### Annual Report 2015



45TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON





### Looking back on the

LETTER
FROM THE
CHAIRMAN
AND
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

The Chamber Music Society enjoyed a highly successful 45th Anniversary season of distinguished artistic achievement and continued growth in its activities. CMS presented 54 concerts in Alice Tully Hall, the Kaplan Penthouse, and the Rose Studio, winning high critical praise. The Chamber Music Society's international, multigenerational roster of chamber music artists performed over 100 works from the Baroque period to the present, among them premieres of seven new CMS co-commissions by Derek Bermel, Perry Goldstein, Helen Grime, David Philip Hefti, Lowell Liebermann, Shulamit Ran, and Sheila Silver. CMS

awarded the Elise L. Stoeger Prize of \$25,000 to Thomas Larcher for his achievements in the field of chamber music composition.

The heart of the season, the Winter Festival: Intimate Expressions, presented works which epitomize the dialogue, introspection, and musical exchange of chamber music. The centerpiece of the festival was Schubert's Winterreise, performed by sensational baritone Christian Gerhaher. The CMS Baroque Festival brought listeners the ever-gleaming delights of the Brandenburg Concertos and other Baroque gems. The innovative Drumming program showcased the limitless possibilities of percussion in chamber music.

Another unforgettable highlight was the Romantic Piano Quartets concert performed by CMS Artistic Co-Directors David Finckel (cello) and Wu Han (piano), joined by violinist Daniel Hope and violist Paul Neubauer, recorded live in Alice Tully Hall and released on the prestigious Deutsche Grammophon label. The season closed with performances of works by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Lowell Liebermann performed by the Emerson String Quartet, violist Paul Neubauer, and cellist Colin Carr.

CMS provided many avenues to chamber music for listeners of all ages in New York and across the globe, through expanded touring





### 2014-15 season

performances and residencies; free or subsidized ticket programs for children, students, and young adults; digital and broadcast media; and a wide range of education programs for listeners at all levels of musical knowledge. CMS live-streamed 37 events and offered a 52-week radio series, a weekly internet radio series, and over 200 videos, accessible from the CMS website or free mobile app. CMS video recorded its concerts in Alice Tully Hall for the first time, complementing the audio archive of all CMS performances since 1969, for the benefit of future listeners, students, and teachers. After rigorous auditions, CMS selected two new ensembles, the Calidore

String Quartet and the Schumann Quartet, for the highly competitive CMS Two residency for exceptional young musicians in the early stages of their careers; they begin their residency in 2016-17. Due to a highly successful Spring Gala and Annual Fund, increased ticket sales, and careful management of expenses, CMS ended the season in sound financial health.

We thank our Artistic Directors, musicians, and staff for the excellence of our 45th Anniversary season, and we extend our deepest gratitude to our Board, loyal friends and supporters for making the accomplishments of 2014-15 possible.



James P. O'Shaughnessy CHAIRMAN



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### 2014-15 Artists

### ARTISTS OF THE SEASON

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Arnaud Sussmann, VIOLIN Areta Zhulla, VIOLIN\* Lawrence Dutton, VIOLA Lily Francis, VIOLA Mark Holloway, VIOLA Pierre Lapointe, VIOLA Matthew Lipman, VIOLA Paul Neubauer, VIOLA Richard O'Neill, VIOLA Nicholas Canellakis, CELLO Colin Carr, CELLO Patrick Demenga, CELLO Thomas Demenga, CELLO Timothy Eddy, CELLO David Finckel, CELLO Gary Hoffman, CELLO Jakob Koranyi, CELLO Mihai Marica, CELLO\* Sophie Shao, CELLO Jan Vogler, CELLO Paul Watkins, CELLO Joseph Conyers, DOUBLE BASS Anthony Manzo, DOUBLE BASS

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David Southorn, VIOLIN
Wei-Yang Andy Lin, VIOLA
Mihai Marica, CELLO

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Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen,
VIOLIN
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Julia Pilant, HORN
Radovan Vlatković, HORN
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Christopher Froh, PERCUSSION
Ayano Kataoka, PERCUSSION

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Philip Setzer, VIOLIN
Lawrence Dutton, VIOLA
Paul Watkins, CELLO

PACIFICA QUARTET
Simin Ganatra, VIOLIN
Sibbi Bernhardssohn, VIOLIN
Masumi Per Rostad, VIOLA
Brandon Vamos, CELLO

SITKOVETSKY TRIO Wu Qian, PIANO Alexander Sitkovetsky, VIOLIN Leonard Elschenbroich, CELLO

# Report the Season

THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
ACHIEVED HIGH RECOGNITION
FOR ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE
FOR PERFORMANCES OF
OVER 150 WORKS BY ITS
INTERGENERATIONAL,
INTERNATIONAL ROSTER OF
119 CHAMBER MUSIC ARTISTS.









### MOZART PIANO CONCERTOS

CMS opened its 45th Anniversary season with a joyous celebration of Mozart performed by pianist Alessio Bax and a stellar cast of CMS artists. The evening's festive mood was further heightened by the presentation of the CMS Award for Extraordinary Service to Chamber Music to Charles Wadsworth, Founder and Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society for its first 20 years.



### THE PACIFICA QUARTET

This highly regarded ensemble, which has grown steadily in stature since completing its CMS Two young artist residency in 2005, performed a wide-ranging program, from Haydn to a new CMS co-commission by Shulamit Ran, written for them. Ms. Ran's work, *Glitter, Doom, Shards, Memory,* Quartet No. 3 for Strings, drew such an enthusiastic response that the ensemble gave an encore of the work's second movement. The composer discussed her work in a pre-concert chat.

### SHOSTAKOVICH REFLECTED

Shostakovich's Seven Romances on Poems of Alexander Blok, a rarely-performed work celebrating longtime musical friendships, was performed by renowned soprano Dina Kuznetsova, with CMS musicians Gilbert Kalish (piano), Yura Lee (violin), and Jakob Koranyi (cello). This work was paired with other hauntingly evocative works by Sibelius and Debussy. Music critic Philip Gardner wrote that the concert "again left me searching for adjectives (superlatives, really) to describe the level of music-making by the participating artists" (Oberon's Grove, November 23, 2014).



CMS presented a rich array of works from the treasure trove of the Baroque period, including the much-loved *Brandenburg Concertos*, Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, and many lesser-known gems. This season's festival offered an intriguing *Baroque Remix* program with rare arrangements for accordion, harp, and strings, performed by cellists Patrick and Thomas Demenga, accordionist Luka Juhart, and a host of brilliant CMS artists.

### DRUMMING

This inventive program presented Steve Reich's *Drumming*, Part I for Percussion Quartet and works by John Cage, Conlon Nancarrow, Béla Bartók, and others, performed by percussionists Victor Caccese, Christopher Froh, Ayano Kataoka, and Ian David Rosenbaum, and pianist Gilbert Kalish. *New York Times* critic Vivien Schweitzer wrote that this concert placed "a visually and sonically compelling spotlight on an instrument family infrequently given center stage by major institutions for a whole program" and described the concert as "really cool" *(The New York Times, February 4, 2015)*.















