



President's Message

Ellen Schneider



The Holidays have arrived! Although you are probably reading this edition in November before the turkey has been roasted, the pressure is on for Holiday Celebrations! We all are looking forward to this coming season to renew our social connections at joyous events that we missed last year.

It was wonderful to see so many Society members at our November luncheon, and we do look forward to many more coming out for our December 3 event at the Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve. The venues have been very accommodating about seating fewer at each table, and I hope we can inch back to our former dynamic programs as we all feel a little more secure with our immunity and the waning pandemic. (Don't forget to check your Treats Guide, too!)

We are still looking for a few people to fill out our Board of Directors. We are an organization that runs on VOLUNTEERS! Without a full Board of Directors, decisions have to be made by a small representation of members! If you would be able to commit a small amount of time, please let me, or one of our officers (listed in your Yearbook), know to discuss your possible role.

It is not too late to participate in our Scholarship Committee! NO musical expertise is necessary to assist with tasks such as organizing applications, registration and helping to maintain the schedule on the days of the auditions. The Scholarship Program is a signature effort of the Society. We are entrusted with the selection process for three external endowed scholarship funds and administer the Society's own Scholarship which are funds from YOUR donations! The program has been on hiatus since 2019 because of the pandemic but see inside for details!

Society members are an important part of the process to select the future music director/maestro of our Orchestra. Don't miss the chance to meet a prospective candidate at one, or all, of the Meet & Greet receptions that precede the Masterworks concerts. The first one is Wednesday, December 8 at the Symphony's Bell Tower Artistic and Operations Center (the former Chico's store). The cost is \$50 per person/per event. Liz Marnul is chairing these events for us. You don't need a concert ticket to attend the reception! See inside (page 4) for future dates.

Wednesday, February 9 is a Society RED LETTER DAY! The Tigers are COMING!!! Be sure your calendar has the date reserved for the Symphony Society's major fundraiser of the year! Bring your friends for a super entertaining evening: The "Year of the Tiger" event will feature delicious pan-Asian foods, and entertainment representing everywhere that tigers are found in the world today! It's at Cape Coral Yacht Club with valet parking included! See inside (page 6) for reservation information!

The Society has a busy season ahead! Be sure to be part of it. May the wonderful sounds of music fill your holiday season and give you joy and happiness in the year ahead.

Ellen



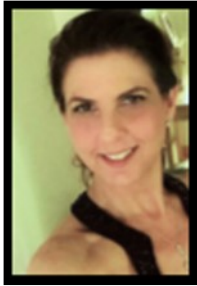
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Executive Director's Message

Amy Ginsburg



We continue to roll with the COVID punches this year; we've had a few date and venue changes to our season, but it hasn't stopped people from attending. As I write this, we're halfway through a successful MiniMasterworks Series and we're on track for a stellar, well attended, opening night Pops Concert, Stayin'

Alive: An Evening of The Bee Gees, on November 20th. Tickets to our Holiday Pops Concerts, A Big Band Christmas featuring singer, Heather Ivy, are selling like hotcakes, so if you haven't gotten yours yet, we encourage you to do so!

Holiday TinyPops dates, times and venues:

Gulf Theater, Punta Gorda
Sunday, December 12th at 4:00pm
Tickets are \$25

Shell Point Village Church, Fort Myers
Monday, December 13th at 7:00pm
Tickets are \$35

First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs
Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00pm
Tickets are \$20

We're also ushering in the holidays at tree lighting events all over Southwest Florida from Naples to Punta Gorda and points in between with string quartets performing festive Christmas favorites.

Last but not least, we welcome our first guest conductor, Vladimir Kulenovic, during the week of December 6th. He'll lead our orchestra during Masterworks 1, featuring locally beloved guest pianist Alexandra Carlson. If you'd like an opportunity to get to know Maestro Kulenovic off the podium, tickets are still available to his welcome reception on Wednesday, December 8th. Masterworks 1 happens on Saturday, December 11th at Barbara B. Mann Hall and Society members are able to purchase tickets for \$25.

As we near the year's end, I reflect back on my eight years with the Southwest Florida Symphony with warmth and delight. You have played an important role in the lives of both of my children, but especially my beautiful daughter's upbringing and you've fostered my growth as a professional. Thank you for being there for us, my orchestra family and personal family, in every way. Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays and a healthy, joyous new year filled with love and great music.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Members

Malloy, Maureen C. (Michael)

Short, Robert & Patricia

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Saturday, February 5th, 2022
Marilyn van Sickle Vocal Competition
Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 16th, 2022
Jillian Prescott Music Awards
*FGCU Bower School of Music
Recital Hall*

To assist the Committee in logistics
or as a judge, please contact Ellen at
symphonysociety@swflso.org
or 239-839-6664

(Want more info? Contact Ellen)



Southwest Florida Symphony Society Luncheon

Friday, December 3, 2021



The Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve

10561 Veneto Drive
Fort Myers FL 33913

Doors open at 11:30
Meeting begins at 12:00

Please pay at Registration Desk
\$25.00 Cash or Check
\$26.00 Charge

Reservation Deadline
Friday, November 26
- the day after Thanksgiving

***** Call 239-666-1230 *****

If you make your reservation after the deadline, you will be put on a wait list and be notified if space becomes available.

