

# Take Note

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The Florida Orchestra/ North Suncoast Associates

WINTER 2012

## North Suncoast Associates Winter Meeting

**Thursday February 16, 2012, 6:30 pm**  
**La Quinta Inn, 21338 US 19N Clearwater**

*On the west-side service road between  
Gulf to Bay and Drew Street*

Please bring a friend and enjoy light refreshments while hearing news about The Florida Orchestra (TFO) from Tom McCandless, Chair, Board of Consultants. Then we will listen to and learn from Lei Liu, Second Assistant Concertmaster and his violin. Liu joined The Florida Orchestra in 1994. He received his bachelor's degree in music from the Central Conservatory in Beijing and his master's degree in music from Temple University. Liu has performed with the Florida Symphony,

the Singapore Symphony, and the Central Ballet Orchestra. He is an active chamber musician and an instructor for both the violin and viola.

And, you may win two tickets to a Coffee Concert at Ruth Eckert Hall, Clearwater, and/or two tickets to a Morning Masterworks at Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg.

We always need more volunteers to bring finger foods. Please contact one of our Hospitality chairs, Judy or Joan.

For reservations, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinator chairs, Martha or Harry. Phone numbers are listed on page 6.



*Photo: TFO Website.*



*Photo: Thomas Bruce Studio.*

**The North Suncoast Associates**  
*Cordially invites you to*

## A Festival of Music

for our annual TFO fundraising event  
on Saturday, March 31, 2012

# BRAVURA BRUNCH

This is an elegant afternoon affair that you, friends and family will not want to miss. Come spend the afternoon at Ruth Eckerd's Margarete Heye Great Room. Hear the engaging music of The Florida Orchestra Principal Woodwind Quintet while enjoying a lunch expertly prepared by a Bon Appetite chef. Hear the stories and experiences of their cultural exchange to Cuba as told by the musicians Principal Flute Clay Ellerbroek, Principal Oboe Katherine Young, Principal Clarinet Brian Moorhead, Principal Bassoon Anthony Georgeson and Principal French Horn Robert Rearden. Sip a glass of champagne during the social hour. Share stimulating conversation with friends and family. Look for your invitations in February 2012.

Social 11:30 am and Brunch 12:30pm

**Committee:** Susan Siewruk, Rebecca Houghton, Irene Rubenstein, Joan Gutierrez, Martha Robertson, Marge Tadel, Ron and Dale Anderson, Sally Marticorena, Ann Kennedy and live auctioneer Bob Treat.

For information, table host reservations, or to volunteer contact Laura Longo 727 784 3453

► To make our silent auction a success we are seeking items of your favorite consumables/services/restaurants/venues in the form of certificates or gift baskets. See box on page 5 for donation details.

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

We are half-way thru the 2011/12 musical season already. Yet, the second year of the Coffee Concert series at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater, and the inaugural season of Morning Masterworks series on Fridays at Mahaffey, St. Petersburg, just launched in January. Have you accepted my challenge to help "fill the hall" by attending at least one Coffee Concert in Clearwater? Existing Ruth Eckerd Hall Coffee Concert ticket holders, have you accepted my challenge to help "fill the hall" by bringing a friend to one of the three Coffee Concerts in Clearwater?



And, did you know that all new NSA members this season get a coupon for half-price Coffee Concert tickets at Ruth Eckerd Hall? Have you already enjoyed the pre-concert lecture? Did you...will you... join me and other NSA members at Applebee's (just north of the HALL) for lunch?

We are most fortunate to have one of the nation's most vibrant orchestras here. So, let's fill the halls. You choose...Masterwork, Pops, or Coffee series or even a special "rock" themed program at the Straz, Ruth Eckerd Hall or Mahaffey...one or more concerts to show personal support for our very own orchestra. And, let's spread the word—The Florida Orchestra is affordable, accessible and a terrific experience for all ages.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve our musical community as your President. *Dianne*

## NSA HAPPENINGS

The Board hosted a New Members Musical Tea on Sunday, September 28 at the home of Mason and Jean Rascher. Two prospective members joined on the spot; 10 out of 33 new members and invited prospects came.