### ORION STRING QUARTET AND FRIENDS

This ensemble, known and loved as the Chamber Music Society's quartet in residence for over 25 years, was joined by two esteemed collaborators, violinist/violist Ida Kavafian and flutist Tara Helen O'Connor for a program that included Beethoven's sparkling Serenade in D major for Flute, Violin, and Viola, Op. 25 and Mozart's commanding Quintet in D major for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Cello, K. 593.



### ROMANTIC PIANO QUARTETS

CMS Artistic Co-Directors cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han joined forces with violinist Daniel Hope and violist Paul Neubauer to give what classical music critic Corinna da Fonseca-Wollheim (*The New York Times,* March 2, 2015) called a "performance of deep tenderness" of quartets by Mahler, Schumann, and Brahms, which was recorded live and released on the prestigious Deutsche Grammophon label.

### WINTER FESTIVAL: INTIMATE EXPRESSIONS

CMS presented six concerts (4 in Alice Tully Hall and 2 in the Rose Studio) of works that epitomize the dialogue, introspection, and musical exchange of chamber music. The centerpiece of the festival was Schubert's *Winterreise*, performed by the sensational baritone Christian Gerhaher, accompanied by pianist Gerold Huber. In another festival highlight, the Escher String Quartet performed Sibelius's *Voces Intimae*, the inspirational core of the festival, along with masterworks by Berg and Schubert.

### BEETHOVEN AND LIGETI

Pianist Jeremy Denk presented a program pairing works by two composers noted for their dynamism, originality, and indomitable will to conquer hardships. Following Mr. Denk's introduction to the works, he and an accomplished cast of CMS artists performed Beethoven's sparkling Quintet in E-flat major for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn, and Piano, Op. 16; Ligeti's Trio for Violin, Horn, and Piano, "Hommage à Brahms;" and Beethoven's final piano trio, the "Archduke," which stands at the apex of the genre.

### MOZART, LIEBERMANN, AND TCHAIKOVSKY

The Emerson String Quartet, violist Paul Neubauer, and cellist Colin Carr brought the season to a resounding close with Mozart's delightful Quintet in E-flat for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Cello, K. 614 and Tchaikovsky's Sextet for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Two Cellos, Op. 70, "Souvenir de Florence." The Emerson also gave the New York premiere of Lowell Liebermann's String Quartet No. 5, a CMS cocommission which the composer wrote for the guartet.











### Rosse Studio Concerts

### AND LATE NIGHT ROSE

**IN THE INTIMATE** Rose Studio, artists and listeners share a musical experience reminiscent of the home concerts where chamber music first flourished. This series of five concerts presents traditional repertoire twice each evening: at 6:30 P.M. with concert seating and at 9:00 P.M. with café-style seating, a complimentary glass of wine, and an engaging musical host.

Rose Studio and Late Night Rose concerts showcase the musicians of CMS Two, the competitive three-year residency for exceptional young artists, who perform with longtime CMS musicians, such as pianist Gilbert Kalish, cellist Timothy Eddy, oboist Stephen Taylor, and others.

Among the many highlights of the 2014-15 series was the Danish String Quartet's "searing performance" of Debussy's Quartet in G minor, Op. 10 (*The New York Times*, November 20, 2014). In the same concert, pianist Gilles Vonsattel joined the Danish in a rare performance of Louis Vierne's Quintet for Piano, Two Violins, Viola, and Cello (Op. 42).

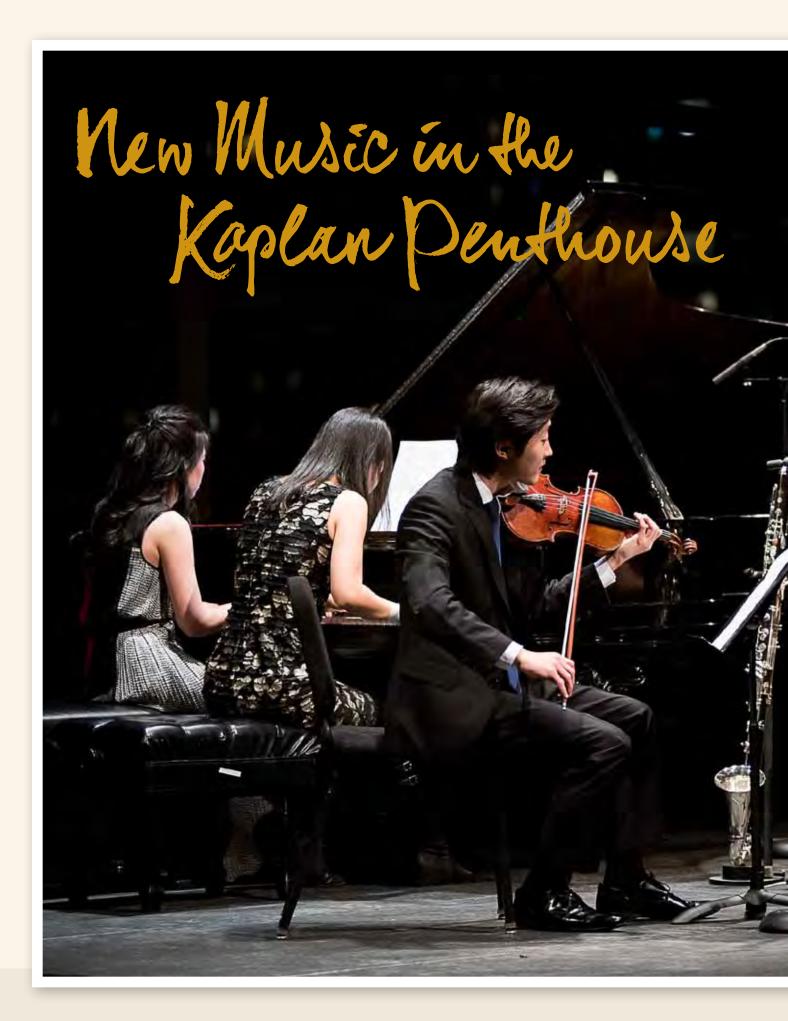




### LATE NIGHT ROSE

Watch a performance by the Danish String Quartet at http://ow.ly/4mHGR7







**THIS FOUR-CONCERT SERIES** presented a colorful palette of innovative works by more than 20 contemporary composers spanning several generations and cultures, performed by CMS artists whose enthusiasm and virtuosity gave these new works their highest musical expression.

Audiences heard compositions of varied instrumentation, from composer-cellist Thomas Demenga's works for solo and duo cello to Guillaume Connesson's *Techno-parade* for Flute, Clarinet, and Piano to Paul Lansky's *Hop* for Violin and Marimba, among many others.

CMS premiered CMS co-commissions by Derek Bermel and David Philip Hefti. Listeners also heard what *New York Times* critic Corinna da Fonseca-Wollheim called "a bravura performance" of Leon Kirchner's Trio No. 1 for Piano, Violin, and Cello by pianist Gilles Vonsattel, violinist Arnaud Sussmann, and cellist Nicholas Canellakis.



### The Art of the Recetal



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THE ART OF THE RECITAL, a series of three artist-curated concerts in the Rose Studio, enjoyed its second sold-out season. Pianist Gilbert Kalish presented works written for him by George Crumb, Perry Goldstein, and Sheila Silver (the latter two were CMS co-commissions). Renowned cellist Gary Hoffman and pianist David Selig presented an all-French program. Pianist-composer Jean-Frédéric Neuburger and violinist Nicolas Dautricourt gave the world premiere of Mr. Neuburger's new work, *Poème*, and performed cherished works for violin and piano. All three recitals were streamed live and for the following 24 hours to a global audience, enabling listeners who could not attend in person to enjoy the performances.



