



A Social Event: Evening of Note

Our music is what we live. When we play music by composers like Bach, Mozart and Mahler, I feel as though they live again through our playing.

[-Juan Ramirez, ASO violin](#)

Approximately 40 Patron Partnership members were recently treated to an entertaining discussion and musical presentation by long time ASO violinists, and husband and wife, Carol and Juan Ramirez at the beautiful home of Lana Jordan.

Juan began his violin studies in Mexico when he was eight and toured internationally with the Ballet Folklorico when he was 18. The recipient of numerous music awards, he also composes music and conducts the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra and the Buckhead Youth Orchestra. Juan is known throughout Georgia as a music advocate and educator.

[Carol Ramirez](#) began her violin studies at the age of seven. She grew up in New York state and feels fortunate to have had access to the musical richness of New York City. She has won numerous awards and played with the Boston Pops, and the Boston Ballet and Opera companies before joining the ASO in 1974. Carol and Juan met when they were both performing at Tanglewood. Like her husband, she is an avid music educator. She and Juan are also active chamber musicians and are founding members of The Atlanta Virtuosi. They have performed internationally as members of this group.

At the Evening of Note, Juan entertained the attendees with a classical guitar piece called *Danza Peruana*. Together Carol and Juan performed *Sonata in G major for Two Violins* by Jean-Marie Leclair and a Schumann composition, *Traumerei*, arranged for two violins by Juan. Thank you to Carol and Juan for their beautiful music - and thank you to Lana for sharing her lovely home.