



Take Note

THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA

North Suncoast Associates

Fall 2018

NEW NSA BOARD INSTALLED

Mary Turner, a founding member of NSA, installed the new board: Pat Donohue, President; Veronica Kolze, Vice President; Eleanor Cicerchi, Recording Secretary; Bruce and Mary Plummer, Co-Corresponding Secretary; Rick Tetrick, Treasurer; and Ann Kennedy, Past President. Pictured left to right..



Tune Up Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6:30 pm
La Quinta Inn, 21338 US 19N, Clearwater

The first NSA business meeting of the 2018-19 orchestra season is the Tune-Up Meeting. All are invited to attend—please bring friends and enjoy a buffet supper starting at 6:30 pm.

We need volunteers from our membership to bring tasty foods as well as wine and soft drinks. Please phone Marguerite Jirau 727-724-4310 to RSVP for the event and to inform her of your food donation.



After a short business meeting, we will hear from Sherry Powell, currently serving in the role of interim president during the board's CEO search. Our musical guest will be Natalie Hoe, who begins her second season as The Florida Orchestra's principal clarinetist. In 2017-18, she took over the

position from longtime principal Brian Moorhead. Natalie, 24, won her first principal position fresh out of graduate school at Rice University in Houston. She was born in Crawley, a town south of London, but moved to Hong Kong when she was one. At age 17, she left for her undergraduate studies at The Colburn Conservatory in Los Angeles.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new and exciting Orchestra Season! Our Florida Orchestra is amazing and I am looking forward to a great year with all of us as North Suncoast Associates supporting the TFO performance and education goals. I am honored to be leading the TFO-NSA as we have fun together while fund raising, enjoying the music and learning more about it and helping students and others learn about and connect to the instruments and the music.

We have a great team of officers and committee chairs, and I am always anxious to hear that you would be interested in stepping up for NSA. Please contact me to volunteer! This year, we have a great start with 107 people sharing 80 memberships. I am committed to expanding NSA membership and the TFO audience base while we engage in the Bravura Brunch and other fund-raising activities. Thanks to Betsy Walsh and Kim Payne for keeping us connected to the Orchestra and arranging the musicians for our meetings. Our first meeting featuring Natalie Hoe reminds us that developing young musicians is the secret for continuing the exceptional quality of music in our region into the future.

The 50th anniversary season of The Florida Orchestra was record setting—selling the most tickets ever. I had fun choosing my TFO tickets for the amazing



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season that is starting. I hope you will too. On that very high note, TFO CEO Michael Pastreich has chosen to leave TFO to find his next opportunity. The Orchestra is in superb condition and the Board has begun the process to identify the next President. I am among our leaders responding to the Board request for input in their inclusive search process. Rest assured we will keep you updated.

Please join us October 10 for the Tune Up Meeting so we get off to a fabulous start together! There is no charge for our dinner meeting as we all bring a dish or a beverage to share. It really helps Marguerite Jirau when you let her know what you plan to bring.

Dr. Pat Donohue

TFO/NSA ANNUAL MEETING

May 9, 2018

La Quinta Inn, Clearwater, FL

President Ann Kennedy called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:08 pm, following a buffet supper. She introduced special guests and thanked Vice President Pat Donohue for all her help this past year.



Marguerite Jirau supervises another spectacular buffet table

Minutes: Sue Siewruk made a motion to approve the minutes of the Winter Meeting on February 15, 2018, as well as those of the Tune Up Meeting on October 11, 2017. Marilou van Zanten seconded the motion, which carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Getker presented the financial report as of April 30, 2018. The report showed a bank balance of \$74,235.69. Pat Donohue made a motion to accept the report. Eleanor Cicerchi seconded. Ann thanked Beth for her service as Treasurer and introduced Rick Tetrick, the incoming Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising: Maria Cantonis presented a report on the Bravura Brunch, which was held on Saturday, March 3. She noted that Joan Nix Gutierrez was traveling and could not be present that evening. Maria recognized and thanked Betsy Walch, who has been our TFO liaison for the past two years, and asked all

Bravura Brunch committee members to stand and be acknowledged. Finally she thanked Michael Pastreich, President & CEO of TFO, who has reached out to secure the participation of three conductors over the past three years.

Education: Ann introduced Eleanor Cicerchi, who is succeeding Judy McSwine as Chair of the Education Committee and the NSA Instrument Petting Zoo. Eleanor gave a brief overview of the May 12 Petting Zoo, the last of the 2017-18 year, and encouraged NSA members to volunteer. She stressed that prior musical training is not a prerequisite. Eleanor also noted that TSA has recently given TFO \$250 to be put toward maintenance and repair of the instruments used for the Petting Zoo.