NICHOLAS DAUTRICOURT AND JEAN-FRÉDÉRIC NEUBURGER

Watch a selection from this performance at http://ow.ly/4mHHIW

## CMS Town

**CMS ACHIEVED NEW MILESTONES** in 2014-15: the organization's first tour to China (with performances in Beijing and Shanghai), its first summer residency at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, a new annual residency at the Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, SUNY, and a filming of CMS' annual residency at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, captured by Live From Lincoln Center (LFLC) for future broadcast on PBS' *Live From Lincoln Center* series. This was the first time in its history that LFLC filmed one of the Lincoln Center constituents in performance outside of New York.

In addition, CMS gave concerts in London's prestigious Wigmore Hall, at the LG Arts Center in Seoul, Korea as part of its partnership with the LG Chamber Music School, and in Calgary and Toronto, Canada as part of its North American touring program. Fourteen CMS Board members and Patrons joined artistic directors David Finckel and Wu Han, violinist Sean Lee, and violinist/violist Arnaud Sussmann on a fall trip to Prague with sightseeing and performances throughout the city including the Lobkowicz palaces and Dvořák's home. For the sixth year in a row, CMS partnered with Travel Dynamics and took 24 CMS Board members and Patrons on a spring cruise from Rome to Lisbon. David Finckel, Wu Han, violinist Arnaud Sussmann and violist Matthew Lipman performed four concerts at beautiful venues in Seville, Granada, and Portugal. In all, CMS gave 75 touring performances in 37 cities; held nine residencies; and gave CMS' second free concert in Central Park.

Educational activities are integral to CMS' touring activities: CMS artists gave master classes, pre- and post-concert chats, and/or open rehearsals of CMS concert programs for students and audiences in a variety of cities, including the Harris Theater, Chicago; the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs; the University of Georgia, Athens; Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, SUNY; Friends of Chamber Music, Denver; and others.











### CMS Media

In 2014-15, CMS continued to expand its media activities, bringing CMS performances, artist interviews, and educational events to a growing worldwide audience. From 2013-14 to 2014-15, viewership of CMS live-streaming doubled; estimated minutes of CMS videos viewed on the CMS YouTube channel rose by 31%; unique users of the CMS website increased by 17%; and the CMS radio series of 52 programs per year, broadcast and streamed to millions of listeners on over 300 frequencies nationwide, expanded internationally.

CMS performances were also heard on American Public Media's Performance Today program, as well as a weekly CMS streaming radio series from the CMS website. CMS video recorded its Alice Tully Hall concerts for the first time in 2014-15, complementing the audio recording of all CMS concerts since 1969 for the benefit of future audiences, students, and musicians. CMS produced 37 live-streamed events, a broad range of 82 videos including performance segments, artist interviews, previews, lectures, and master classes. Two recordings were released, including the public release of a *Schumann & Mendelssohn* CD which *BBC Music Magazine* initially distributed exclusively to its 41,000 monthly subscribers, and a live-recorded *Romantic Piano Quartets* concert on the Deutsche Grammophon label. CMS maintains a lively and growing presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Watch a 2015 Media Overview Video at http:// ow.ly/4mHHu0

### CHAMBER MUSIC FOR

### Young Adults

Our Young Adult programs (the CMS Now membership, which provides reduced ticket prices and invitations to special events and Chamber Music 360, a subscription package of three tickets for \$60 for music lovers ages 21-39) grew and evolved in 2014-15. CMS Now members and their guests enjoyed a successful gallery concert and were invited to mingle with CMS artists, board members, patrons, and audience members at special events throughout the season. CMS participated in a wider Lincoln Center effort to embrace young adults and attract young patrons, specifically the Cocktails + Culture event on April 15, 2015 at the Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse, co-hosted by Chelsea Clinton and Bryce Dessner. Based on input from the CMS Young Audience Council, a group of young adults who provide opinions and suggestions for bringing chamber music to their peers, CMS initiated a Young Patrons program, to begin in 2015-16, which offers young adults the opportunity to become philanthropists early in life — in particular, to support young audiences and artists.





### Education

CMS SERVED OVER 10,000 NEW YORKERS
IN 2014-15 WITH A BROAD RANGE OF
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR LISTENERS
OF ALL AGES, FROM NEW YORK CITY
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### CHAMBER MUSIC BEGINNINGS

The Chamber Music Beginnings program provided 3,494 children in grades 3-5 with a solid base of musical knowledge, in alignment with the NYC Blueprint for the Arts, including classroom instruction and concerts in classrooms and professional performing arts spaces. In 2015, CMS began performing the Queens concerts in Flushing Town Hall, which received very positive feedback, and continued performing the Manhattan concerts in Merkin Concert Hall. CMS also gave a Chamber Music Beginnings concert at Casita Maria in the Bronx.

### MEET THE MUSIC!

Meet the Music! family concerts enjoyed another highly successful season. These entertaining, educational concerts conceived, written, and hosted by CMS Director of Family Programs Bruce Adolphe, with performances by Mr. Adolphe and CMS artists, delighted listeners of all ages. A pre-concert Instrument Petting Zoo in the lobby of Alice Tully Hall enabled curious children to "try" classical instruments under the guidance of CMS musicians. For each concert, 60 tickets were set aside for underserved families. CMS also brought Meet the Music! to Princeton, NJ.















### YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT

Watch the performance at http://ow.ly/4mJvQe





### YOUNG MUSICIANS, YOUNG ENSEMBLES, AND MUSIC UP CLOSE!

The *Young Musicians* program for high school students and *Young Ensembles* program for middle school students provided professional coachings, leading to student concerts in Alice Tully Hall and the Rose Studio. Both concerts were video recorded and archived on the CMS website; the Rose Studio concert was also live-streamed. Middle school and high school students attended *Music Up Close!* open rehearsals, where they observed a working rehearsal, followed by Q&A with the artists.

### LG CHAMBER MUSIC SCHOOL

CMS hosted 30 LG Chamber Music School students from Korea for a week of chamber music coaching from CMS artists, culminating in a concert that was live-streamed to their families and peers in South Korea.

### STUDENT PRODUCERS

Student Producers, high school students from tri-state area schools, met bi-weekly with CMS staff and learned the inner workings of an arts institution. In 2014-15, the students produced three pre-concert events for their peers at Alice Tully Hall.

### **CMS TWO**

Following a rigorous audition process, CMS selected two new ensembles for the highly regarded CMS Two program for exceptional young musicians in the early stages of their careers. The new ensembles, the Calidore String Quartet and the Schumann Quartet, will begin their three-year residency at CMS in 2016-17. CMS Two musicians are fully integrated into all CMS activities.

### INSIDE CHAMBER MUSIC

In the *Inside Chamber Music* series, CMS Resident Lecturer Bruce Adolphe revealed the underlying structures and devices that composers use to write master works performed during the season. Mr. Adolphe explored Classical masterpieces by Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert in four fall lectures and treasured Romantic works by Brahms and Schumann in four spring lectures. CMS artists performed in all eight lectures, which were live-streamed and recorded for viewing by the public on the CMS website.