Cancellations after the reservation deadline and no shows will be billed. Call Madeline Seefeld to cancel (239-292-9910).

Menu: Green salad, crispy panko-crusted chicken cutlet with artichoke and sun-dried tomato compote and pesto broth, steamed green beans, herb-roasted new potatoes, rolls and butter. Black Forest cake for dessert. Beverages including coffee and tea. A vegetarian option is also available on request when a reservation is made.

Special Drinks: Cash preferred. Surcharge added to charges.

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Directions: **From Colonial and Cleveland** (US 41), go east on Colonial past I-75 to the light at Treeline Ave., about 6 miles. Right on Treeline Ave. Left on Pelican Preserve Blvd., entering the community. Right at 2nd intersection on to Veneto Dr. (opposite the Club at Pelican Preserve). Magnolia Room is at Pelican Preserve Town Center. **From Daniels Rd. and Cleveland** (US 41) go east on Daniels Rd. past I-75 to the light at Treeline Ave., about 5 miles. Left on Treeline Ave. Follow Treeline Ave. for about 4.3 miles. Right onto Pelican Preserve Blvd., entering the community. Right at 2nd intersection on to Veneto Dr. (opposite the Club at Pelican Preserve). Magnolia Room is at Pelican Preserve Town Center.

Esther will be circling the parking lot in her golf cart to provide transportation to the Magnolia Room if you have to park a distance away.

Please have your driver's license ready when you approach the gate house.

Program: Acapelicans from Pelican Preserve will present a program of patriotic and holiday music.

COVID 19 Precautions: Seating will be with 6 people per table. As of November 16, masks are optional at Pelican Preserve.



Thanks to Ruth Messmer Florist and owner Heather Messmer for providing a floral centerpiece for the President's Table each month. After the luncheon, the flowers are taken to a member who needs support and cheering.

Luncheon Collections

At every luncheon we collect used computer ink and toner cartridges which are recycled at the office supply stores for credits towards future purchases for the Symphony office or for the Society directly.



The collection of non-perishable food items for the Harry Chapin Food Bank has ended because of very low participation. You are encouraged to support the Food Bank and other programs to help the hungry through your church or other organizations.

Maestra & Maestros Meet & Greet



The Southwest Florida Symphony's Music Director Search Committee has invited four guest conductors to visit with our orchestra and community as we seek the perfect fit for artistic leadership to guide us into the future. Each visiting conductor will lead a Masterworks Concert during the 2021-2022 season.

We invite you to get to know these exceptional artistic leaders offstage in an intimate setting. The Symphony Society will host a reception for each visiting candidate with complimentary wine and hors d'œuvres, providing our patrons and community with an opportunity to get acquainted with each conductor during his or her week with us.

Reception Dates:

Masterworks 1: Vladimir Kulenovic, Conductor
Reception, December 8, 2021

Masterworks 2: Laura Jackson, Conductor
Reception, January 19, 2022

Masterworks 3: Stephen Mulligan, Conductor
Reception, February 15, 2022

Masterworks 4: Radu Paponiu, Conductor
Reception, April 20, 2022



Reception Location:

The Southwest Florida Symphony's
Artistic & Operations Center at Bell Tower
13499 College Parkway Suite 175,
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Time:

5:30 to 7:00 PM

Reservation Required:

Mail check to: The Symphony Society
7500 College Pkwy. #200,
Ft. Myers, FL 33907
or call 239-887-3314

*Please note the event(s)
numbers on the memo
line of the check.
Please include name
of attendees.*

Cost:

\$50 per person/event

Symphony of Treats

Linda DePardo hosted our first TREAT of the 2021-2022 season, "A Garden Tea Party", on Wednesday, November 10 at the Shangri-La Springs Hotel. There were 15 Society members and guests who enjoyed the event. A guide took the group into the vegetable and fruit gardens where she showed how to pick the tea leaves from the bushes. From there, the group took their leaves into the 'long house' and brewed their tea and enjoyed delicious little bites. A most enjoyable day, thank you Linda.

