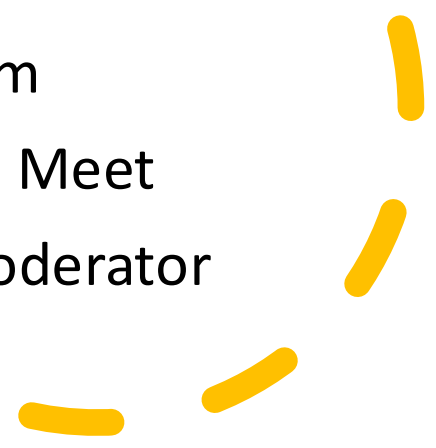




# Foggy Bottom Association March 31, 2026 Meeting

- Welcome!
- Tuesday March 31, 2026 7:00 pm
- West End Public Library/Google Meet
- John George, FBA President, Moderator





# Spring! Foggy Bottom / West End



PLAZA RULES	REGLAS DE PLAZA
YES	SI SE PERMITE
(1) SOCIALIZING	(1) SOCIALIZAR
(2) PETE ON LEASH	(2) MASCOTAS CON CORREA
(3) DRINKING	(3) BEBIDAS
(4) CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT	(4) LOS NIÑOS DEBEN ESTAR ACOMPAÑADOS DE UN ADULTO
NO	NO SE PERMITE
(5) SMOKING	(5) FUMAR
(6) TRESPASSING	(6) TRASPASAR
(7) VANDALISM	(7) VANDALISMO
(8) ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION	(8) INGESTA DE VINO
(9) EXCESSIVE NOISE/LOUD MUSIC	(9) EXCESIVO SONIDO/ALTA FUERTE

# FBA Agenda

- Welcome by John George, FBA President
  - Welcome Lieutenant Taylor
  - FBA Foggy Bottom West End Main Street Update
    - Ben Sislen, Executive Director
  - The George Washington University Update
    - GWU, Kevin Days + Campus Planning Team
  - Special Guest Speakers
    - FBA History Project
      - Denise Vogt
      - Frank Leone
  - FBA Announcements
  - Community Forum – What’s on your mind?
  - Wrap-up
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Welcome  
MPD  
Lt. Kenneth  
Taylor

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FBA's The History  
Project

Denise Vogt

Frank Leone



# The History of 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW

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John and Peter move to  
the neighborhood

1996

Audrey Roll-Priessler,  
former owner of 915  
26th Street, stops by,  
but speaks with the  
contractor as John and  
Peter were at work

2007

2007 - 2008

John and Peter renovate  
the kitchen

2008-2023

A fascinating  
correspondence  
continues between  
John, Peter and Audrey

# History of the owners of 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW

- **Audrey Roll-Preissler-Shapiro**, is a well-known national artist with paintings and sculptures in museums and private collections around the United States.
- **Detlev Preissler** was a German Architect who worked for a Georgetown firm assigned to the building of the Watergate helping to convert metric to imperial for the construction. He rebuilt 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street from a shell in 1959. 917 26<sup>th</sup> Street was not built until the 1970's.
- **Audrey and Detlev** rebuilt (from a shell) and lived at 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW for many years until building a home and moving to Harper's Ferry, WV. They raised 4 children in the house.
- They sold the home to **Gian Bourscheri** (sp?) an Iranian who worked for the World Bank – in the 1970's. (date uncertain)
- At some point, **Grace and Robert H. Walker** purchased the home. Mr. Walker was a professor of English Literature and Director of American Studies at GWU and retired from GWU in 1996 after 37 years.
- **John and Peter** purchased the home from the Walkers in June 1996.

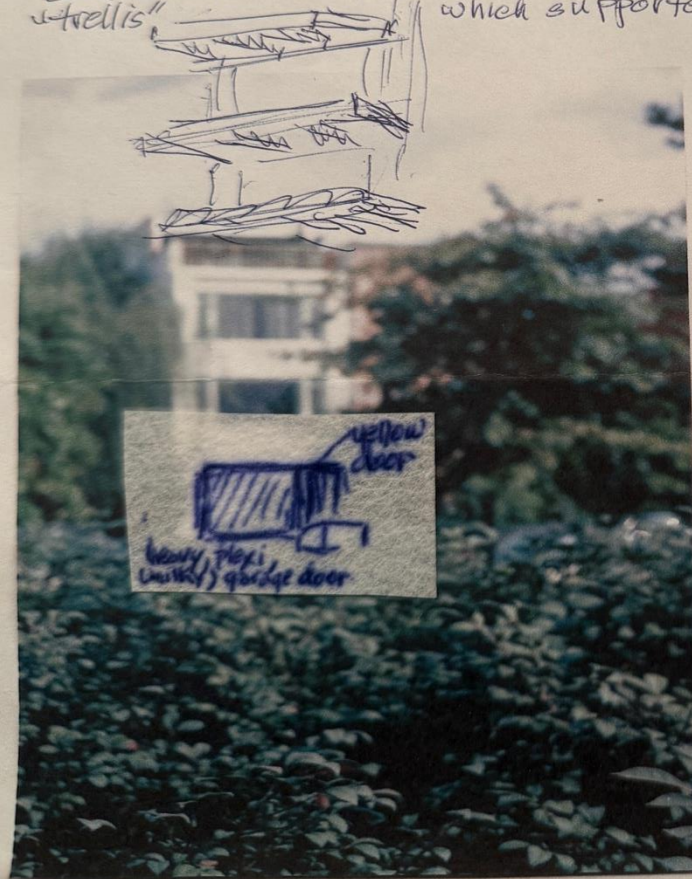
# The History of 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW

The ground level of the home had a "plexiglass" "garage door" that could let light in when closed but could also open so the artist could use the space as a gallery to sell her paintings.

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The overlay below shows a translucent heavy-plexi "garage door" - letting in light while gaining privacy.

There was an empty lot on one side of the bldg. - w an old tree, which supported a tree-house (matched to the home architecturally) In the rear over each window there was a redwood "trellis" which supported grape vines (white grapes).



# The History of 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW



## The History of 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW

Audrey Roll-Priessler painted this in 1963 and was “found” in a Georgetown townhome basement in 2017.

Audrey recalls it was a painting of Senator Kenneth Keating (R-NY, 1959-1965).

JPG is in contact with the current owner.

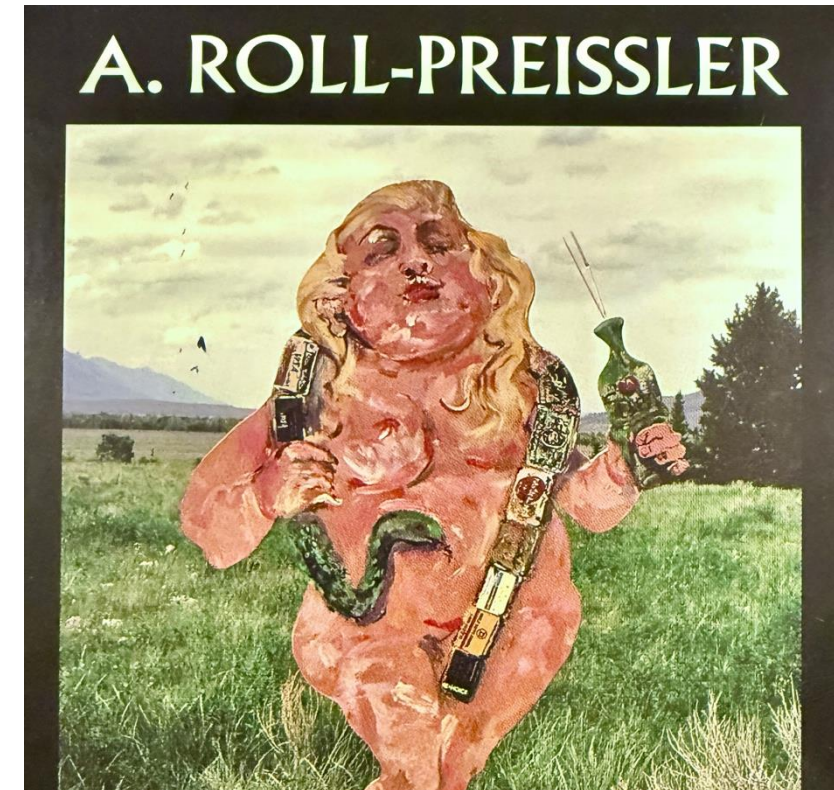




The History of 915  
26<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Artist Works

Audrey Roll-Preissler has many prominent pieces.

- 1. Esther Hobart Morris (WY), permanent collection National Cowgirl Museum;
- 2. Snow King Resort, Jackson, WY
- 3. The Body Politic, Bellingham, WA



# The Washington Post

November 30, 2007

## Music

### Maazel, Fit to Beat the Bland

By ROBERT BAITTEY  
Special to The Washington Post

Lorin Maazel, the grand old man of American conductors, paid a welcome visit to the National Symphony Orchestra last night, though in a rather bland program of Fauré, Elgar and Saint-Saëns.

Now in his late 70s, Maazel is no longer the flamboyant podium dancer he once was. He moves gingerly and has reined in his gestures considerably. But his stature now assures him of the closest attention from orchestras, and he can do more with less. He still employs the same hyper-detailed beat patterns the NSO sees from its present music director, but with more spontaneity and relaxation.

