



# SYMPHONIC TONES

OCTOBER 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Autumn has always been considered to be a "season of change". It's the time of year that fosters anticipation about what lies ahead. For some, it means back to school...or, time to begin planning for all the upcoming holidays. For TFOG, planning for our upcoming fundraising event (in lieu of the annual Holiday Tour of Homes in December) is on the top of our list! Look for more exciting information coming soon to your mailbox. In the announcement you'll find many ways to support The Florida Orchestra and to make our fundraiser successful. Your help is especially appreciated now more than ever.

*Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a process, and working together is success! —  
Henry Ford*

Our inaugural "Zoom" General Meeting was successful, thanks to the 26 members in attendance who heard and saw TFO President & CEO Mark Cantrell give an update on TFO's revised fall season. Ross Holcombe, Assistant Principal Trombone, will be performing for the October St. Petersburg Guild meeting. Join us on Monday, October 19. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting—Board meeting at 11:15 a.m. (with access at 11:00 a.m.) and the General meeting at 12:15 p.m. (with access at noon). Look for upcoming instructions via email to participate in both meetings. For those of you who do not have a computer and would like to participate in the General meeting, the telephone number to call and join telephonically is 1-301-715-8592. If prompted, the Meeting ID is 873-1014-4969, Passcode 288997.

I hope everyone continues to stay safe and well.

**Susanna Bellafante**

## GENERAL MEETING – Monday OCTOBER 19

Be sure to Zoom in to our October program to hear Ross Holcombe, Assistant Principal Trombone, share his experience, music and trombone! Before joining Florida Orchestra, Ross played and had solo performances with a variety of orchestras. He is in demand for his skill in teaching Master Classes. After he demonstrates the intricacies of the trombone, he will be right there [virtually] to answer questions! What a rare treat we have to be 'up close and personal' with the talented members of our Florida Orchestra! Check out his web site [www.RossHolcombe.com](http://www.RossHolcombe.com) to get ready with your question!

\*Connect through Susanna's email the day of the meeting within 15 mins. before the meeting. If joining by phone: 1-301-715-8592. If needed, Meeting ID: 873-1014-4969 Passcode: 288997

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## 2020-2021 DIRECTORIES

Many thanks to **Lois Ancona** for creating and distributing the turquoise 2020-21 directory. She was assisted by **Sheila Tempelmann**, Parliamentarian who reviewed the By-laws before publication.

If you did not receive a Directory, you may contact Lois at 703-909-2063



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Judy Whitney**, Chair with **Roseanna Costa** and **Sara Galiger** have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee from the Board. Two people are needed from general membership to create a slate of officers for 2021-22 on which to be voted in March.



## HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Holiday Homes fund raising event on the first weekend of December will continue in a different format this year due to the pandemic. There will be no homes to visit but the spirit of our guild's generosity will continue. Each of our members will receive an invitation to donate at some level to our wonderful Florida Orchestra.

You will receive a red envelop in late October which will explain our efforts to keep the guild's support of the orchestra. Hopefully each of you will consider the level you can give to help us ensure the Florida Orchestra continues the music we love to hear.

In advance, thank you for all you do for the Orchestra.

**Emily Gillespie, Co-Chair**



## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golden Baton Award Dinner Honoring Marcy and Bob Shuck

Sharing the title of Neil Simon's play "Same Time Next Year", our 2021 Golden Baton will be a repeat performance - same recipients, Marcy and Bob Shuck, same venue, Vinoy Golf and Country Club, same time 6-9 PM, but with a new date: **Tuesday, October 19, 2021.** We'll keep you posted closer to the new date.

**Joan Jaicks, Chair**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership remains at 128 members. I want to remind you that you can find an Application to join FOG on our website ([www.fogsp.org](http://www.fogsp.org)) as well as the website of The Florida Orchestra under the [floridaorchestra.org/Support TFO/Volunteer](http://floridaorchestra.org/Support_TFO/Volunteer) section. I am also happy to mail an application to anyone you send in my direction.

**Lois Ancona, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership**

## WEBSITE

If you haven't checked out our website lately, go online to check out all the updates – [www.fogsp.org](http://www.fogsp.org)  
Florida Orchestra website: [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY MESSAGE

Please contact me if you know of a Guild member who has recently lost a loved one, is not well, needs a word of cheer or a thank you note.

**Marci Jacobs**

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## THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES REIMAGINED SEASON

Facing the coronavirus challenge, Music Director Michael Francis has reimagined the 2020-2021 in phases. In Phase 1, all concerts will be held at the Mahaffey Theater with the orchestra divided into smaller ensembles of 20 to 40 players. Concerts will be about 75 minutes in length with no intermission. Patrons will be required to wear masks and seats will be socially distanced. Phase 1 includes the first three Tampa Bay Times Masterworks, two Raymond James Pops programs, plus Coffee and Christmas concerts. Season ticket holders will be accommodated first with any remaining seats going on sale to the public October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The following is the TFO schedule through November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### MASTERWORKS

Saturday, October 31

2pm Beethoven's Symphony No. 7

5pm Legends from the Americas (Joplin, Piazzolla, Marquez, Copland)

8pm Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 (also LIVE STREAM)

Sunday, November 1

2pm Beethoven's Symphony No. 7

5pm Legends from the Americas (Joplin, Piazzolla, Marquez, Copland)

### POPS

Saturday, November 7

2pm Ragtime Kings with Byron Stripling

8pm Ragtime Kings w/Byron Stripling (also LIVE STREAM)

Sunday, November 8

8pm Ragtime Kings with Byron Stripling

**DATE TO REMEMBER  
Next Meeting**

Monday, Oct. 19 FOG meeting via ZOOM  
11:15 Board 12:15 General Meeting