



SYMPHONIC TONES

JANUARY 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year! Does the thought of another year make you feel a little apprehensive? For many of us, 2020 was hard. We faced a worldwide pandemic, racial unrest, economic instability, and any number of personal highs and lows. You have probably seen your share of uncertainty or insecurity. It was a tough year, all right!

But, there were some bright spots for TFOG! A big "Thank You" to Emily Gillespie, her committee and "elves" for orchestrating a successful fundraiser in place of our annual Holiday Tour of Homes. Final figures of the direct mail campaign will be announced in January; participation from Guild members was much appreciated. Another big "Thank You" to Missy Sparks and Susan Sullivan for hosting a very creative and entertaining Kringle Mingle. It was lots of fun trying to remember orchestra trivia and reminiscing of holidays past with music performed by Michelle Rego.

I so hope that 2021 brings us all better things! We may never get back to a pre-Covid "normal" but with the vaccine coming and our new awareness of how many citizens are in such a precarious state, we will find a new normal that is more thoughtful, equitable and sustainable.

As much as we would like for all of us to meet in person, we will need to continue to conduct our meetings remotely. So, our next General Meeting will be on Zoom on Monday, January 18, with activation at 12 noon: Meeting ID 845-6447-7501, Passcode 128697. For those joining telephonically: 1-301-715-8592.

Susanna Bellafante

GENERAL MEETING – Monday, January 18
11:15 Board Meeting 12:15 General Meeting

Special Treat: ANNA KATE MARKLE, Principal Harpist of TFO since 1999 will be playing and answering questions. She is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College (cum laude) and has a Masters of Music degree from Cleveland Institute of Music where she studied under famed harpist, Alice Chalifoux. She serves as principal harpist and faculty member of Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro, NC in the summer. She is married to Percussionist, John Shaw.

On Monday, January 18, you can connect at noon to join the 12:15 meeting.

For phone connection: 1-301-715-8592 or
Zoom Meeting ID: 863-9896-2735 Password: 955786
Susanna will be sending this information by email.

If you are interested in learning more about TFO Principal Double Bass player, **Dee Moses**, who performed for us at the November 16 meeting, go to UTube and type in: *LaMusicaathome/DeeMoses*

Susan Luehrs, Program Chair

TFOG BOUTIQUE

Brava to Jan Green who has found a way to procure more money from donated items to our boutique. One particular antique ring didn't sell for a couple of years, and she was able to glean over \$200! She is willing to sell some of our donated items on-line.

As an option to selling donated jewelry at our monthly meetings we have tried online sales with great success. Jewelry items, especially antique, vintage, signed costume, gold, gold-filled, and silver items all sell well. Please take a look at your unused items as we need to replenish the supply. Please call me at 727-866-1938 to discuss possible donations.

Jan Green - VPI (Ways & Means)



A belated HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to **Wilma Pierce**. She celebrated it on November 27th. Wilma has been a wonderful contributing member of our guild for many years and we thank her for all the volunteering she has done during that time.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership remains at 129.

If you know of anyone who would like to join us, either have them download our Application on www.fogsp.org or contact me.

WEBSITE

Check out our website at www.fogsp.org for up-to-date information on FOG events.

Lois Ancona, 2nd VP Membership

KRINGLE MINGLE

Monday, December 14



Thank you to **Melissa Sparks** and **Susan Sullivan** for a delightful Kringle Mingle, held virtually. Besides featuring Michelle Rego accompanying herself singing holiday tunes, there was a fun quiz which got us to thinking... **Sheila Tempelmann** won the prize for answering the most questions correctly with a certificate for brunch at Harvey’s on 4th Street. Here are a few of the questions:

1. Who was the founding Music Director of the TFO?
2. Name all four of the Music Directors of TFO.
3. Name the four sections of instruments in the orchestra.
4. From what language is the word “Orchestra” derived?
5. Michael Francis has established himself as one of the leading international conductors of today. What year was he appointed Music Director of TFO?
6. In which Beethoven symphony was the trombone first introduced?
7. Who is the present Principal Pops Conductor of TFO?
8. Referring to the layout of a modern orchestra, which group of players sits immediately in front of the conductor?

FLORIDA ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

MASTERWORKS – Michael Francis conducting

Sat. Jan 9 2pm - Mendelssohn’s Reformation Symphony
+ Bach Concerto for 2 Violins w/Sarah Shellman & Nancy Chang
5pm - “A Noble Pairing” (Lully & R. Strauss)

Sun Jan 10 5pm – “A Noble Pairing”

Thur Jan 14 11am – “New Year’s in Vienna”

Sat Jan 16 2pm
8pm

Sat Jan 23 2pm - Rachmaninoff on Paganini

Sun Jan 24 2pm with Natasha Paremski

Sat Jan 30 2pm – Beethoven’s Symphony #4
with Natasha Paremski

5pm – Mahler’s Symphony #4

8pm – Beethoven’s Symphony #4

Sun Jan 31 2pm – Beethoven’s Symphony #4

5pm – Mahler’s Symphony #4

www.FloridaOrchestra.org for tickets

DATES TO REMEMBER
Meetings and Events



Monday, January 18 FOG meeting via ZOOM
11:15 Board 12:15 General Meeting

Access to this meeting will be Emailed closer to the date. If you are accessing by phone, see President Susanna Bellafante’s message at the top of this newsletter.

Answers: 1. Irwin Hoffman 2. Irwin Hoffman, Jaha Ling, Stefan Sanderling, Michael Francis 3. Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion 4. Greek 5. 2014 6. Beethoven’s 5th 7. Jeff Tyzik 8. Violas