Dianne Wheatley Giliotti hosted and Emily McClain spoke on behalf of TFO. We welcomed Anna Kate Mackle, TFO Principal Harpist, who entertained us with several short works for the harp. Anna Kate also answered questions. Members of the Board provided refreshments.



*Anna Kate answers questions from attendees at the New Member Musical Tea*

## TUNE UP MEETING

About 75 gathered at the La Quinta Inn on Wednesday October 19 for our annual "Tune Up Meeting." Light refreshments were followed by a brief business meeting and passing the NSA budget for 2011-12.

We welcomed Thomas H. Farquhar, Chair of The Florida Orchestra, for a brief update on new orchestra initiatives including the Cuban partnership. We then had the pleasure of listening to and learning from Alison Heydt, TFO Viola. Alison won her current position with The Florida Orchestra in 1991. Previously she spent two years with the New World Symphony and has performed at many summer music festivals, and plays chamber music as much as possible in addition to teaching.



*Top: Tune Up meeting attendees.*

*Middle: NSA V.P. Jonson, NSA Pres. Giliotti, Tom Farquhar TFO Chair, and Barbara Farquhar.*



*Left: Alison demonstrating her rehearsal technique of standing on a balance board, which forces the player to balance, helps with alignment, keeps the player relaxed, encourages a healthy weight distribution, and encourages optimum playing position by not allowing the lower back to be arched.*

## TROPICAL RHYTHMS

Hosts Liza and Doug Naumann opened their lovely home to almost 60 North Suncoast Associates and guests on October 26, 2011. The weather was perfect for an outdoor soirée. Wine was donated by Carolyn McGonigel while the sponsor CoolJuice Beverages supplied a tropical Mango Melody drink. Ann Kennedy prepared and cooked, with some help from Johanna Guzik, platter after platter of chicken, shrimp and beef. Anna Kate Mackle on harp and Lew Sligh on flute enchanted the group with their musical selections. The event raised \$4,965.27 for the benefit of TFO.



Top: The Naumann's home, site of the event.  
Bottom: Joan Gutierrez, Michael Pastreich & Joan Franks.



Photos in this column by Thomas Franks.  
Joan Franks and our hosts, Doug and Liza Naumann.

## 2010 HOLIDAY GATHERING

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

A trio of musicians from The Florida Orchestra entertained 112 members and guests of The Florida Orchestra/North Suncoast Associates, Inc. at the annual Holiday Gathering sponsored by Regency Oaks community in Clearwater, Florida.

Anna Kate Mackle played harp, Carmen Bannon played flute and Fred Gratta joined in from the piano or cello. Their selections of holiday and classic music were arranged by the group for the combination of instruments. Net income to NSA was \$3,222.44.

Two fundraisers of the North Suncoast Associates raised \$7000 for the orchestra. A check in that amount was given by Lionel Giliotti to Michael Pastreich, TFO president and CEO. This was in turn added to a Raymond James Matching Challenge to become a \$14,000 donation to the orchestra. There was a sale of new and nearly new items netting \$325.



The wonderful Regency Oaks buffet line.



Michael Pastreich shakes hands with Lionel Giliotti after being presented with NSA's check for \$7,000.



TFO's Anna Kate Mackle, harp, Carmen Bannon, flute, and Fred Gratta, piano and cello, played for us.

