



First Annual

## **SBP MEMORIAL CONCERT**

# *An Evening of Musical Treasures, Past to Present*

*performed by*

*The Oakridge String Quartet*

*Claudia Chudacoff, First Violin*

*Jennifer Shannon, Second Violin*

*Judith Silverman, Viola*

*Kerry Van Laanen, 'Cello*

*Kevin Shannon, Program Narrator*

Friday, May 15, 2015

7:15 p.m.

Sandy Spring Friends School

Performing Arts Center

Sandy Spring Friends School is delighted to present the first annual SBP Memorial Concert, held in honor and memory of Nan Schwarz Pricher '67 and Jane Schwarz Binger.

SSFS established the SBP Memorial Concert in appreciation of Jane and Nan's love of Sandy Spring Friends School and the role that classical music played in the life of SSFS's first generation of alumni. The SBP Memorial Concert is dedicated to continuing the tradition of classical music at Sandy Spring Friends School, first established by Barry Morley and carried through years of operettas and countless SSFS alumni for whom musical education played a formative role.

The School is honored to present the members of The Oakridge String Quartet—Claudia Chudacoff, Jennifer Shannon, Judith Silverman, and Kerry Van Laanen—as the first annual SBP Memorial Concert artists, and we look forward to many more years of classical music at Sandy Spring Friends.

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### *An Evening of Musical Treasures, Past to Present*

*Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)*

Four Seasons, "Spring," 1st mvt., arr. by William Zinn

*J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)*

"Air" (from Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068)

*Haydn (1732 - 1809)*

String Quartet in E Flat Major, op. 33, no. 2, "The Joke," 4th mvt., Presto

*Mozart (1756 - 1791)*

String Quartet No. 1 in G Major, K.V. 80, 1st mvt., Adagio

*Beethoven (1770 - 1826)*

String Quartet op. 18, No. 6, 1st mvt., Allegro con brio

*Dvorak (1841 - 1904)*

String Quartet No. 12 in F Major, op. 96, "American," 2nd mvt, Lento

*Shostakovich (1906 - 1975)*

Polka, Allegretto

*Philip Glass (1937 - )*

String Quartet No. 3, "Mishima," VI

*Ástor Piazzolla (1921 - 1992)*

"Libertango," arr. by Jeremy Cohen

*Program narrated by Kevin Shannon*



Violinist **Claudia Chudacoff** is the Concertmaster of the U.S. Marine Band's White House Chamber Orchestra, the Alexandria Symphony, and the National Gallery Orchestra, and the former Assistant Concertmaster of the Louisville Orchestra. She has appeared as soloist several times with all of these groups as well. She is also the Director of the Chamber Ensemble of the College Park Youth Orchestra, which she helped to found in 2006. An avid chamber musician, she plays in the Sunrise and National Gallery String Quartets. As a member of the Sunrise Quartet, she recently traveled to South America and appeared in a broadcast for West Virginia Public Television. Ms. Chudacoff has served on the faculty of the University of Louisville, Indiana University (Southeast Campus), the DC Youth Orchestra Program, the Northern Virginia Youth Symphony Association, Blue Ridge Suzuki Camp, and the National Philharmonic Summer Institutes. She was also a graduate teaching assistant to Sylvia Rosenberg while an undergraduate at the Eastman School of Music, where she earned both her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees, studying with Miss Rosenberg and Zvi Zeitlin.



Violinist **Jennifer Shannon** has been a member of the National Philharmonic Orchestra for over 25 years and maintains a violin, viola, and chamber music studio in her home in University Park, MD. She received a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance from the University of Maryland and continued her graduate studies there after being awarded a two-year fellowship to study with members of the Guarneri String Quartet. Ms. Shannon has served on the faculty of the DC Youth Orchestra Program, and continues to serve on the faculty of the National Philharmonic Summer String Institute for middle school students. In 1995, she was awarded Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Chapter of the American String Teachers Association. In February of 2006, she helped found the College Park Youth Orchestra and continues to serve as a member of the board and sectional coach. She lives with her husband, daughter (SSFS 11th grader Kayla), and beloved cat in University Park, MD.



**Judith Silverman**, violinist/violist, is a graduate of the University of Maryland and is Associate Principal Viola Emeritus of the National Philharmonic Orchestra. She has given chamber music performances in numerous venues, including the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center, Corcoran Gallery, and local universities and libraries. She maintains a private viola, violin and chamber music studio in Maryland. In 1992, Mrs. Silverman received the Chester Petranek Award from the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra, and the Outstanding String Teacher of the Year Award by the American String Teachers Association, MD/DC Chapter. In 1999, ASTA MD/DC gave her a Service-to-Strings Award for founding and co-directing, with conductor Piotr Gajewski, the National Chamber Orchestra Summer String Institute for senior high students. She continues to serve as faculty and consultant for National Philharmonic Summer String Institutes.



**Kerry Van Laanen** has been a performer and teacher in the Washington, DC area since 1985. She has performed extensively throughout the Washington DC area with such groups as the Washington National Opera, National Gallery Orchestra, National Philharmonic, Post Classical Ensemble, and Wolf Trap Orchestra. A highly respected chamber musician, she has performed in Italy at the Spoleto Festival and locally at the Lyceum, Kennedy Center, and Strathmore Hall. She maintains an active cello studio in Rockville, MD.

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