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David Russell Meets with Area School Students

Grammy award-winning guitarist David Russell entranced the students of the Jefferson School in Georgetown on Friday, February 22 with an informal recital and Q & A session. 100 students grades K thru 8 attended along with their teachers and more than a few parents. Russell's delightful mini-concert that afternoon was followed by a lively Q&A that included many incisive questions and could have continued seemingly forever had time not run out. Mr. Russell followed the Jefferson School appearance with an outreach concert and talk that evening at the Lewes Public Library. In his Coastal Concerts' featured appearance the next afternoon Saturday, the 23rd, Russell played to a near sell-out crowd at Bethel UMC Hall in Lewes.

Pianist Orion Weiss began his Friday, March 15 outreach at Cape Henlopen High School with a short excerpt from his upcoming concert. After which he conducted a master class for three of the school's students: freshman, Marcus Gromfsky, sophomore, Elena Louvis, and senior, Lee Hoffmann. The energy and grace with which he conveyed his considerable expert criticism was clear to all observers and reinforced the positive effect his analysis and advice had on the students. The next evening, Saturday, Weiss followed up the Friday class with his concert for another near-sellout audience preceded by a talk illuminating the music on the program. Cape High music teachers Chris Burkhart, Band Director, and Marian Sunnergren, Choral Director, were instrumental in producing Orion Weiss's Master Class.

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The next and final concert of Coastal Concerts 20th Anniversary Season is the Wild Card on April 13 performed by the supremely talented, genre-bending string threesome, Time for Three. Tickets are \$25, with free admission to each youngster 18 and under and an accompanying adult. Discounted tickets are available at \$10 for students 19 and older, and for active duty and retired career military personnel. Valid IDs are required for student and military discounts. For additional information about Coastal Concerts, this season's remaining concert, volunteer opportunities, and to

purchase tickets, visit www.coastalconcerts.org or call 1-888-212-6458.

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Above left: Grammy award winning guitarist David Russell in an outreach at the Jefferson School, Feb 22. Photo: Jody E. Stein



Above right: Pianist Orion Weiss in a March 22 outreach Master Class at Cape High with students Elena Louvis, Lee Hoffmann, and Marcus Gromfsky. Photo: Carol Dennis



Above left: Pianist Orion Weiss in a Master Class critique with Cape High sophomore Elena Louvis. Photo: Carol Dennis



Above right: Pianist Orion Weiss in a Master Class critique with Cape High freshman Marcus Gromfsky. Photo: Don Matzkin



Above: Pianist Orion Weiss in a Master Class critique with Cape High senior Lee Hoffmann. Photo: Don Matzkin

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