Next month, December 2, will find 14 guests enjoying a day hosted by Donna Munizzi. She has planned a full day of entertainment for those of us going to the Naples Botanical Gardens. The group will meet at the Publix parking lot at Summerlin and Cypress Lake at 9:45 a.m. and be taken by van to the Naples Botanical Gardens. Included in the activities will be time to wander about the gardens, lunch at DeRoma's in the Promenade at Bonita

Springs and a short time to visit the fresh market at De Romas. Return to Fort Myers will be at approximately 2:30-2:45 p.m. This TREAT is SOLD OUT.

December 15 will find us enjoying our annual evening at Blue Pointe Oyster Bar and Seafood Grill at Bell Tower Shops for a get together with friends to celebrate the opening of the holiday season. Reservations are still available. Sue Wells can be reached at 314-974-4375 or by sending your check (\$45) to her at 16645 Lake Circle Drive - #711, Fort Myers FL 33908-4375. Don't delay!

Wishing all our Symphony friends a lovely Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives.

Your Treats Committee,

Kimie, Sue, and Rosanne



TREAT—A Garden Tea Party November 10, 2021—Shangri-La Springs Hotel

Thank you to Dolly Ross and Jean Nicholson for sharing their pictures.
See a description of the activities in the article above.



Above: Picking tea leaves used to make tea.



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COMPLIMENTARY TABLE FOR SIX PEOPLE, A BOTTLE OF RAYMOND GENERATIONS WINE, FOR THE TABLE OR TO TAKE HOME, PREFERRED TABLE PLACEMENT, NAME IN PROGRAM, NAME MENTIONED FROM THE STAGE, NAME IN THE SWFLSS YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE IN THE 2022/23 SEASON. NAME ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT. 6 SETS OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BASKET DRAWING. VALET PARKING.

☐ **BENGAL TIGER**

VENUE & ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR - \$1000

TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO EVENT, PREFERRED TABLE SEATING, ONE BOTTLE OF RAYMOND CABERNET SAUVIGNON FOR THE TABLE OR TO TAKE HOME, NAME IN PROGRAM, NAME MENTIONED FROM THE STAGE, NAME IN THE SWFLSS YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE IN THE 2022/23 SEASON, NAME ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT. 3 SETS OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BASKET DRAWING. VALET PARKING.

☐ **SUMATRAN TIGER**

BENEFACTOR - \$500

ONE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET TO EVENT, NAME IN PROGRAM, NAME IN THE SWFLSS YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE IN 2022/2023 SEASON, 1 SET OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BASKET DRAWING. NAME ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT. VALET PARKING.

☐ **CASPIAN TIGER**

PARTNER - \$80 PER PERSON

COST FOR DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT AND VALET PARKING.

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ TOTAL PRICE: _____

☐ **MALAYAN TIGER**

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Abigail Allison, Accompanist

  
November 2021 January 2022 April 2022

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A Meeting of Symphony Society
Board Members and Chairpersons
will be held IN PERSON
Wednesday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m.
in the Conference Room
at the Symphony's Administrative Offices,
7500 College Parkway, Fort Myers.

Please note: there will be no separate
Executive Committee Meeting this month.

Please try to attend so we have a quorum to
transact any business
that comes before the Board.

Please notify Ellen if you cannot attend.

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 26 Deadline for Dec. Luncheon Reservations
- Dec. 1 Executive Committee and Board Meeting
- Dec. 2 TREAT: Botanical Garden Day Trip
- Dec. 3 Luncheon—Magnolia Room at Pelican Preserve
- Dec. 8 Meet & Greet: Vladimir Kulenovic
- Dec. 10 Deadline for January News of Note
- Dec. 11 MW1—Vladimir Kulenovic, Conductor
- Dec. 12, 13 & 14 Holiday TinyPops: Big Band Christmas
- Dec. 15 TREAT: Holiday Season Party

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information.

Luncheon—November 5, 2021

The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club



Left: Kitty Satterfield once again provided the decorative table centerpieces. Right: SWFLSO cellist, Scott Crowley, performed a varied selection of pieces on his carbon fiber cello, even using his mobile phone to provide harp accompaniment for *The Swan*.



Above Right: We welcomed Donna Munizzi as a new member (seen here with President Ellen Schneider), although she actually joined last year and is already hosting a Treat in December - the day trip to the Naples Botanical Garden.

Birthday	Name
12/01	Joan Wendel
12/04	Mae Jean Nothstine
12/08	Brigitta Schorn
12/08	Barbara Carne
12/13	Herbert K. Schneider
12/27	Barbra Blaharski
12/27	Jovana Batkovic
12/30	Nancy Kelly



Left: Kim Wittstadt was present to pass on the takings from the very few Treats that were held last year. Amy Ginsburg was presented with \$5,456.00.

Right: Liz Marnul reminded us about the Guest Conductor Meet and Greets and asked for members to offer their help by attending and volunteering to make sure they are successful. The first one is on December 8th - see details on page 4 of this News of Note.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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