



SYMPHONIC TONES

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This may be the last TFOG newsletter for the year, but the year 2020 is not over for TFOG! Due to the coronavirus, our biggest fundraiser, the Holiday Tour of Homes (HTH), has been replaced by a creative direct mail campaign. Every TFOG member received an invitation that includes many ways for members to support TFO. In place of purchasing the HTH tickets, members have alternative options to participate—one includes the whimsical musical TFO face mask! However, ANY amount you can comfortably donate to our fundraiser is appreciated. We hope to report 100% Guild fundraising participation at any level. "Keep the music going!"

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!

—Helen Keller

What a challenging year we've had! The coronavirus has turned our lives upside down. What we used to take for granted—that schools and businesses would be open, that we could go wherever we want whenever we want to—we suddenly can't assume any more. Hugging and shaking hands has been replaced with a simple nod of the head from a safe distance. It's been a time of social distancing from friends but drawing closer to the people with whom we are sheltering in place. This has been a time of fear and suffering for those sickened by the virus, a time of mourning when loved ones have died, and a time of gratitude for those who remain healthy. During this holiday season, acknowledge what you have been through these last few months—the ups and downs, the moments of joy and the moments of sorrow and be thankful and blessed for every single day you experience.

May you remain healthy and safe.

Susanna Bellafante

GENERAL MEETING – Monday, November 16

Our November Guild Meeting Program will feature the BIGGEST stringed instrument in our Orchestra, the Double Bass! Our TFO Principal, **Dee Moses**, will Zoom out to us and share his talents and then be available to answer questions. Dee has been with the Florida Orchestra since 1975 having received his high school diploma from North Carolina School of the Arts and earning his bachelor and master's degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He is presently adjunct instructor of the double bass at USF.

Susan Luehrs, Program Chair

On Monday, November 16, you can join the 12:15 meeting **beginning to connect at noon**. [connect 'early' to avoid congestion]

For phone connection: [redacted] or
Zoom Meeting ID: [redacted]

Password: [redacted]
Susanna will be sending this information by email.

11:15 Board Meeting 12:15 General Meeting

KRINGLE MINGLE

Monday, December 14 11 am



Please see attached notice with details. This is the new way of partying. Let's see if it works! Try it!

Zoom meeting ID: [redacted]

Passcode: [redacted]

Or phone # for those without a
computer: [redacted]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Judy Whitney, Chair with **Roseanna Costa** and **Sara Galiger** have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee from the Board. **Judy Cunniff** and **Janice Brinkley** were selected from General Membership to produce a slate of 2021-22 officers for the vote in March.

Thought for the Day:

*One small positive thought in the morning
Can change your whole day.*



HOLIDAY HOMES

By now all guild members should have received the red envelop with our holiday fund drive information. In this year of the pandemic the Guild is trying to find ways to raise funds for our talented Florida Orchestra.

Hoping each of you will consider donating to this Holiday Homes "Tour" idea. Any and all donations will go the Orchestra and be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and continue to stay safe and wear masks.

Emily Gillespie---Co-Chairman

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

The Installation Luncheon date has been changed to **APRIL 20, 2021**. Please correct the date in your current Directory.

Sara Galiger, Chair



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership is now 129 members. **Barbara Deininger** (Steve) has rejoined FOG. Her address is 400 Beach Drive, Unit 704, St. Petersburg FL 33701; phone 727.424.1891 email bjdeininger@mail.com. One email correction for your Directory, Joy Hyland's email is joyhyland@aol.com. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, either have them download our Application on www.fogsp.org or contact me. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Lois Ancona, 2nd VP Membership

WEBSITE

Check out our website at www.fogsp.org for up-to-date information on FOG events. Photos from our last two Zoom General Meetings are located under the Event Photos tab.

FLORIDA ORCHESTRA PHASE 1 CONCERTS (Continued)

MASTERWORKS

Mozart's Symphony No. 40

Saturday, November 14 at 2pm and 8pm* and
Sunday, November 15 at 2pm

Tchaikovsky & Vivaldi for Strings

Saturday, December 5 at 2pm and 8pm* and
Sunday, December 6 at 2pm

MASTERWORKS: SOUNDWAVES

Brass with a Beat

Saturday, November 14 at 5pm and Sunday,
November 15 at 5pm

American Heroes

Saturday, December 5 at 5pm and Sunday,
December 6 at 5pm

POPS

Holiday Pops

Friday, December 11 at 8pm; Saturday, December
12 at 2pm and 8pm; and Sunday, December 13 at
2pm and 8pm

COFFEE CONCERT

Classical Christmas

Wednesday, December 16 and 11am; Thursday,
December 17 at 11am; Sunday, December 20 at
2pm and 5pm*

*Free live stream at www.FloridaOrchestra.org



DATES TO REMEMBER Meetings and Events

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