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Nancy Cochran
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When you join the Lamont Society, your donation is pooled with those of your fellow members to support the Lamont School of Music. Under the able guidance of Director Nancy Cochran, these funds help to bring in world-class musicians for recitals and master classes, purchase specialty instruments, and send students to music academies and competitions. As a result of this support, you are privileged to see and hear, first hand, the effects of your generosity. Equally important, you will frequently have the opportunity to meet, and be sincerely thanked by, the young men and women who are beneficiaries of your participation. This connection between Lamont Society members and students in the School of Music is one of the features that make our work so meaningful.

Steve Johnson
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I have had the immense privilege of pursuing performance degrees in both organ and violin at Lamont. I would like to thank you all for your continuous support and words of encouragement. I have been blessed so many times by your enthusiasm for music—it is always a post-performance highlight to see your smiling faces!

Josiah Hamill, violin (BM,’16), performing at Showcase Lamont

Thank you for encouraging us to strive toward our dreams and for being loving audiences for our performances. Those few uplifting words you say to us can really make a difference not just in our day, or even week, but potentially our careers. We all love you!

Victoria Minton, soprano, (BM,’17), performing in the Lamont Chorale
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**Lamont Society 2015-2016**

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**Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7:30pm, Hamilton Recital Hall**

**Recital - Matthew Plenk, tenor**  After wrapping up his eighth season at the Metropolitan Opera, Matthew joins the Lamont faculty. This season, he will return to Kansas City and St. Louis, performing Don Ottavio (Don Giovanni) and Macduff (Macbeth). He will also appear with the Chicago Symphony at the Ravinia Festival, Minnesota Orchestra and at Carnegie Hall with the Oratorio Society of New York.

**Thursday, January 28, 2016, 7:30pm, Hamilton Recital Hall**

**Recital - Matthew Zalkind, cello**  Joining our faculty, Matthew is a native of the West, an international award winner and a former member of the acclaimed Harlem String Quartet. A Juilliard graduate, he won distinction as the top-ranked American and one of the final eight concerto semi-finalists in the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

**Thursday, February 18, 2016, 5:00pm, Hamilton Recital Hall**

**Backstage Lamont – Ian Wisekal, The Secret Life of a Double Reed Player**  Oh, what double reed players go through to be able to perform on their instruments. Ian, a Lamont oboe faculty member, takes you on a journey exploring the skills, the frustrations, and the humor of reed making.

**Tuesday, April 7, 2016, 5:00pm, Hamilton Recital Hall**

**Backstage Lamont – Opera Wandelprobe with Kenneth Cox**  Lamont Opera Theatre director Kenneth Cox gives you a rare rehearsal glimpse of the spring opera production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s mix of hilarious farce and poignant drama – **Così fan tutte.**

**Tuesday, Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 6:45pm, Newman Center**

**Showcase Lamont**  The season culminates with the premiere black-tie event showcasing our outstanding student performers, a champagne toast, an exclusive concert and a glittering reception. This event always sells out – RSVP as soon as you receive your invitation.
I have greatly appreciated the eagerness and passion of the faculty and their patience in teaching the students. I have also really been blessed by the opportunities I’ve had here and the powerful repertoire I’ve been able to perform, especially Mahler 2, Don Giovanni, Beethoven 9, Oklahoma and South Pacific. Thank you!

**Michael Hewitt,**
baritone, (BM,’15),
performing as Don Giovanni

Being a student at Lamont, I feel so much support from my professors, colleagues and members of the Lamont Society. Knowing that you are in the audience at nearly every performance and truly care about our musical careers gives us the motivation to keep sharing our music with everyone. Thank you!

**Aileen Razey,**
clarinet, (MM,’16),
performing in the Lamont Symphony Orchestra

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