## KUDOS

- *Martha Robertson* for arranging for Belleair Flowers to provide floral arrangements for Masterworks Concerts at Ruth Eckert Hall
- *Lynn Lawton* for formatting and editing a revised pocket-handly version of the NSA annual membership directory and mailing the Newsletter.
- *Martha Robertson* for scheduling staffing for the NSA welcome tables for TFO concerts at Ruth Eckert Hall.
- *Judy McSwine, Joan Savage* and committee for the seasonal table-scapes and refreshments for the October Tune-Up meeting.
- *Johanna Guzik, Carolyn McGonigel, Joan Gutierrez and Ann Kennedy* for planning and executing a breezy Tropical Rhythms in October
- *Johanna Guzik* for adding to the holiday festivities with the December Holiday Gathering at Regency Oaks
- *Dee Dubendorff* for collecting, displaying, and selling many nearly new items at the Holiday Gathering at Regency Oaks
- *Ron Anderson* and his camera for capturing images of NSA members and creating the Newsletter.
- *Bill Jonson* for donating a user-friendly microphone for use at NSA events.
- *Doug and Lisa Naumann* for hosting the Tropical Rhythms soiree in their home.

- *Marge Tadel* for getting information about NSA events in the public media domain—print and web sites.
- *Clayta Ross* and her team for organizing the sale of opportunity tickets (only 400) for a Holland American Cruise of the winner's choice.
- *Gisela Bennie* for prompt e-blasts to members about TFO.

**...and also:** It is with great pleasure that we extend Kudos and Appreciation to our illustrious TFO/NSA Table Volunteers. Their dedication is most outstanding along with their contribution of talent, time and energy that they cheerfully and most professionally aid The Florida Orchestra personnel at the REH Lobby Information Tables before TFO weekly performances and during intermission of TFO Masterworks, Pops and Coffee Concerts. Additionally they are also available for assistance to TFO at their offices in St.Petersburg College to aid the Yearly Subscriber Mailing of new Seasonal Tickets and Brochures. Our current wonderful Table Volunteers are: *Dale & Ron Anderson, Gisela Bennie, Carol & Harry Bickford, Dee Dubendorff, Lionel Giliotti, Midge Glazer, Johanna Guzik, Marge Holgate, June Hosner, Lynn Lawton, Laura Longo, Judy McSwine, Lois & Odey O'Donnell, Robert Perkins, Connie Potts, Martha Robertson (volunteer organizer), Joan Savage, and Marge Tadel.*

## THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA/NORTH SUNCOAST ASSOCIATES 2012 CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

<i>Sun., Feb. 5</i>	<i>2:00 pm</i>	<i>MW Vivaldi's the Four Seasons</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Tues., Feb. 7</i>	<i>1:30 pm</i>	<i>NSA Board Meeting</i>	<i>Menaul Conference Room</i>
<i>Thurs., Feb. 9</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>COFFEE Best-Loved Symphonies</i>	<i>MAH</i>
<i>Sat., Feb. 11</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>	<i>POPS A Night in the Tropics</i>	<i>MAH</i>
<b><i>Thurs. Feb. 16</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 pm</i></b>	<b><i>NSA WINTER MEETING</i></b>	<b><i>La Quinta Inn</i></b>
<i>Sun., Feb. 19</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>MW Rachmaninoff's Piano Con. #2</i>	<i>REH</i>

### MARCH

<i>Tues., Mar. 6</i>	<i>1:30 pm</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Menaul Conference Room</i>
<i>Thurs., Mar. 8</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>COFFEE Viennese Delights</i>	<i>MAH</i>
<i>Sun., Mar. 11</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>POPS Rock On Broadway</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Fri., Mar. 16</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>MW Voices of Spring</i>	<i>MAH</i>
<i>Sun., Mar. 18</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>MW Voices of Spring</i>	<i>REH</i>
<b><i>Sat. Mar. 31</i></b>	<b><i>11:30 am</i></b>	<b><i>BRAVURA BRUNCH</i></b>	<b><i>REH</i></b>

### APRIL

<i>Tues., April 3</i>	<i>1:30 pm</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Menaul Conference Room</i>
<i>Sun., April 15</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>MW Brahms' Symphony #4</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Wed., April 18</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>COFFEE Celebrate Broadway</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Sun., April 22</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>POPS American Songbook Encore</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Sun., April 29</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>MW A Musical Feast</i>	<i>REH</i>

