

Report from The Inner Arbor Trust October, 2020

With the advent of the state's entry into Economic Reopening Phase 3, the Trust ,in partnership with the Columbia Orchestra, presented its 1st concert of the year. In keeping with Covid-19 restrictions, the September 26th event was presented twice to capacity crowds of 200 people per performance. Masked, in designated seating pods, 400 people were treated to an enchanting performance of "Carnival of the Animals."

In preparation for the event Trust staff worked with the County, training to maintain social distancing, setting expectations both virtually and with on-site signage, maintaining records of attendees for contract tracing. They also provided hand sanitizing stations and reserve masks, had contactless transactions, no food or beverage service, virtual tickets, and ion air cleaners in the port-a-potties. Attendees were required to sign waivers. Ther performance was also streamed.

The CA pathway is finished, providing a welcoming entrance to the Park from Little Patuxent Parkway. Hopefully the County pathway will be ready for our re-opening in 2021.

The Concept Plan Committee,envisioned by Nina Basu and chaired by Janet Evans, is a raging success and the Trust will present the plan to the CA Board in early November. It's a good plan, utilizing unused areas of the Park, well-balanced with pathways and seating, a prommanade for temporary art exhibits, and multiple gateways into the Park. It's manageable, in scale and scope, with infrastructure that will be easy to maintain. The very inclusive committee, working with a professional group of park planners and architects, is justifiably proud of its work.

We had an update of CA/IAT's request for an injunction on the 2020 Symphony of Lights which is still awaiting the Court's decision. As of this date, IMA has not paid its annual rent.

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