allow these important events to occur every year!

Led by Judy Sowden, Youth Education Director, CBTB initiates two shows annually for the benefit of the students in our primary subscriber areas of Mathews and Gloucester. This year the students of Mathews were introduced to "Harriett Tubman, and The Underground Railway" while the students of Gloucester learned the story of "Martin Luther King: I Have A Dream".

Additional musical youth learning opportunities are also available through CBTB, and discussions will be initiated with the Music Directors in Mathews and Gloucester.

THANK YOU for Your Continued Support!

From Our President- Jim Pavik

I found Mathews for the first time as an undergraduate at Old Dominion University so many years ago. Since then, it took Deona and me over three decades, five children, twelve relocations, and ten states to return to that place I fell in love with over a weekend, oh, so long ago.

Four years ago we made our final move, to Mathews, to make it our home for the duration of what God gives us. We came here, not for all quantitative reasons many people do, the tax benefits, cost of living, etc. although those are important; but, because of the great Mathews education system, and because of the incredibly warm, and welcoming people of Mathews we met along the way.

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A Message From Our Founder: Susan McCreary

It's been a dozen years since we bravely started the **Concerts By the Bay** concert series. In these 12 years we have brought the Middle Peninsula 56 professional entertainers and I dare say we have introduced some children to the arts for the first time. Who knows what budding cello player, or creative magician is the result of a **Concerts By the Bay** sponsored event? So our own entertainment pales in comparison to our influence on our youth.

You, our faithful subscribers, have a responsibility to our community to continue this partnership with the future. You must introduce our series to our newcomers; you must talk up the professionalism of our performers; you must realize that all music unleashes some deeper feelings no matter what the genre, and you must support our budget by tax deductible donations to the Mathews Community Foundation, or to our concert series. In this way, we can bring you another Baker's Dozen of entertainers in the years to come.

See you in September!!

Susan McCreary—Founder

From Our President—Jim Pavik

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With our children always active, we spent our first couple of years in Mathews watching our middle son playing college football in Washington DC, throughout Virginia, and the mid-Atlantic. We became actively involved in Mathews affairs during the week, but we were often not home on weekends. We would come home on Sunday's, driving by the high school, wondering why all the cars in the lot?

A couple of years ago, good friends of ours were going out of town one weekend, and graciously gave us their CBTB tickets. The performance was the Canadian Bluegrass concert of the Abrams Brothers. As background, my early career had me working in Southern Virginia; the Route 58 corridor between Interstates #85 and #81. I came to love everything Bondurant, Southern Rock, and Bluegrass...and the [BEST Bluegrass music](#) was from Southwest VA (or Eastern Kentucky). There was no way "Habs" from north of the border could pick with Virginia fiddlers. Because of this personal bias, I really did not want to attend the concert. Deona artfully persuaded me to attend; and I am certainly glad she did!

I found at that concert, not only an incredibly talented family that provided a great bluegrass performance, but also people dedicated to bringing the best musical talent to Mathews, and Gloucester counties. I asked them how I could assist in making their organization stronger, and they found a place where I could help. Well, here I am today, as your President.

You have my commitment that we will continue to bring to you the best musical talent possible. We will continue to provide the best youth education possible, and will seek to expand that education into the Mathews and Gloucester school music departments, with the assistance of our performers. We will look for your input in making CBTB match your expectations. But, we cannot do this without your partnership in growing the CBTB membership. Your partnership in referring our concert series to others who are not members...in donating your unused tickets to others, who, like Deona and I, had no idea what CBTB was all about...your financial partnership in supporting the CBTB fund at the Mathews Community Foundation and through your purchase of higher level tickets so we can do more for you, and the communities of Mathews and Gloucester. I look forward to our conversations!

My Warmest Regards, James A. "Jim" Pavik Sr.—President

CBTB Presents:

"A Show and Lunch/Brunch and Dinner Discount"

With the participation of the local restaurants in Mathews & Gloucester, Concerts By The Bay ticketholders have been able to show their concert ticket/membership card either at lunch/brunch before the show, or for dinner after the show, and receive a 10/15% discount on the price of their food (only). Making it a glorious day of music, food, fun and friendship.

The discount has only been available for the day of the show shown on the ticket, and may differ in size (%) at each restaurant location.

Many of our members frequented these establishments that supported the performing arts, bringing along a friend, and making it a most entertaining day, on Concerts By The Bay day!

