

Artis—Naples

Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION MATCHING GIFT

A \$1 million matching gift amplifies year-end giving with a 2:1 match

Naples, FL (November 19, 2020) - Artis—Naples announced today that an anonymous board member and his wife have pledged a special matching gift of \$1 million to inspire increased support during this season impacted by COVID-19. This new gift will match all donations received in a 2:1 match up to \$1 million.

CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen said, “We are truly fortunate to have this tremendous level of support from one of our fabulous board members who, like the rest of our board, believes strongly in our mission and is committed to helping us to safely and creatively navigate the impacts of COVID-19. We were delighted to be able to resume programming this fall, including performances by musicians of the Naples Philharmonic, the 12th Annual Naples International Film Festival and a stellar slate of exhibitions in The Baker Museum, and a matching gift such as this provides resources for these activities. As we continue to safely add programming, we hope this incredibly generous gift will inspire others to support Artis—Naples and our role in this cultural community.”

In October, musicians of the Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra opened the reimagined 2020-21 season with performances in the Wang Chamber Music Series, the Sybert Salon Series and All That Jazz Series. Later that month the 12th Annual Naples International Film Festival presented the best in independent cinema to virtual and in-person audiences. And the opening of The Baker Museum expansion, combined with an exhibition of works by Dale Chihuly – *Dreaming Forms: Chihuly Then and Now* – helped launch the museum’s 20th anniversary season when it reopened to the public on November 1. *Dreaming Forms*, the third major Chihuly exhibition in the history of The Baker Museum, includes stunning artworks presented in the museum as well as around the cultural campus. Three other exhibitions – *Rodin: Truth Form Life/Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collections*, *Magritte: Reflections of Another World/Paintings from the Van Parys Family* and *Subject Matters: Selections from the Permanent Collection* – complete the current exhibition season.

Details on the 2:1 match can be found at artisnaples.org.

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Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director Andrey Boreyko, we typically offer audiences more than 800 paid and free events annually within a variety of venues and settings situated throughout the 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus is home to five

buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

In the 2014-15 season, Andrey Boreyko assumed the title of Music Director and serves in this capacity for Artis—Naples. Boreyko is internationally recognized as one of the most exciting and dynamic conductors working today. This appointment, extended through 2022, marks his first American post.

The Wall Street Journal says van Bergen and Boreyko have ushered in “an impressive new phase” for classical music in Southwest Florida.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida’s arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic typically performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region.

Jack Everly is Principal Pops Conductor and in the 2020-21 season celebrates 11 years in this role, bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. In 2017, Romanian conductor Radu Paponiu was named Assistant Conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and in 2019 was promoted to Associate Conductor.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is one of the foremost fine art museums in Southwest Florida. The museum hosts several traveling exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 3,500 objects, the Museum’s broad holdings of 20th and 21st century art reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors. Of particular strength are the Museum’s collections of American and Mexican modern art and significant gifts from the personal collection of Olga Hirshhorn.

With almost two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the Museum is dedicated to stewardship and scholarship from both its growing permanent collection and outside sources. At the same time, The Baker Museum seeks out the best traveling exhibitions from the leading arts institutions in the world—including recently the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institutions and École des Beaux-Arts, Paris—to enrich the Southwest Florida community.

The Baker Museum exhibitions reopened to the public on December 1, 2019, after being closed for more than two years in the wake of Hurricane Irma. The repair of the museum was paired with a simultaneous expansion of the building to the south, which creates new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages. Typically, thousands of students from Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming each year both on its cultural campus and in classrooms. The Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, with more than 4,000 members, offers activities, travel experiences and events geared toward creating a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival’s continued excellence and growth. In 2018, NIFF celebrated its tenth year in the community, and in 2019, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker Magazine’s* Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World.