In last night's concert at the Kennedy Center

MUSIC, From C1

Concert Hall, Maazel used only a chamber orchestra for Fauré's "Pelléas et Mélisande" Suite; why I don't know. The lush string textures were both watered-down and treble-heavy — 20 violins vs. seven low strings. On the plus side, Maazel moved the famous "Sicilienne" nicely along, understanding that it is a dance and not a barcarole, and there were some lovely first-chair solos.

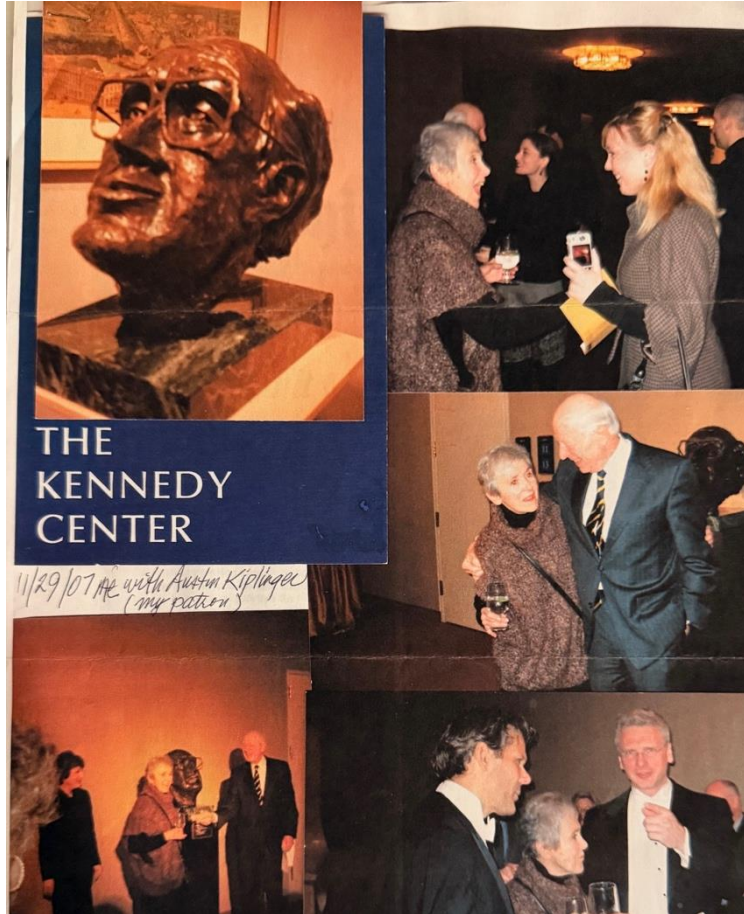
It was fitting that the week's soloist was cellist Han-Na Chang, who became an international sensation after she won the 1994 Rostropovich Cello Competition in Paris at age 11. Slava conducted her debut recording. Last evening, the Kennedy Center installed on the box-tier level a newly created bust of Mstislav Rostropovich by Audrey Roll. It's a wonderful bronze that captures his ebull-



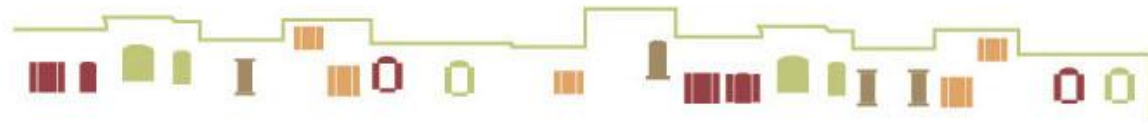
BY LUIS BARBONDO — THE WASHINGTON POST

Slava in bronze: The Kennedy Center unveiled a bust of beloved former NSO conductor Mstislav Rostropovich last night at the Concert Hall.

## The History of 915 26<sup>th</sup> Street NW



On November 29, 2007, Audrey Roll-Preissler's bust of Rostropovich, NSO Conductor was unveiled outside of the Kennedy Center Concert Hall



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FOGGY BOTTOM  
Association


- Foggy Bottom Book Crawl
  - Saturday April 25, 2026
  - Various Venues
- Earth Day Clean-up
  - April – TBD
- Ellie Becker Spring Party
  - May - TBD
- Spring Clean-out (Dumpster Day)
  - May, 2026 - TBD
  - June, 2026 - TBD
- **Refresh of FBA Website underway (GWU Trinity)**
- **Documentation of FBA Procedures underway (GWU Sebastian)**
- **Organizing to Keep the Kennedy Center**
- Petition available to sign (Facebook):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/keepthekc/posts/1614716903186687/>

# FBA Announcements



# FBA Board 2026

- John George, President
  - Richard Wall, Vice President
  - Veronika Viazova Horn, Treasurer
  - Jennifer Galvin, Secretary
  - John Woodard, At-Large
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# Hey Community - What's on Your Mind?

Let's hear from you!



Wrap-up

Next Meeting  
April/May

**Thank you!**

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