### MASTER CLASSES

CMS presented six *Master Classes* for conservatory students, taught by Arnaud Sussmann (violin), Peter Kolkay (bassoon), Gilbert Kalish (piano), Paul Watkins (cello), Cho-Liang Lin (violin), and Jason Vieaux (guitar). These classes, held in the Rose Studio, were attended by live audiences and were also live-streamed and archived on the CMS website as an educational resource.

### PRE-CONCERT LECTURE AND CONVERSATIONS

Musician and educator Michael Parloff gave a pre-concert lecture on the season's centerpiece, Schubert's *Winterreise*. Audiences also enjoyed pre-concert conversations with composers Shulamit Ran and Lowell Liebermann, whose works were featured during the season, and with percussionists who performed in the *Drumming* concert of February 3, 2015.

### BUILDING A CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM: A TEACHER'S GUIDE

The CMS educational publication *Building a Chamber Music Program: A Teacher's Guide*, was released in January, 2015, and CMS began to explore ways to increase awareness of this resource and help teachers in the tri-state area to begin chamber music programs at their schools.











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**THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** hosted Spring Gala at Alice Tully Hall on Monday, April 20, 2015 and honored Reynold Levy, the driving force behind the transformation of our home, Alice Tully Hall.

The evening included a cocktail reception, silent auction, a Piano, Four Hands performance of the music of Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Gershwin with Artists Emanuel Ax, Alessio Bax, Joseph Kalichstein, Anne-Marie McDermott, Gilles Vonsattel, Wu Han, and David Shifrin.







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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Certified Public Accountants

To The Board of Directors of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Inc. One Battery Park Plaza New York, NY 10004-1405 Tel: (212) 661 - 7777 Fax: (212) 661 - 4010

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Inc. as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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December 1, 2015

#### **Statements of Financial Position**

#### Assets

	June 30		
	2015	2014	
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,346,753	\$ 1,608,282	
Due from sale of limited partnerships	2,952,851	115,106	
Contributions receivable	250,134	162,760	
Bequest receivable	4,000,000	-	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	312,782	274,751	
Total current assets	8,862,520	2,160,899	
Contributions receivable, net of current portion	114,287	66,088	
Property and equipment, net of accumulated			
depreciation and amortization	6,327,235	6,687,920	
Investments, at fair value	34,519,823	36,884,648	
Total assets	\$ 49,823,865	<u>\$ 45,799,555</u>	
Liabilities and Net Asse	ts		
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable, taxes payable and accrued expenses	\$ 839,613	\$ 498,341	
Advance box office receipts	910,912	799,545	
Total current liabilities	1,750,525	1,297,886	
Net assets			
Unrestricted			
Operating	809,441	762,316	
Other	<u>17,528,458</u>		
Total unrestricted	18,337,899	14,456,816	
Temporarily restricted	12,990,041	13,299,453	
Permanently restricted	16,745,400		
Total net assets	48,073,340	44,501,669	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 49,823,865	\$ 45,799,555	

#### **Statements of Activities** Year Ended June 30, 2015

(with Summarized Comparative Information for the year ended June 30, 2014)

	]	Unrestricted	stricted	
	Operating	Other	Total	
Support and revenue	Activities of the second second			
Contributions and bequest	\$ 2,113,743	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 6,213,743	
Donated services	9,157	· · ·	9,157	
Box office receipts	1,493,370	-	1,493,370	
Touring	999,197	_	999,197	
Long-term investment return	,		,	
designated for current operations	1,535,128	_	1,535,128	
Long-term investment return in excess	, ,		, ,	
(deficiency) of spending rate	-	(127,520)	(127,520)	
Other investment return	34,242	15	34,257	
Gain on sale of property and equipment		-	, <u>-</u>	
Rent, royalties and miscellaneous	63,257	_	63,257	
Benefits	1,194,113	_	1,194,113	
Less: Direct benefits expenses	(174,315)	-	(174,315)	
Sub-total Sub-total	7,267,892	3,972,495	11,240,387	
Net assets released from restrictions	295,244	212,498	507,742	
Total support and revenue	7,563,136	4,184,993	11,748,129	
Expenses				
Program services				
Performances	3,636,581	337,058	3,973,639	
Touring	1,055,991	14,451	1,070,442	
Education	553,061	38,706	591,767	
Commissioning new music	26,633	-	26,633	
Recording-production/distribution	520,532	95,409	615,941	
Stoeger Prize for composers	, 	10,922	10,922	
Total program services	5,792,798	496,546	6,289,344	
Supporting services				
Management and general	777,674	19,569	797,243	
Fundraising	735,539	44,920	780,459	
Total supporting services	1,513,213	64,489	1,577,702	
Total expenses	7,306,011	561,035	7,867,046	
Increase (decrease) in net assets				
before interfund transfer	257,125	3,623,958	3,881,083	
Interfund transfer	(210,000)	210,000	} -	
Increase (decrease) in net assets	47,125	3,833,958	3,881,083	
Net assets, beginning of year	762,316	13,694,500	14,456,816	
Net assets, end of year	\$ 809,441	<u>\$ 17,528,458</u>	\$ 18,337,899	

Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2015 <u>Total</u>	2014 Total
\$ 582,214	\$ -	\$ 6,795,957	\$ 2,210,347
, -	_	9,157	86,072
-		1,493,370	1,286,620
-	-	999,197	735,280
-	-	1,535,128	1,493,961
(383,884)	-	(511,404)	2,679,826
-	-	34,257	65,341
-	-	-	67,025
-	-	63,257	62,806
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-	-	1,070,442 591,767	818,593 570,225
	<u>-</u>	26,633	34,915
_	·	615,941	454,743
_		10,922	25,000
		6,289,344	5,469,928
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-	-	797,243	788,717
<u>-</u>		780,459	656,372
		1,577,702	1,445,089
-		7,867,046	6,915,017
(309,412)	_	3,571,671	2,708,147
<u> </u>			
(309,412)	_	3,571,671	2,708,147
13,299,453	16,745,400	44,501,669	41,793,522
<u>\$ 12,990,041</u>	<u>\$ 16,745,400</u>	\$ 48,073,340	\$ 44,501,669

#### Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Unrestricted						
		Operating_		<u>Other</u>		Total	
Support and revenue							
Contributions	\$	1,735,103	\$	34,203	\$	1,769,306	
Donated services		86,072		-		86,072	
Box office receipts		1,286,620		_		1,286,620	
Touring		735,280		-		735,280	
Long-term investment return							
designated for current operations		1,493,961		-		1,493,961	
Long-term investment return in excess		,					
of spending rate		-		720,853		720,853	
Other investment return		65,157		184		65,341	
Gain on sale of property and equipment		-		67,025		67,025	
Rent, royalties and miscellaneous		62,806		_		62,806	
Benefits		1,176,621		_		1,176,621	
Less: Direct benefits expenses		(240,735)	-		-	(240,735)	
Sub-total		6,400,885		822,265		7,223,150	
Net assets released from restrictions	****	70,000		201,233		271,233	
Total support and revenue		6,470,885	-	1,023,498		7,494,383	
Expenses							
Program services							
Performances		3,244,466		321,986		3,566,452	
Touring		803,741		14,852		818,593	
Education		528,108		42,117		570,225	
Commissioning new music		34,915		-		34,915	
Recording-production/distribution		360,057		94,686		454,743	
Stoeger Prize for composers		-		25,000	<u></u>	25,000	
Total program services		4,971,287	***************************************	498,641		5,469,928	
Supporting services							
Management and general		772,465		16,252		788,717	
Fundraising		624,500		31,872		656,372	
Total supporting services		1,396,965		48,124		1,445,089	
Total expenses		6,368,252		546,765		6,915,017	
Increase in net assets		102,633		476,733		579,366	
Net assets, beginning of year	-	659,683		13,217,767		13,877,450	
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$</u> _	762,316	<u>\$</u>	13,694,500	<u>\$</u>	14,456,816	

