



SYMPHONIC TONES

FEBRUARY 2020

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President: Sara Galiger

President's Message:

Greetings,

Our January meeting was certainly a successful and inspiring one, not only because we wrapped up the Allendale Holiday Tour of Homes with a \$22,000 presentation to The Florida Orchestra, but also due to our speaker. Ella Fredickson, The Florida Orchestra music librarian spoke about the many facets of her job before inviting the guild members to join her for a tour of the library facilities. I, for one, have a renewed respect for the responsibility she shoulders to keep the music flowing,

With the Valentine Tea on February 11, we are anticipating another profitable event, The membership support is valuable in its success. Joan Jaicks, Tea Chair, has an entertaining event planned which I am positive will make the Tea an event not to be missed. If you have not responded yet, do so today. If you misplaced your invitation, call me.

Our support of The Florida Orchestra is valuable in any manner small or large. I am counting on you as members to help our aim in keeping the music flowing.

As always,

Sara Galiger

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers for 2020-2021 will be up for election at the March meeting:

President **Susanna Bellafante**
President-elect to be announced
First Vice President **Jan Green**
Second Vice President **Lois Ancona**
Third Vice President **Rosemary O'Connor**
Recording Secretary **Karen Winiecki**
Corresponding Secretary **Marci Jacobs**
Treasurer **Cathy deHaan**
Assistant Treasurer **Charlene Miller**

Nominating Chair **Peggy Grom, Emily Gillespie, Susan Luehrs, Sydni Shollenberger and Krista Whipple**

FLASH

It is reported that the contingent of FOG members who attended the Florida Orchestra Gala featuring Bernadette Peters Saturday, February 1 had a VERY enjoyable evening. The evening was complete with fireworks on the bay before the concert began.

VALENTINE TEA PARTY



Tuesday, February 11 2:00 – 4:00 pm
St. Petersburg Yacht Club \$50/pp

Our third annual tea is next week! Hope you made your reservation with **Judy Whitney** (4152 55th Way North, Apt. 930 Kenneth City, FL 33709) 727-744-2480 jwhitney26@tampabay.rr.com

We have a great program planned, delicious food for all, and a silent auction. Let's keep the music playing and support our Florida Orchestra!

Joan Jaicks, Event Chair

Welcome new members:

Middy Larson

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St. Petersburg, FL 33715
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Betsy McDargh

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St. Petersburg, FL 33702
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Sue Ann Carey

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One email change:

New email for **Mary Rainey**
mrainey8277@gmail.com

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES on December 7 netted over \$22,000. That amount was presented to Megan Carlone of the Florida Orchestra at the January 20th meeting. Thank you once again to the primary workers: Emily Gillespie, Sara Galiger, Ginger Hanner, Charlene Miller, Marci Jacobs, Janice Brinkley, and Susan Luehrs who organized the lovely Cocktail Reception at the home of Bill and Rhea McQueen.

WAYS AND MEANS

Please bring jewelry, scarves, and small purses for the Boutique Table.

Please call 727-866-1938 for more information.

Thanks,
Jan Green

NAME TAGS: If you would like an FOG name tag please contact **Diane Ward 727-803-6949**

PALLADIUM CHAMBER PLAYERS under the leadership of TFO Concertmaster, Jeffrey Multer present monthly concerts at the Palladium. This program is in its 8⁺ year and continues to increase in popularity as people realize the quality of this excellent series featuring supreme artists. The following concerts are scheduled:

All concerts are at the Palladium at 7:30pm

Wed Feb 5 – Calidore String Quartet

Wed Mar 25 – Piano Quartet

Wed Apr 15 - Great String Sextets

SNACKS AT MEETINGS - Contact **Charlene** or **George Gaskill** If you would like to bring a platter of either coffee cake, cookies, donuts, fruit, etc. for either the February or March meeting. Please phone them at: 727-321-7879.

MAHAFFEY GUILD TABLE:

To volunteer at any of these concerts, please contact:

Masterwrks(matinee): **Judy Whitney 727-744-2480**

Pops Concert: **Sara Galiger 727-460-1038**

Coffee Concerts: **Cathy deHaan 727-397-4985**

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS

2 volunteers are needed, arriving with individually wrapped candy to offer to orchestra players.

This job comes with a parking space and “free listening” from backstage. And, you get to mingle with the stars of the Florida Orchestra!

Saturday, Feb 8, (POPS) arriving @ 7PM

Sunday, Feb 23, arriving @ 1PM, Matinee

(Beethoven Violin Concerto)

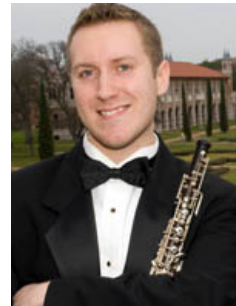
Please contact **Susan Luehrs 727-866-7965**

GOLDEN BATON is set for Tuesday, April 7th at Vinoy Sunset Ballroom on Snell Isle. You will be receiving an invitation shortly.

Susanna Bellafante, Chair

FEBRUARY 17 MEETING AT PALLADIUM:

We shall be getting a report of proceeds of the Valentine Tea and have a discussion of proposed changes in our By-Laws. The featured musician will be:



JEFFREY STEPHENSON
OBOE/ENGLISH HORN

Jeffrey Stephenson joined The Florida Orchestra in October of 2009 on a one-year appointment as solo English horn and was awarded the permanent position in February of 2010. He has held the acting principal oboe position with the Houston Grand Opera and Houston Ballet orchestras, and he began his professional career at the age of 20 as a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He has also performed with the symphonies of Houston, Milwaukee, and Atlanta, the Sarasota Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Canada.

In 2007, Stephenson won first prize in the prestigious Fernand Gillet-Hugo Fox International Solo Oboe Competition and was also selected to perform in a collaborative recital for the Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage concert series. He has been a featured soloist with the Houston Ballet Orchestra, the Banff Centre for the Arts, and at the annual conference of the International Double Reed Society. Stephenson has participated in numerous summer festivals including Tanglewood, Aspen, AIMS in Graz-Austria, the National Orchestral Institute, BRAVO! Vail Valley Music Festival, Banff Centre for the Arts, and the Sarasota and Norfolk chamber music festivals.

Stephenson received his master’s in music from Rice University, and his bachelor’s in music and the coveted performer’s certificate from the Eastman School of Music. He is from Columbia, South Carolina, and his major teachers include Richard Killmer, Robert Atherholt and Rebecca Nagel. During the summer seasons, he is principal oboe with the Central City Opera in Central City, Colorado.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Meetings and Events

Monday, February 17 – Palladium

Board Meeting: 9:30 am Refreshments: 10:30 am

General Meeting 10:45 am

Tuesday, Feb 11 Valentine Tea Party 2-4pm

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Tuesday, April 7 – Golden Baton

Upcoming Concerts at Mahaffey/ St. Petersburg

Enjoy and be informed with pre-concert talks 1 hour before each concert.

Thur Feb 6 11am (Coffee) World on a String

Sat, Feb 8 2pm & 8 pm (Pops) Music of Jams Bond

Sat, Feb 14&16 8pm (Masterworks) Rascher Sax Quartet

Sat, Feb 29 8pm (Pops) Out of this World

Thur Feb 27 11am (Coffee) All About Tchaikovsky

Sat, Mar 7 8pm (Masterworks) Rachmaninoff’ Piano Concerto #3

