



Beaufort Memorial Hospital Foundation has announced that Bill and Josie Paddock will serve as honorary chairs for its annual Duke Symphony Orchestra concert fundraiser on April 1 at the USCB Center for the Arts.

As longtime supporters of Beaufort Memorial and music lovers, the Paddocks have always enjoyed the concerts.

Bill served on the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for 12 years, half of them as chairman, during which time he saw the hospital grow and expand its services at an impressive pace. He also knows how much the local hospital depends on community support, noting that “this concert is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together for a really good cause.”

For 14 years now, Conductor Harry Davidson has traveled with over 60 Duke students and faculty to perform works of well-known and emerging classical composers. As one of the Foundation’s most popular and successful fundraisers, the annual concert has raised a total of nearly \$285,000 to support BMH’s Healing Arts Program in the Keyserling Cancer Center and other facilities.

“Our audience responded to the opening number with a spontaneous standing ovation the first

time they performed, and they've been a hit every year since," recalls Alice Moss, executive director of the BMH Foundation.

Josie agrees, adding that "the students are incredibly talented and energetic, and the audience is filled with people of all ages just soaking it in."

She attributes this largely to the conductor's personal style.

"He does an amazing job of drawing the audience in as he sets the stage for each new piece. It's fun and interactive, and we always come away with a much deeper appreciation of the music."

Another feature of the evening is the collaboration of the orchestra with the USCB University Chorus directed by Victor Varner. And, after the concert, Patrons have the opportunity to join Davidson and the musicians for a special Conductor's Reception at the historic Lewis Reeve Sams House on Bay Street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Myers.

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The concert is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 pm at the USCB Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$35 in advance. Patron tickets start at \$75 and include premium seating plus an invitation to the post-concert Conductor's Reception. Proceeds benefit Beaufort Memorial Keyserling Cancer Center & Healing Arts Program.

To purchase tickets, visit bmhfoundationsc.org or call (843) 522-5774.