Temporarily Restricted		anently tricted	2014 Total	
\$ 441,041	\$	_	\$	2,210,347
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<u>-</u>		_		1,286,620
-		-		735,280
-		-		1,493,961
1,958,973		-		2,679,826
-		· _		65,341
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				6,915,017
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<u>\$ 13,299,453</u>	<u>\$ 16.</u>	745,400	<u>\$</u>	44,501,669

# Statements of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2015 (with Summarized Comparative Information for year ended June 30, 2014)

	Program Services				
	Performances	Touring	Education	Commissioning New Music	Recording- Production/ <u>Distribution</u>
Salaries and benefits	\$1,271,690	\$ 201,746	\$ 237,961	\$ -	\$ 207,091
Artists' fees	534,100	711,825	104,175	26,244	-
Travel	139,039	94,590	40,505	-	
Marketing and promotion	463,486	6,060	566	-	55,409
Box office	40,863	_	-	-	-
Hall rental and labor	746,218	-	101,978	-	40,000
Music purchase and rental	3,993	835	80	-	-
Programs, brochures and inserts	131,510	1,256	20,412	-	-
Professional fees	41,716	12,493	8,750	-	174,559
Dues, conferences, subscriptions	-	2,750	894	-	
Catering and hospitality	9,048	4,535	6,895		_
Supporting services	-	_	-	-	-
Honorariums and music awards	790	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Messengers, postage, mailing	45,670	295	6,077	-	-
Software	-	-	<u>-</u>	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture, equipment and maintenan	ce 3,924	-	-	-	3,343
Stoeger prize	_	-	-	-	. <b>-</b>
Depreciation and amortization	337,058	14,451	38,706	-	95,409
Rose Studio maintenance	141,323	6,906	12,475	-	16,723
Tuning and other production	47,953	7,053	11,387	-	23,407
CDs, materials, and reference	801	-	80	-	-
Office supplies and miscellaneous	<u>14,457</u>	5,647	<u>826</u>	389	
Total functional expenses	\$3,973,639	\$1,070,442	<u>\$ 591,767</u>	<u>\$ 26,633</u>	\$ 615,941

20	015						2014
			Suj	pporting Service	ces		
	eger rize	Total	Management and General	Fund- Raising	<u>Total</u>	Total	_ Total
\$	-	\$1,918,488	\$ 363,493	\$ 525,217	\$ 888,710	\$2,807,198	\$2,541,504
	-	1,376,344	6,000	12,750	18,750	1,395,094	1,128,231
	-	274,134	9,360	1,441	10,801	284,935	282,646
		525,521	-	_	-	525,521	532,412
	-	40,863	-	-	-	40,863	31,540
	_	888,196	-	15,668	15,668	903,864	622,247
	-	4,908	-		-	4,908	3,661
	-	153,178	-	8,238	8,238	161,416	154,703
	-	237,518	103,931	3,263	107,194	344,712	325,418
	-	3,644	9,146	1,518	10,664	14,308	7,705
	-	20,478	38,793	93,490	132,283	152,761	137,607
	-	-	26,512	-	26,512	26,512	29,094
	_	790	-	-	-	790	17,044
	-	-	47,828	-	47,828	47,828	37,782
	_	52,042	5,761	4,890	10,651	62,693	60,072
	-	-	68,502	-	68,502	68,502	49,271
	-	-	24,207	-	24,207	24,207	21,653
	-	7,267	11,618	-	11,618	18,885	25,241
	10,922	10,922	<b>-</b> .	-	_	10,922	25,000
	-	485,624	18,581	44,920	63,501	549,125	521,221
	-	177,427	14,562	35,885	50,447	227,874	192,524
	_	89,800	-	-	-	89,800	83,695
	-	881	7,541	17,095	24,636	25,517	22,870
	-	21,319	41,408	16,084	57,492	78,811	61,876
<u>\$</u>	10,922	\$6,289,344	<u>\$ 797,243</u>	\$ 780,459	<u>\$1,577,702</u>	<u>\$7,867,046</u>	<u>\$6,915,017</u>

#### Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Program Services				
	<u>Performances</u>	Touring	Education	Commissioning New Music	
Salaries and benefits	\$1,200,693	\$ 168,096	\$ 230,768	\$ -	
Artists' fees	481,850	495,850	102,910	34,871	
Travel	147,108	112,265	7,724	-	
Marketing and promotion	485,553	7,328	6,750	-	
Box office	31,540	-	-		
Hall rental and labor	471,634		102,850	-	
Music purchase and rental	3,385	216	60	-	
Programs, brochures and inserts	126,743	-	20,645	••	
Professional fees	59,358	1,634	9,350	-	
Dues, conferences, subscriptions	-	1,375	284	-	
Catering and hospitality	9,632	98	7,732	•	
Supporting services	-	-	-	-	
Honorariums and music awards	17,044	-	-	-	
Insurance	-	-		-	
Messengers, postage, mailing	37,471	575	8,582	-	
Software	-	-	-	_	
Telephone	-	-	-	-	
Furniture, equipment and maintenance	6,040	-	-	-	
Stoeger prize	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation and amortization	321,986	14,852	42,117	<u>-</u>	
Rose Studio maintenance	115,950	7,318	16,595	•••	
Tuning and other production	42,496	7,622	13,396	-	
CDs, materials, and reference	595	-	86	_	
Office supplies and miscellaneous	7,374	1,364	376	44	
Total functional expenses	\$3,566,452	<u>\$ 818,593</u>	<u>\$ 570,225</u>	<u>\$ 34,915</u>	

2014

			Supporting Services			
Recording- Production/ <u>Distribution</u>	Stoeger Prize	Total	Management and General	Fund- Raising	Total	<u>Total</u>
\$ 177,593	\$ -	\$1,777,150	\$ 353,053	\$ 411,301	\$ 764,354	\$2,541,504
3,750	-	1,119,231	750	8,250	9,000	1,128,231
-	-	267,097	13,839	1,710	15,549	282,646
32,781	_	532,412	-	-	, -	532,412
-	_	31,540	-	-	-	31,540
36,750	_	611,234	_	11,013	11,013	622,247
-	-	3,661	-	-	-	3,661
-	-	147,388	-	7,315	7,315	154,703
73,333	<del>-</del> ;	143,675	141,211	40,532	181,743	325,418
	_	1,659	4,356	1,690	6,046	7,705
-	_	17,462	37,633	82,512	120,145	137,607
-	-	-	29,094	-	29,094	29,094
-	-	17,044	-	-	-	17,044
-	-	-	37,782	-	37,782	37,782
-	_	46,628	8,269	5,175	13,444	60,072
-		-	49,271	-	49,271	49,271
-	-	-	21,653	-	21,653	21,653
2,413	-	8,453	16,788	-	16,788	25,241
-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
94,686	-	473,641	15,708	31,872	47,580	521,221
13,531	-	153,394	12,911	26,219	39,130	192,524
19,906	-	83,420	-	275	275	83,695
-	-	681	7,153	15,036	22,189	22,870
	_	9,158	39,246	13,472	52,718	61,876
<u>\$ 454,743</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$5,469,928</u>	<u>\$ 788,717</u>	\$ 656,372	<u>\$1,445,089</u>	\$6,915,017