Hospitality: Marguerite Jirau, Chair of the Hospitality Committee, received a round of applause for organizing this year's three general membership meetings. She mentioned that she looks forward to having additional volunteers to help set up and clean up after the membership meetings next year.

Newsletter: Dale Anderson, Co-Chair of the Newsletter Committee, thanked all those who have submitted articles or photos. She said there are 3 issues annually: fall, winter and spring. Ann introduced Ron Anderson, Dale's Co-Chair.

Volunteers: Johanna Guzik, Volunteer Committee Chair, said that there are 20 NSA volunteers who manage the NSA information tables at the front and side of the Ruth Eckerd Hall lobby before concerts and at intermission. There was a sign-up sheet for NSA members to indicate their interest in volunteering at these information tables.

Election and Installation of Officers: Marilou van Zanten, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for next year, as pictured on page 1. Marilou also introduced the other members of the Nominating Committee: Joan Nix Gutierrez, Pat Donohue, Rick Tetrick and Jodi Johnston. Ann asked if there were nominations from the floor. There were none. Bill Jonson moved that the slate be accepted. Ron Anderson seconded. The motion carried.



Mary Turner, a founding member of NSA, led the installation of officers and, at the end, declared the officers for 2018-19 duly installed. Ann extended



a special thank you to those rotating off the board: John Getker, Corresponding Secretary; Beth Getker, Treasurer; Judy McSwine in absentia; Marilou and Martin van Zanten, Immediate Past Co-Presidents.

Pat Donohue, in her first remarks as President, thanked Ann Kennedy for her great leadership and membership development. Pat said she is humbled and honored to be serving as President. She noted that NSA is run by volunteers and added that all committees need additional members. She emphasized, "This is not just a business organization but a group directly connected to the TFO. We are united in our love of the orchestra and our support for TFO's Education and Outreach activities."

Pat and Maria presented an oversize mock-up of a check for \$67,500 to Michael Pastreich. Maria stated that the Bravura Brunch had netted more than \$74,000 this year. She also asked members to mark their calendars for the 2019 Bravura Brunch, March 9, 2019. Stuart Malina, Principal Guest Conductor and Coffee Concert Conductor, will be featured.

The Business Meeting ended with an opportunity fund drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Pat introduced Michael Pastreich, who presented an update on TFO activities and plans. The evening concluded with a musical presentation by Jeffrey Stephenson, who plays the oboe and English horn with TFO.



Michael Pastreich

Bill Jonson



Jeffrey Stephenson, TFO oboe and English horn



Jean Rascher

Susanne Nielsen



Stephen and Veronica Kolze



Eric and Rebecca Houghton

THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA/NORTH SUNCOAST ASSOCIATES, INC. 2018-2019 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 9/29 & Sun. 9/30* 8:00 & *7:30 pm MW: Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 MAH

OCTOBER

Sat. 10/ 6 2:00 & 8:00 pm POPS: Bernstein's Broadway MAH

Wed. 10/10 6:30 pm Dinner NSA Fall Tune-up Meeting La Quinta Inn

Sat. 10/ 27 & Sun. 10/28* 8:00 & *7:30 pm MW: Evening at Bach's Coffeehouse MAH & *REH



NOVEMBER

Thu. 11/ 1 11:00 am Coffee: Broadway MAH

Sat. 11/3 2:00 & 8:00 pm POPS: Disney in Concert – Tale as Old as Time MAH

Sun. 11/4 7:30 pm POPS: Disney in Concert – Tale as Old as Time REH

Sat. 11/10 & Sun. 11/11* 8:00 & *7:30 pm MW: A Child of Our Time MAH & *REH

Sat. 11/17 & Sun. 11/18* 8:00 & *2:00 pm MW: Vaughan Williams' A London Symphony MAH

Thu. 11/29 11:00 am Coffee: Let's Dance MAH

DECEMBER

Sat. 12/1 8:00 pm SC: STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE In Concert REH

Tue. 12/4 6:30 pm Dinner NSA 2018 Holiday Gathering Dunedin Country Club

Sat. 12/ 8 & Sun 12/9* 8:00 & *2 pm MW: Mozart & Sibelius Palladium Theater

Sat. 12/15 2:00 & 8:00 pm POPS: Holiday Pops MAH

Sun. 12/16 2:00 & 7:30 pm POPS: Holiday Pops REH

Wed. 12/19 & Thu. 12/20* 11:00 am Coffee: Orchestra a la Carte REH & *MAH

JANUARY 2019

Sat. 1/5 & Sun. 1/6* 8:00 pm & *7:30 pm MW: Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue MAH & *REH