Bangkok Noi (10%) 12-9pm
Richardsons (10%) 11-8:30pm
Southwind /Brunch (15%) 9-3pm
Olivia's (20%) 11-8pm
White Dog Inn (15%) 4-8pm

We hope to increase the number of participants for the 2014-15 CBTB season!

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Concert By The Bay Brings World Class Entertainment to Mathews, Gloucester, and Middlesex....SHARE THE STORY!

Meet The Board

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2014 Live On Stage National Conference, July 31 – August 2, 2014

PROVIDE YOUR VOICE TO THE FUTURE PERFORMERS FOR CBTB!

A group of board members will be heading to Nashville, TN in late July for the Live on Stage National Conference. At this conference CBTB will be presented with the musical talent that you may see during our 2015-16 season. If you have a genre of music that you want to see—Let us Know! Make your suggestions to us on the CBTB website, or at our email address: concertsbythebay@cox.net. Your input is always greatly appreciated!

HELPING HANK FURNISS!

Call Hank (804.695.6925), and take the initiative to put your business ad in the CBTB program for the 2014-15 season! He has had surgery on his leg, and cannot get around as well as in the past, so help him out. Get businesses you network with to support CBTB also! As an added incentive, we will place your business on the CBTB web-site under “Business Sponsors” for incremental exposure to your business beyond the program - at NO Additional Cost!

Thanking You in Advance for Your Support!

...and from Your Vice President: KAREN WILLIAMS

*What a great line-up is in store for the 2014-2015 CBTB series!
Where else could you get such a value with five shows of talented
musicians and performers for such an amazingly low price?!*

The season opens on September 21st with the Fabulous Hubcaps who promise to take listeners down memory lane with their classic rock and roll renditions, followed by Susan Egan in November who gives us Broadway's best. The new year brings an international mix of instrumental styles with Alex DePue and Miguel DeHoyas in February, Simple Gifts Trio of varied folk music in March, and Good Company finishes up the season in April with their own blend of old and new songs from across the decades.

If you haven't yet purchased your season tickets, now is the perfect time to go on our website: www.concertsbythebay.org. While the prices at the door are \$25 per performance, a season ticket starting at \$65 is the best deal in town.

Concerts By The Bay is a non-profit organization, so let's help support the arts in the Gloucester/Mathews area by buying tickets, or by a donation to support the arts in order to continue to bring great talent to our area.

Looking forward to seeing you all in a full house this coming season!

Karen Williams— Vice President

Tom's Swan Song



Hello to all CBTB Subscribers and Friends!
With all kidding aside, I have really enjoyed serving as your President for the last three years. It's now time to move on, yielding the reins to a new leadership team headed by our President, Jim Pavik who is already laying plans for some new directions and outreach.

Jim and Deona, Marilyn and I, and Mairi and Hank Furniss will be going to Nashville, July 31st – August 2nd for the Live on Stage auditions of performers for our 2015-2016 concert season. We will identify three or four artists to form the nucleus of that season, then select one or two other complementary acts all for your Board approval. Our objective is to choose a variety of talent to please majority tastes without ignoring new genre.

I plan to remain active in Board and volunteer activities. In closing, I thank Board members and volunteers who continue to work together to make CBTB an outstanding community member and entertainment choice.

Tom Tucker, Past President

...and From Out-Going Vice-President: MAIRI FURNISS

It has been my pleasure to have served these past three years as vice-president of our concert series. Working alongside our outgoing president Tom Tucker has been a joy. His knowledge and guidance was a great learning experience. Together we had fun being interviewed by Neil Steele on our local radio station. We will continue to take our annual trip to Nashville at our own expense to see what Live on Stage has to offer in performers for the following year. We leave at the end of July on this year's adventure.

I will continue to be in charge of our after concert receptions which are held in beautiful waterfront homes in the county. The hosts of these dwellings are most generous in granting us the use of their homes. Our Pearls and Markers along with the performers have a wonderful time partaking of the food that is all donated by our wonderful board and committee members. No one leaves hungry. Many of the performers have fallen in love with our little county, (how could they not) and know we have a precious place here in Mathews.

Rest assured our series has been passed along to a very competent president and vice president. I wish them all the best during their term at the helm. I thank all our patrons for their commitment in making our community concerts a success. It has been our pleasure to bring great entertainment to our county. Have a wonderful safe summer and we shall look forward to seeing you once again in the Fall. Remember to tell your friends all about us. Word of mouth is the best advertisement and it is free.

Sincerely, Mairi Furniss

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Give a call to, or stop by, those businesses and individuals who help us financially keep the CBTB music alive on the Middle Peninsula.

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