#### **Statements of Cash Flows**

	Years Ended June 30		
	2015	2014	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Increase in net assets	\$ 3,571,671	\$ 2,708,147	
Adjustments to reconcile increase in			
net assets to net cash (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization	549,125	521,221	
(Gain) on sale of property and equipment	-	(67,025)	
Donated stock	(177,518)	(348,312)	
Proceeds from sale of donated stock	177,518	348,312	
Net realized and unrealized (gain)			
on long-term investments	(866,894)	(4,191,054)	
(Increase) decrease in assets			
Contributions receivable	(135,573)	(71,604)	
Bequest receivable	(4,000,000)	-	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(38,031)	593	
Increase (decrease) in liabilities			
Accounts payable, taxes payable			
and accrued expenses	341,272	(469,948)	
Advance box office receipts	111,367	<u>126,052</u>	
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(467,063)	_(1,443,618)	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments	15,140,934	9,003,387	
Purchase of investments	(11,909,215)	(6,569,401)	
Due from sale of limited partnerships	(2,837,745)	(115,106)	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	-	108,000	
Purchases of property and equipment	(188,440)	(474,141)	
Net cash provided by investing activities	205,534	1,952,739	
Net increase (decrease) in cash			
and cash equivalents	(261,529)	509,121	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,608,282	1,099,161	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,346,753	<u>\$ 1,608,282</u>	

#### Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2015

#### Note 1 – Organization and summary of significant accounting policies

#### Nature of organization

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Inc. (the "Society") seeks to stimulate and support the production, performance, and composition of chamber music through live concerts (local and tours), education, maintenance of a music library, and commissioning new works.

#### Net asset classifications

The Society reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted.

- Unrestricted net assets are not restricted by donors, or the donor-imposed restrictions have been fulfilled. As reflected in the accompanying statement of financial position, the Society has designated unrestricted net assets to operating and other unrestricted net assets. The operating net assets consist primarily of ongoing activities of the Society. At the Society's year-end of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the balance of operating net assets consists of the historical cumulative increase in net assets.
- Temporarily restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that permit the Society to use or expend the assets as specified. The restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by action of the Society.
- Permanently restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that stipulate the principal be maintained permanently, but permit the Society to use, or expend part or all of the investment return derived from the donated assets for either specified or unspecified purposes.

#### Interfund Transfer

During 2015, the Board of Directors approved an interfund transfer of \$210,000 from the unrestricted operating fund to the unrestricted other fund.

#### Contributions

Unconditional promises to contribute are recognized as revenue at their fair value.

The Society records contributions and investment return as temporarily restricted if they are received with donor stipulations that limit their use, either through purpose or time restrictions and those stipulations have not been fulfilled. When donor restrictions are fulfilled in subsequent years, that is, when a purpose restriction is met or a time restriction ends, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions and investment return received with donor stipulations that limit their uses, which are fulfilled in the same reporting period, are recorded as unrestricted contributions and investment return.

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 1 – Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Contributions (continued)

The Society is a beneficiary under various wills and trust agreements, the total realizable amounts of which are not presently determinable. Bequests are recorded as revenue when a legally binding obligation is received and when a fair value can reasonably be determined.

#### **Bequest**

In April 2015, the Society received notification that it had been named as the beneficiary of the Jane W. Kitselman Living Trust of an unrestricted bequest of \$4 million. Payment of the legacy was received in August 2015. In recognition of her gift, the Society plans to dedicate the performances of the forthcoming Beethoven String Quartet cycles to her, and to dedicate a concert to her for every year thereafter.

#### Donated services

The Society receives in-kind goods and services that are used in support of its activities. The goods and services are recorded at the fair value based on what it would have cost the Society if purchased independently. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, the Society received donated legal services totaling \$9,157 and \$86,072, respectively, which are reflected as donated services and a corresponding expense in the statements of functional expenses. The Society has volunteers who provide periodic administrative support to the subscriptions and development department. In addition, the Society receives in-kind services rendered by other volunteers including Board members who have donated significant amounts of their time to the Society's activities. These services do not meet the criteria for recognition under the accounting standards and accordingly, have not been reflected in the financial statements.

#### Cash equivalents

The Society considers all liquid financial instruments purchased with original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 1 – Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Fair value of financial instruments

Investments in equities are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Unrealized gains and losses are determined using quoted market prices at the respective statement of financial position dates. Realized gains and losses from sales of securities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or by law. Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. The Society also invests in limited partnerships. The value of the limited partnerships, which is adjusted for unrealized gains and losses, is based upon the most recent available information provided by management of the limited partnerships. There is uncertainty in determining fair value of limited partnerships arising from factors such as lack of active markets (primary and secondary), lack of transparency into underlying holdings, time lags associated with reporting by the investee companies, and the subjective evaluation of liquidity restrictions. As a result, the estimated fair values reported in the accompanying statement of financial position might differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the limited partnerships' interest existed. Furthermore, there is at least a reasonable possibility that estimates will change by material amounts in the near term.

#### Fair value measurements

Fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted market prices and the lowest priority to unobservable data. Fair value measurements are required to be separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices of similar assets; quoted prices in markets with insufficient volume or infrequent transactions (less active markets).
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs to the valuation methodology that are significant to the measurement of fair value of assets.

#### Allowance for doubtful accounts

The Society has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not required for any grants or contributions that may not be collectible. Such estimate is based on management's experience, the aging of the receivables, subsequent receipts and current economic conditions.

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 1 – Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are capitalized at cost and depreciated and amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The Society capitalizes expenditures for assets in excess of a nominal amount with an estimated useful life of greater than one year.

Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as temporarily restricted support. It is the Society's policy to imply a time restriction, based on the assets' estimated useful lives, on donations of property and equipment that are not restricted as to their use by the donor. Accordingly, these donations are recorded as temporarily restricted support. The Society reclassifies temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets each year for the amount of the donated property and equipment's depreciation expense.

During the 2014 fiscal year, property and equipment with a net book value of \$40,975 was sold for \$108,000, resulting in a gain on sale of \$67,025. There was no such sale during the 2015 fiscal year.

#### Advertising costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and amounted to \$362,055 and \$389,715 in the 2015 and 2014 fiscal years, respectively.

#### Functional classification of expenses

The costs of providing program and supporting services have been summarized in the accompanying statement of activities. Program services include costs of performances, touring, educational, broadcasting, recording, and commissioning of new chamber music. Management and general expenses include executive and financial administration, and an allocable portion of building maintenance and security.