Wed. 1/9 & Thu 1/10* 11:00 am Coffee: Spirit of America REH & *MAH

Sat. 1/12 2:00 & 8:00 pm POPS: Unforgettable: 100 Years of Nat & Natalie MAH

Sat. 1/19 & Sun. 1/20* 8:00 & *2:00 pm MW: Schubert's Symphony No. 9 MAH

FEBRUARY

Sat. 2/ 2 8:00 pm POPS: Dreams of Spain MAH

Wed. 2/6 & Thu. 2/7* 11:00 am Coffee: Beautiful Bohemia REH & *MAH

Sat. 2/16 & Sun. 2/17* 8:00 pm & *7:30 pm MW: The Planets MAH & *REH

Thu 2/21 6:30 pm Dinner NSA Winter Meeting La Quinta Inn

Sat. 2/23 & Sun. 2/24* 8:00 pm & *7:30 pm MW: A Midsummer Night's Dream Palladium Theater & *REH

Wed. 2/27 & Thu. 2/28* 11:00 am Coffee: Symphonic Shakespeare REH & *MAH



MARCH

Sat. 3/2 & Sun. 3/3* 8:00 & *7:30 pm POPS: Women Rock MAH & *REH

Sat. 3/9 11:00 am NSA 25th Annual Bravura Brunch Innisbrook Spa and Golf Club

Thu. 3/14 11:00 am Coffee: The French Connection MAH

Sat. 3/16 & Sun. 3/17* 8:00 & *7:30 pm POPS: Broadway Tonight MAH & *REH

Sat. 3/23 & Sun. 3/24* 8:00 & *7:30 pm MW: The Creation MAH & *REH

Sat. 3/30 & Sun. 3/31* 8:00 & *7:30 pm MW: Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 MAH & *REH

APRIL

Thu. 4/4 11:00 am Coffee: Classical Currents MAH

Sat. 4/6 & Sun. 4/7* 8:00 & *7:30 pm POPS: Ragtime, Blues and All That Jazz MAH & *REH

Sat. 4/13 & Sun. 4/14* 8:00 & *2:00 pm MW: Brahms' Symphony No. 1 MAH

Wed. 4/24 & Thu. 4/25* 11:00 am Coffee: Taste of Vienna REH & *MAH

Sat. 4/27 2:00 & 8:00 pm POPS: The Music of John Williams MAH



MAY

Sat. 5/4 8:00 pm MW: Mahler's Symphony No. 1 MAH

Wed. 5/16 6:30 pm Dinner NSA Annual Meeting La Quinta Inn

Sat. 5/25 & Sun. 5/26* 8:00 & *7:30 pm MW: Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto MAH & *REH

HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Dunedin Country Club is the venue for our NSA Holiday Gathering on Tuesday evening, December 4. Mark your calendars and plan to attend and bring your friends.

Dinner, plus a wine bar, and entertainment will be provided.

You won't want to miss this splendid event to start off your holiday celebrations. Social time begins at 6:00 pm; dinner is served at 6:30 pm followed by the musical entertainment. Cost is \$35 per person.

Mark your
calendars...

**NSA Winter
Meeting**
Thursday, February
21, 2019



BRAVURA BRUNCH

March 9, 2019

Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort

Help spread the word!

Featuring Maestro Stuart Malina,
Principal Guest Conductor and
Coffee Concert Conductor
Maria Cantonis and Joan Gutierrez
Co-Chairs

Save This Date and Support TFO

Seventh Annual St Petersburg Guild

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m.~4:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY TOUR RECEPTION

Friday Evening, November 30, 2018

For ticketing information, call 727-254-1176. Tickets on sale at the Saturday Morning Market, October 27 & November 3.

For more information, call 592-2311 (Sponsors)

All proceeds benefit The Florida Orchestra

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

I feel privileged to serve as your membership Chair this coming year. Special thanks go to Martin and Marilou vanZanten for their annual membership drive follow-up. They report 80 paid memberships which cover 107 people. They bring so much organization memory to this task. Now I need some of you to get involved with welcoming our members and reaching out to welcome new people. Please contact me or see me at the Tune Up meeting!

Membership Committee Chair Pat King

Roster of New Members

These new members joined us between late winter and now.

Names with an * and in all caps are Patron Members.

