



## CHORAL SOCIETY OF THE HAMPTONS HIGH NOTES SUMMER 2016

**BEETHOVEN AND BOND...** Now practicing for our June 25 summer concert, which features Beethoven's "Mass in C Major" and Victoria Bond's "The Reluctant Moses." The Choral Society commissioned "The Reluctant Moses" for its 70th anniversary from the renowned American composer and conductor Victoria Bond. CSH director David Brandenburg writes that "Moses is a dramatic musical narrative addressing the "why me" dilemma of leadership thrust upon the Old Testament's Moses, and all leaders. The text, from the Old Testament and sung in English, recounts the story of God's charge that Moses lead his people out of Egypt, expressed by the chorus, and Moses' questioning and self-doubt, portrayed by a bass soloist and a double bass. The style of the composition is tonal, with coloristic orchestral writing in a conservative contemporary vein. As one critic has written about Ms. Bond's music, "her consummate musicianship serves to enrich a musical language that is beautifully crafted and deeply expressive." The work ends with a fugue based on the Ten Commandments."

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT...** We will be having a benefit wine and dessert reception under a tent on the lawn of the Old Whaler's Church immediately following the concert. Meet the composer, soloists and conductor, and enjoy wines by Channing Daughters Winery. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 day of the concert, and \$30 to CSH members (in advance).

### ***WOODHOUSE PLAYHOUSE to host fall benefit.***

Planning is underway for a super fund-raising soirée on September 24 in East Hampton, the first time in years that a major benefit is not being held the same day as our summer concert. The party will be in the Woodhouse Playhouse, an East Hampton showplace that can be described as an Elizabethan banquet hall. We had a very successful party there 10 years ago, and hope to do so again.

Cocktails, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, beautiful music, and a chance to see the Playhouse should bring a good crowd -- and much-needed revenue. You are welcome to attend a committee meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, June 3, before the rehearsal if you would like to help.



# *Pot Luck Garden Dinner*

*Just for the fun of getting together.  
We'll eat, drink and sing.  
This will be an opportunity to socialize,  
and share music together.*

**Monday, June 27th - 6:00pm**

*In the Gardens of Marcia Previti & Peter Gumpel*

**230 Old Stone Highway  
East Hampton**

*Please bring one of the following:*

**Main Course - Side Dish - Salad - Dessert**

*& a beverage to share:*

**Wine - Soft Drink - Seltzer**

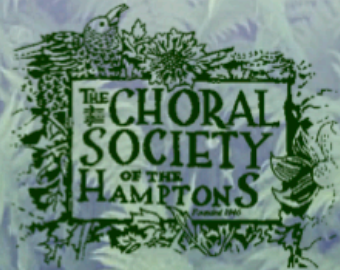
**RSVP to Leslie Lowery**

***lesliej3@optonline.net***

**Let us know if you can volunteer for clean-up**

**No Rain Date**

***Call Leslie Lowery if the weather is questionable  
(631) 603-8661***



## ***SPRING CELEBRATION WITH BACH AND FAURE***

Our beautiful spring concert, on the first day of spring reached a capacity crowd of 354 at the East Hampton Presbyterian Church, with sales by choristers accounting for more than half of the revenue. The audience and the press reacted with enthusiasm, with the East Hampton Star stating “The Choral Society deserves praise for bringing the music of Bach and Fauré so vividly to life in a celebration of spring, Easter, and new life in all its forms!” Conductor Mark Magnini commented that it was among the best he has conducted with the CSH.



## ***CHORISTERS IN ACTION***

Jane Hastay and Peter Weiss will perform this summer at the Rams Head Inn, on Shelter Island, every Sunday from 6-9:30 pm beginning May 29. They will be joined by John Ludlow sax, Baron Lewis trumpet, John Cataletto drums, and special guest vocalists. Check out <http://www.theramsheadinn.com/calendar-specials/> for complete information.

**Shelter Island Friends of Music** will present Paul Galbraith, classical guitarist on June 4<sup>th</sup>. For details visit [facebook.com/SIFMconcerts](https://www.facebook.com/SIFMconcerts).

### WELCOME FAMILIAR FACES!

Lynn Mendelman and Jane Schmitz have re-joined the Choral Society after years away! Lynn is a soprano, and daughter of Sylvia Mendelman. She is a native East Hamptonite and manages the family marinas at Three Mile Harbor. She's "glad to be back singing." Jane is a returning alto, who has been away for ten years! Now back in Amagansett, she's also happy to be back with the group.

### UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Christmas 2016 will feature Mozart's Missa Brevis in F.

**Help Wanted on June 25<sup>th</sup>** : Volunteers who probably are not singers to help set things up in the tent and sit at the entry way to check reservations, etc.

<http://choralsocietyofthehamptons.org>

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