Fundraising activities of the Society includes salaries and employee benefits of program staff who develop proposals for fundraising; solicit contributions for those needs and for endowment purposes from individuals, corporations, government agencies and foundations; and conduct special fundraising events. Fundraising costs are expensed as incurred.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 1 – Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Concentrations of credit risk

The Society's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash, cash equivalents, investments, contributions and grants receivable and other receivables. The Society places its cash and cash equivalents with what it believes to be quality financial institutions. At times, bank balances exceed the FDIC insurance limit. However, the Society has not experienced any losses in these bank balances to date. The Society's investments consist of debt obligations, equities and limited partnerships. Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility, liquidity and credit. Due to the level of uncertainty related to the foregoing risks, it is reasonably possible that changes in these risks could materially affect the fair value of the investments reported in the statement of financial position at June 30, 2015. The Society routinely assesses the financial strength of its cash, cash equivalents and investment portfolio. Management of the Society monitors the collectibility of contributions and grants receivable and other receivables. As a consequence, management believes that concentrations of credit risk are limited.

#### Subsequent events

The Society has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 1, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Note 2 – Contributions receivable

Contributions receivable as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 are as follows:

	2015	2014
2015	\$ -	\$ 162,760
2016	250,134	33,573
2017	81,850	32,515
2018	32,437	
Total	364,421	228,848
Less current portion	(250,134)	(162,760)
Contributions receivable,		
net of current portion	\$ 114,287	\$ 66,088

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 3 – Investments

Investments as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

	20	15	2014		
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	
Equities and other	\$ 3,879,474	\$ 3,889,194	\$ 4,716,889	\$ 4,850,935	
Investments in limited					
partnerships and other*					
U.S. equities	3,700,000	10,234,950	3,200,000	8,603,200	
International equities**	1,800,000	6,902,122	-	5,156,758	
Fixed income	2,300,000	2,522,501	2,200,000	5,695,996	
Multi-strategy	6,244,929	8,465,917	5,872,484	8,137,105	
Private equity and					
other	1,283,049	2,505,139	2,741,226	4,440,654	
Total long-term					
investments	\$ 19,207,452	\$ 34,519,823	\$ 18,730,599	\$ 36,884,648	

<sup>\*</sup> Interest in oil/gas leases is reflected at their donated value.

The Society invests in limited partnerships that invest in stocks, bonds, options, and other financial instruments. The investment objectives are to preserve capital and provide a satisfactory return with an effort to maintain a low risk profile, through various hedging strategies.

During June 2015, the Society redeemed its interest in two limited partnerships totaling \$2,952,851. As of June 30, 2015, these amounts had not been received and are reflected as due from sale of limited partnerships on the statements of financial position. Approximately \$2,124,000 of these funds were received by the Society as of December 1, 2015.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The 2014 cost basis is zero because the Society has redeemed its original investment from the limited partnership.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 3 – Investments (continued)

The following table presents the Society's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Fair value measurements at June 30, 2015					
<u>Description</u>	Total Level 1		Level 2	Level 3		
Equities and other Limited partnerships and	\$ 3,889,194	\$ 3,889,194	\$ -	\$ -		
other:						
U.S. equities	10,234,950	-	8,391,802	1,843,148		
International equities	6,902,122	-	6,902,122	-		
Fixed income	2,522,501	-	2,522,501	-		
Multi-strategy	8,465,917	-	6,049,235	2,416,682		
Private equity and other	2,505,139	_		2,505,139		
Total investments	\$ 34,519,823	\$ 3,889,194	\$ 23,865,660	\$ 6,764,969		

•	Fair value measurements at June 30, 2014					
<u>Description</u>	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Equities and other	\$ 4,850,935	\$ 4,850,935	\$ -	\$		
Limited partnerships and						
other:						
U.S. equities	8,603,200	-	7,557,908	1,045,292		
International equities	5,156,758	-	5,156,758	-		
Fixed income	5,695,996	_	3,220,842	2,475,154		
Multi-strategy	8,137,105	-	4,766,808	3,370,297		
Private equity and other	4,440,654			4,440,654		
Total investments	\$ 36,884,648	\$ 4,850,935	\$ 20,702,316	\$ 11,331,397		

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 3 - Investments (continued)

The following is a summary of changes in the fair value of the Society's Level 3 investments for the years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014:

				Private	
	U.S. <u>Equities</u>	Fixed Income	Multi- Strategy	Equity and Other	Total
Balance, July 1, 2013 Transfers out	<u>\$</u>	\$ 2,207,232	\$ 4,680,212 (1,145,777)	\$ 4,906,807 (1,555,566)	\$\frac{11,794,251}{(2,701,343)}
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	45,292	267,922	(164,138)	699,534	848,610
Purchases	1,000,000			389,879	1,389,879
Balance, June 30, 2014	1,045,292	2,475,154	3,370,297	4,440,654	11,331,397
Transfers out	-	(2,475,154)	(927,555)	(2,132,692)	(5,535,401)
Net realized and					
unrealized gain (loss)	297,856	-	(26,060)	(67,012)	204,784
Purchases	500,000	-		264,189	764,189
Balance, June 30, 2015	\$ 1,843,148	\$	\$ 2,416,682	\$ 2,505,139	\$ 6,764,969

The Society uses NAV, or its equivalent, to determine the fair value of all the underlying investments which: (a) do not have a readily determinable fair value and (b) prepare their financial statements consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company or have the attributes of an investment company. The following table lists such investments by major class:

Strategies of Limited Partnerships	Notice	Redemption Frequency	Next Withdrawal Date	
U.S. Equities - 2	2 funds with 60 days	Quarterly	12/31/2015	
International Equities - 2	1 fund with 10 days	Monthly	12/31/2015	
	1 fund with 90 days	Annual	12/31/2015	
Fixed Income - 2	1 fund 65 days	Semi-annual	5/31/2016	
	1 fund 90 days	Quarterly	12/31/2015	
Multi-strategy - 5	2 funds with 60 days	Quarterly	12/31/2015	
	1 fund with 65 days	Quarterly	12/31/2015	
	2 funds with 90 days	Quarterly	12/31/2015	
Private Equity and other- 4	Capital is returned by each partnership over its contractual life.			

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 3 – Investments (continued)

#### Level 3 valuation technique

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

Fair value measurements allows for the use of a practical expedient for the estimation of the fair value of investments in investment companies for which the investment does not have a readily determinable fair value. The practical expedient used by the Society to value private investments is the Net Asset Value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent. Valuations provided by fund administrators consider variables such as the financial performance of underlying investments, recent sales prices of underlying investments and other pertinent information. The Society reviews valuations and assumptions provided by fund administrators for reasonableness and believes that the carrying amounts of these financial instruments are reasonable estimates of fair value.

