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**Chesapeake Chamber Music Spring Events**

**Chesapeake Chamber Music Gala: Rhapsody in Blue!**

**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

**Concert: 6 p.m., Avalon Theatre, Easton, MD**

**Cocktails, Dinner, Silent Auction: 7 p.m., Tidewater Inn, Easton, MD**

The concert will feature Adam Birnbaum, prize-winning young jazz pianist who has worked with artists as diverse as Greg Osby, Al Foster, Eddie Henderson, Carl Allen, and Wynton Marsalis. He will perform excerpts from Rhapsody in Blue as well as other Gershwin favorites. Top female jazz vocalist Carolyn Leonhart, who has worked as lead back-up vocalist with Steely Dan, will also perform. Following the concert at the Avalon Theatre, a sumptuous gala awaits across the street at the Tidewater Inn, featuring the best of the bay with selections guaranteed to tickle your taste buds. The Gala, generously underwritten by Wye Financial and Trust, benefits the free and subsidized tickets provided during the annual two-week CCM Festival each June, free community concerts-in-the-street, YouthReach, and the free violin programs, First Strings and Presto! for grade school students. Tickets for the concert and gala are \$175.00 each. For further information or to purchase tickets visit the website [ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org](http://ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org), or call the CCM office at 410-819-0380.

**Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition**

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

**Concert: Begins at 1 p.m., Avalon Theatre in Easton, MD**

The Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition is a competition for young professional chamber music ensembles. Four to six finalists are chosen to compete in concert performances at the Avalon Theatre on March 31, 2012. The following day each finalist will perform an individual concert at other local venues. The Gold Medalist will be further honored with additional concerts, including an appearance at the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival in June 2012. Begun in 2004, the Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition has rapidly grown to become a notable international event. Recent Competitions have drawn applicants from the United States, Canada, Russia, France, Germany, Italy, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. For further information visit the website [ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org](http://ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org), or call the CCM office at 410-819-0380.

### **Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival**

**June 3-17, 2012**

The 27th annual Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival will provide two weeks of beautiful chamber music in Easton and other Mid Shore locations. The Festival is guided by Artistic Directors J. Lawrie Bloom, Principal Clarinet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Marcy Rosen, founding member of the world-renowned Mendelssohn String Quartet. For further information visit [ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org](http://ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org) or call 410-819-0380.

**Photo #1: Pictured is Adam Birnbaum, renowned jazz pianist who will perform at this year's Chesapeake Chamber Music Gala: Rhapsody in Blue! on March 3, 2012 at 6 p.m.**

**Photo#2: Top female jazz vocalist Carolyn Leonhart, who has worked as lead back-up vocalist with Steely Dan, will also perform at this year's Chesapeake Chamber Music Gala: Rhapsody in Blue!**