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TFO STAFF UPDATES

TFO announced that conductor Daniel Black has been selected for TFO's newly restored Assistant Conductor position. Dan comes with previous experience as an Assistant Conductor having served in a similar capacity with the Fort Worth Symphony between 2014 and 2017. He was recently the recipient of a George Solti Career Assistance Award, the third time he has received the honor. In addition to conducting he is also a recognized composer. For more information about Dan and his background, please see his website: <http://danielblackconductor.com/>



TFO SEASON END WRAP PARTY

A group of NSA members attended this function. Our Dr. Pat wasted no time getting acquainted with the top strata of The Florida Orchestra. Top picture: Jeff Multer, Concert Master; Pat; Janet Paroo, TFO Board Chair; and Susan Betzer, TFO Board co-Chair, Artistic Advisory Committee. The people in the bottom picture need no introduction.



● **EXCITING CHANGES PLANNED FOR THE INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO** ●

The NSA Instrument Petting Zoo continues to evolve and expand as new ideas are incorporated and additional staff and volunteers come aboard. In 2017-18, a record **10,700** kids had fun playing student-sized brass, wind, string, and percussion instruments at the Petting Zoo, their cheeks puffed up, the bows sliding around—at least until volunteers helped show them how to hold and play the instruments.

The huge increase in attendance last year was due to additional venues and dates, and the same will be true this year. In addition to having the Petting Zoo at 12 TFO Family Concerts last year (two on six Saturday mornings), the TFO Community Engagement staff, with the assistance of music students at USF, took the Petting Zoo to the Gasparilla Music Fest, libraries, and other locations that attract families with children. The TFO staff also engaged the children in interactive learning activities between pieces. NSA continues to enlist volunteers just for the 12 Family Concerts, although NSA members are welcome to help with any of the other Petting Zoo events.

Changes this year include new venues (see below), times and days of the week. TFO is also changing its “pay what you can” policy to paid admission of \$5 per person (children 3 and under free) for most of the events, and tickets can be purchased in advance online or by phone. “By charging admission and offering advance ticket sales, we hope to get a better idea of how many children are expected and can prepare better,” says Erin Horan, Community Engagement Director for TFO.

Additionally, there will be a theme for the fall Family Concerts: *“Get Up and Move! TFO String Quartet.”* Children will explore the minuet, tango, ballet, square dancing, and more as the TFO musicians accompany them. The spring theme is *“Meet the Brass with TFO Brass Quintet.”*

TFO is delighted that NSA’s donation to the Petting Zoo has enabled the Community Engagement staff to replace two violin and two cello bows and several badly needed violin and cello strings, as well as a cello fingerboard.

The fall Family Concert schedule is below. Contact Eleanor Cicerchi at ecicerchi@gmail.com or 607-382-1781 if you would like to volunteer. Volunteers are asked to be there one hour before the first concert. No music skills are needed.

Get Up and Move! TFO String Quartet

Explore the minuet, tango, ballet, square dancing and more at these fast-paced and interactive concerts.

- Sun, Oct 7, 2018, 1 pm and 2:15 pm.
Glazer Children’s Museum.
Admission: Free with paid admission to museum
- Sat, Oct 27, 2018, 10 am and 11:15 am
Murray Theatre at Ruth Eckerd Hall,
Clearwater. Admission: \$5/person, ages 3 and under free
- Sun, Nov 4, 2018, 2 pm and 3:15 pm
James Museum, St. Petersburg.
Admission: \$5 per person; ages 3 and under free. Museum admission not included.



Photographs are from the Petting Zoo at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, April 2017



The young lady on the left is one of the extraordinarily helpful music students from USF



Photographs are from a Petting Zoo at a 2018 Family Concert at MAH

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HELP WANTED

YOUR North Suncoast Associates
 needs someone to chair:

- Audience Development
- Publicity Committee

Please contact Veronica Kolze

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Vice President	Veronica Kolze	727-945-3706
Recording Secretary	Eleanor Cicerchi	607-382-1781
Corresponding Secretary	Bruce & Mary Plummer.	727-401-3582
Treasurer	Rick Tetrick.	727-244-2888
Past President	Ann Kennedy.	727-916-0520

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audience Development	TBA	
Education, incl. Petting Zoo	Eleanor Cicerchi	607-382-1781
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Hospitality/Program	Marguerite Jirau	813-748-2614
Co-Chair	Susanne Nielson	813-254-5088
Membership	Patricia King	585-880-1413
Newsletter	Ron & Dale Anderson.	727-536-9417
Publicity	Veronica Kolze (pro tempore) . .	727-945-3706
Volunteer Coordinator	Johanna Guzik	727-734-9727

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2017 Holiday Gathering	Ann Kennedy.	727-916-0520
Co-Chair	Veronica Kolze	727-945-3706
Bravura Brunch	Maria Cantonis.	727-460-3190
Co-Chair	Joan Gutierrez	813-765-8182
Directory (2018-19)	Jean Rascher	727-510-1821
Nominating (2018-19)	TBA	

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 symphonic 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.