The preceding methods described for the limited partnerships and similar type investments may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Society believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2015 were as follows:

,		Temporarily	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	Total
Dividends and interest	\$ 236,863	\$ -	\$ 236,863
Royalties from oil/gas leases	33,446	-	33,446
Net realized and unrealized gain	1,250,778	(383,884)	866,894
Net return on long-term			
investments	1,521,087	(383,884)	1,137,203
Interest on short-term investments	<u>561</u>		<u>561</u>
Net return on investments	1,521,648	(383,884)	1,137,764
Less: Amounts designated			
for current operations			
Long-term investment return	(1,535,128)	-	(1,535,128)
Other investment return	(34,257)	-	(34,257)
Investment advisory fees	(76,412)	-	(76,412)
Unrelated business income taxes	(3,371)	-	(3,371)
Long-term investment return	•		
(deficiency) after deduction of			
amounts designated for current			
operations	<u>\$ (127,520)</u>	\$ (383,884)	<u>\$ (511,404)</u>

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 4 – Property and equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014:

	Useful		
	Life	2015	2014
Furniture, pianos and equipment	5-20 years	\$1,588,485	\$1,484,377
Rose Building: interior	20 years	2,596,635	2,550,139
Rose Building: core and shell	20-40 years	2,640,765	2,602,929
Alice Tully Hall leasehold improvements			
and other improvements	3-30 years	5,158,176	5,158,176
Sub-total		11,984,061	11,795,621
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		5,937,473	5,388,348
Sub-total		6,046,588	6,407,273
Land		280,647	280,647
Total		\$6,327,235	<u>\$6,687,920</u>

#### Note 5 – Commitments

The Society entered into various commitments for compositions, hall rentals, and artists' contracts. As of June 30, 2015 the following is a summary of the annual future commitments:

Fiscal year	Amount
2016	\$2,311,675

During May 2009, the Society entered into a Constituency Agreement with Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. ("LCPA") for space in the newly-renovated Alice Tully Hall. The term of this agreement is 25 years from the date of inception. During this term, both parties agree to fully perform all of their obligations under the lease, except to the extent that such obligations have been modified. Under this agreement, the Society has agreed to pay certain rental and administrative fees, as well as its pro-rata share of any deficit and capital renewals and renovations, which may result from the yearly operation of Alice Tully Hall. The Society's share of the cost of the 2015 deficit was \$172,689 and its share of the surplus in fiscal year 2014 amounted to \$25,074.

The Society is a party to the Final Participants Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated May 19, 1987. As a part of the Agreement, the Society has a proprietary lease agreement with the LCPA for its occupancy in the Rose Building. The lease continues through December 31, 2085, at which time the Society has the option to renew. Under the agreement, the Society is obligated to pay its share of the costs of operating the building. Such costs totaled \$170,042 and \$155,842 in the 2015 and 2014 fiscal years, respectively.

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 6 – Pension and retirement plans

#### Multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan

The Society participates in a multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan maintained by LCPA along with certain of its Constituents, which covers substantially all full-time non-union employees. Employers' contributions to the plan are commingled and available to pay the benefits of all plan participants. For fiscal years 2015 and 2014, the Society contributed \$35,508 and \$86,700, respectively, to the nonunion pension plan, although no contributions were required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

#### Multiple-employer defined contribution plan

The Society also participates in a non-contributory multiple-employer defined contribution plan maintained by Lincoln Center. Employees can contribute to the Plan in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code. The Society did not contribute to the Plan for the 2015 or 2014 fiscal years, respectively.

#### Note 7 – Net assets

The Society reports its restricted net assets in accordance with accounting standards topic 958 – Endowments. The Society follows the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA), the provisions of which apply to endowment funds existing on or established after the date it was enacted.

The Society's endowment consists of several individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and a fund designated by the Board of Directors. The Society acts prudently when making decisions to spend or accumulate donor restricted endowment assets and in doing so to consider a number of factors including the duration and preservation of its donor restricted endowment funds. The Society classifies as permanently restricted net assets the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment. The portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as unrestricted and temporarily restricted net assets based on donor stipulations. The Society has adopted the policy that investment return generated from permanently restricted funds is to be recorded as temporarily restricted until such time as appropriated by the Board of Directors.

In order to provide seed funding for the Society to undertake, in a responsible and sustainable way, select new projects which provide special innovation and growth possibilities, the Society's Board approved establishing a "Fund for Innovation and Growth" of \$800,000. In establishing the Fund, the Board set forth a rigorous process for identifying projects and deploying funds, including review and approval by the Executive Committee and approval by the Board, and the requirement that each project become self-sustaining after three years.

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) June 30, 2015

#### Note 7 – Net assets (continued)

#### Measure of operations

The Society's measure of operations is its operating results from revenues and expenses that are an integral part of its programs and supporting activities. The measure of operations includes investment return equal to \$1,535,128 and \$1,493,961 for fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively, as determined by a spending rate policy of 4.5% in 2015 and 2014 of a twelve-quarter rolling average of the fair value of the endowment. The Society compares the twelve-quarter rolling average to a twenty-quarter rolling average to ensure compliance with NYPMIFA. The measure of operations excludes investment return in excess of that amount, bequests in excess of \$25,000 unless approved otherwise by the Board or unrestricted net assets that are board designated, depreciation on property and equipment, investment expenses, unrelated business income taxes and expenses related to the Stoeger Prize.

The following is a summary of the temporarily restricted net assets as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015:

			and	F	Released from	Balance June 30, 2015
\$	2,358,038	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 2,358,038
	1,081,084		582,214		(496,820)	1,166,478
	161,703		12,042		(10,922)	162,823
	9,698,628		(395,926)			9,302,702
<u>\$</u> _	13,299,453	\$	198,330	\$	(507,742)	\$12,990,041
	\$	\$ 2,358,038 1,081,084 161,703	Balance June 30, Ir 2014  \$ 2,358,038 \$  1,081,084 161,703  9,698,628	June 30,	Balance and R June 30, Investment 2014 Return Re  \$ 2,358,038 \$ - \$  1,081,084 582,214 161,703 12,042  9,698,628 (395,926)	Balance       and       Released from from Restrictions         2014       Return       Restrictions         \$ 2,358,038       -       \$ -         1,081,084       582,214       (496,820)         161,703       12,042       (10,922)         9,698,628       (395,926)       -

The Society may expend the restricted net assets for program activities shown in the first line above, subject to certain conditions, including there being an extraordinary need and meeting certain matching gift requirements.

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#### Note 7 - Net assets (continued)

The Society's investment policy is structured in order to ensure that the future growth of the endowment is sufficient to offset normal inflation plus reasonable spending; to preserve the constant dollar value and purchasing power of the endowment for future generations; and to preserve the principal of operating cash and reserves while producing market-level income. In addition, this policy outlines appropriate risk and return objectives, offers asset allocation guidelines, describes suitable investments, and defines the responsibilities of the Finance Committee and any investment consultant with respect to the investment of the Society's assets.

Permanently restricted net assets as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 consisted of the following endowment funds:

	2015	2014
A combination of new productions, new performances, tours, educational or audience outreach programs	\$ 9,432,151	\$ 9,432,151
Chairs	1,729,494	1,729,494
Stoeger Prize for composers	445,692	445,692
Media	500,000	500,000
Taplin commissioning	461,054	461,054
Rose building maintenance	118,731	118,731
General	4,058,278	4,058,278
Total permanently restricted net assets	\$ 16,745,400	\$ 16,745,400

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, there were no restricted or designated funds with deficiencies.

#### Note 8 - Tax status

The Society is exempt from federal income tax under Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). In addition, the Society has been classified by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization, which is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a)(1) of the Code. The Society qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction by donors. Certain of the Society's investment income constitute unrelated business income. As of June 30, 2015, no amounts have been recognized for uncertain income tax positions. The Society's tax returns for the 2012 fiscal year and forward are subject to the usual review by the appropriate authorities.

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