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On behalf of The Venice Symphony Board of Trustees, musicians, staff and all the members of our community and schools who benefit from the Symphony's programs, thank you for your extraordinary generosity. This past year has been the most challenging in The Symphony's 47-year history. We were forced to cancel concerts and our long-standing education programs and postpone our entire 2020-21 concert season to 2021. Through it all, you have continued to support The Venice Symphony.

When we received two anonymous donations from Symphony patrons, allowing us to offer a \$150,000 Funding our Future matching gift challenge, you helped us surpass our goal months before the campaign was scheduled to end. Given the option to request a refund for your 2020-21 season tickets, or simply hold on to them, many of you donated the cost of your tickets back to The Symphony. In these and countless other ways this past year, your generosity has allowed us to continue to pursue our mission. Without you, we could not have produced our free virtual concerts and education videos, kept our musicians playing and our youth orchestra rehearsing and performing in the community.

Since we did not have the opportunity to share the list of our contributors in a concert program book this year, we created this publication. In addition to a donor list, you will find a new list of sponsor levels and benefits for 2021-22, concert and event dates, other ways to support the Symphony and more. You will see friends, neighbors and businesses that we hope you support now and in the future.

As we prepare to return to live performance in November and to resume our music education programs, we again thank you for your generosity and commitment to YOUR Symphony.

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Christine Kasten, President and CEO
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On behalf of all the musicians of The Venice Symphony, I want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout this challenging past year. I hope you were among the thousands to view our virtual concerts that showcased the talents of our fantastic musicians. These concerts are still available to enjoy free on demand.

But now it is time to get back to live performance at the Venice Performing Arts Center. We

are thrilled to return with every concert, program and guest artist we had promised to bring you last season. I believe this will be the most spectacular season ever for The Venice Symphony. Our resolve has never been stronger to make beautiful music and to reach you, our patrons, through exceptional musical performances. I hope to see you at all our Venice Symphony events.



Troy Quinn
Music Director/Conductor

SAVE THE DATES!
2021-2022
SPECIAL EVENTS

November 14, 2021
Brunch with Beethoven

March 19, 2022
Venice Symphony Ball



The Venice Symphony Returns to the Venice Performing Arts Center November 2021 – April 2022

Brahms and The Boys - November 19-20, 2021

The Venice Symphony opens its season with Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E Minor. **Thomas Hooten**, principal trumpet of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, performs on Haydn's *Trumpet Concerto in E-Flat Major*. Modern classic *God Only Knows* and Smetana's Overture from *The Bartered Bride* round out the program.

A Holly Jolly Holiday - December 17-18, 2021

A time-honored tradition with a twist featuring classic carols and Chanukah music, beloved standards, music from *The Nutcracker* and holiday film favorites. Sarasota's **Key Chorale**, the area's premier symphonic chorus, is scheduled to return to our stage for Handel's majestic "Hallelujah Chorus" and a traditional sing-a-long.

Under the Big Top: A Tribute to the Circus January 14-15, 2022

Celebrate our ties to the circus at this captivating concert accompanied by images from the Ringling Circus Museum. Selections include the Overture from *Gypsy*, music from *The Lion King* and *Swan Lake*, *The Can-Can* and much more. Guest soloist **Coya Bailey Jones** will perform "Never Enough" from *The Greatest Showman*.

A Night at the Oscars February 4-5, 2022

World-renowned piper **Eric Rigler** will reprise his original soul-stirring performance of "My Heart Will Go On" from the movie *Titanic*, and music from *Braveheart* in a concert that includes beloved music from *Forrest Gump*, *The Godfather*, *Rocky*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *La La Land*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and much more.

Superheroes and Schumann February 25-26, 2022

The Venice Symphony Orchestra transports you from Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia* to *The Dark World of Thor*, with stops in the Marvel and DC Universe. The concert will conclude with Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, featuring Concertmaster **Marcus Ratzenboeck**.

Telephone: 941-207-8822 – M-F 10AM-4PM

Game of Romes March 18-19, 2022

The rousing score of *Ben-Hur* opens the program, followed by intermezzos from Mascagni and Puccini, the theme from *Game of Thrones* and Rossini's masterpiece, the Overture from *William Tell*. The finale is Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, also known as "The Italian Symphony."

Fantasy, Firebird, and Fabiola April 22-23, 2022

Hailed by the New York Times as "playing with extraordinary precision and luminosity," violinist **Fabiola Kim** solos on Ralph Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending*. Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries* and music from *Chariots of Fire* and *How to Train Your Dragon* lead to our season's scorching finale, Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite*.

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We are pleased to announce that Fourthought Private Wealth will sponsor the 2021-22 Pre-Concert Talk Series. These informative and casual conversations with Music Director Troy Quinn and guests are moderated by Joseph Caulkins. The talks are free to the public and scheduled to take place before every concert at the Venice Performing Arts Center.

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