### MAY

<i>Tues., May 1</i>	<i>1:30 pm</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Menaul Conference Room</i>
<i>Sun., May 13</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>MW Rhythms of Cuba</i>	<i>REH</i>
<b><i>Tues. May 15</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 pm</i></b>	<b><i>NSA ANNUAL MEETING</i></b>	<b><i>La Quinta Inn</i></b>
<i>Wed., May 16</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>COFFEE Once Upon a Time</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Sun., May 20</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>POPS Postcards from Paris</i>	<i>REH</i>
<i>Sat., May 26</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>	<i>MW Beethoven's Eroica</i>	<i>MAH</i>

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please welcome the following new members:

Jutta Bernsdorff - Dunedin  
Barbara Epstein - Palm Harbor  
Laura Lamkin - Palm Harbor  
Dr. Zena Lansky & Warren Rodgers - Clearwater  
Lareau & Evelyn "Evie" Lindquist - St. Petersburg  
Dale & Wendy Todd - Tampa  
Liesel Witzel - Clearwater

Any new member joining this year will receive a certificate for a half price ticket to one of three Coffee Concerts at Ruth Eckerd Hall this season - Wednesdays: January 18, April 18 or May 16, 2012.

We also want to thank all our **Patrons** who have supported us with their additional dues amount; their names are noted by **Bold Face** in our Directory.

I hope everyone has received their new 2011-12 *Florida Orchestra North Suncoast Associates Directory*. If your dues are current and I have missed giving or sending you one, please let me know. They were given to those members who attended our Tune Up meeting at the check in table and others were mailed.

*Lynn Lawton, Membership Chair, 727-789-8796 or  
lynnlawton@verizon.net*

## BRAVURA BRUNCH Silent Auction

Please contact Ron or Dale Anderson, who are collecting the auction items and compiling the auction directory. Our phone number is 727 536 9417 or contact us via e-mail at randerson20@tampabay.rr.com. We need to arrange for pick-up of the items and also a description of the item(s), the donor's name(s), and any minimum bid value the donor wishes to impose for the directory.

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## HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

TFO is giving NSA 400 tickets, out of a total of 1,000 tickets to sell as an opportunity drawing, which will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the A La Carte Pavilion in Tampa.

One ticket is good for a chance to win a cruise for two people on Holland America. A winner can choose a cruise lasting up to 10 days duration



*Courtesy of Holland America Cruise Lines.*

and leave from any port in the world. Any cruise can be chosen with the exception of cruises in the following categories: World Cruises, Alaska Cruise Tours, Grand Voyages, and Holiday Cruises.

The certificate is good for 18 months beginning April 19, 2012. The winner will be responsible for all taxes, onboard charges, hotel service charges, and transportation to/from the cruise terminal.

The suggested donation is \$20 per ticket, and no discounts will be given for multiple ticket purchases. Donations may be given via check, cash, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, Discover), or money order.

The following members are on the Cruise Ticket Committee: Clayta Ross (Chair), Dee Dubendorff, Joan Gutierrez, Terry Hoft, Ann Kennedy, Martha Robertson, Sally Trotter, and Anne Winchell.

Committee members will sell the tickets at Straz Center concerts in conjunction with the St. Pete Guild, at REH concerts, and at all NSA functions prior to the April 19 drawing. Tickets can also be purchased directly from committee members.

*Clayta Ross*

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Florida Orchestra North Suncoast Associates will work to promote the primary purpose of The Florida Orchestra: to enrich the life of the Tampa Bay area as it inspires, entertains and educates a wide and diverse audience with the unique experience of live symphony music, ensuring that future generations will continue to enjoy this legacy that so magnificently celebrates the human spirit.

To that end, the organization provides opportunities to work in audience development, education, fundraising, and other areas as orchestra needs and membership interests dictate.