

Musical Notes

May, 2020



Let's Hear it for Our Symphony League

As we continue to sequester from the Coronavirus I'm so grateful for the friends I've made in our amazing Symphony League. The energy, creativity and fun of our dedicated band of volunteers has been a joy. Acting as president for the past two years has been an honor and I thank all of you for the opportunity.

What a shame that we were forced to close down the last half of our fundraising activities for this year. Our Wings of Glory 1940s Ball was virtually sold out, the band was warming up, cocktails were on ice and the Veterans Hall was rolling out the red carpet when the virus hit and all activities stopped. We postponed and finally cancelled the event. Many of our members donated their ticket money for which we're grateful, and this amount will be added to our check for the Symphony Association at the Annual Meeting.

Please be sure to join us on Zoom for our first Virtual Annual Meeting on Friday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. If you haven't used Zoom you'll find it easy and fun to use. Our meeting will be a chance to catch up with one another, thank our intrepid volunteers, install next year's officers and present our check to the Association. Don't miss it!

Next year will be different from any in our long history. Fortunately we have an amazing proposed roster of officers ready to lead us forward with Cheryl Hammond taking over as president. I look forward to supporting Cheryl and helping to keep the spirit of our League alive and well in Santa Cruz.

Stay well, everyone. Thank you for all you do and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Nancy Van Natta President, Santa Cruz Symphony League



At our January 31 Preview, Nancy visiting with Dorothy Wise, Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Symphony

Preview at California Grill, Watsonville, January 31, 2020



Danny making a point



Dan Rutan inviting guests to join the League

The League at Work and Play



Joan Nuttall-Stokes & Patrick Hung



Mary Jo & Fred Dunn-Ruiz



Vickie Rutan & Deborah Bronstein



Before we were sequestered Nancy invited us to the Wings of Glory Gala



Pat Sandidge & Sandy Hartman

MUSICIAN RELIEF FUND

Despite having to cancel their March, May and June concerts from this season, the Santa Cruz Symphony has still found a way to support their musicians. On March 16, when the shelter-in-place order was first announced in California, the Santa Cruz Symphony set up its Musician Relief Fund, seeded by \$20,000 from the general operating fund. Including cash and ticket donations, the fund has so far raised over \$85,000. The first payment from this fund went out at the beginning of April to a resounding appreciation from musicians. A second payment will be going out in May.



"Thank you very much for your extraordinary support, generosity, kindness, and thoughtfulness," wrote cellist Shain Carrasco. "While it is tragic that we won't be able to gather to make music together this spring, this outpouring of support from our board and donors will make a huge difference to all of us struggling to keep our heads above the water in these turbulent times. I hope we may all stay safe, healthy, and that we may return to our musical home in Santa Cruz Symphony as soon as possible. Please extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in creating this lifeline for us musicians."

The Musician Relief Fund will be maintained throughout the shutdown in the goal of supporting the Symphony's musicians financially. The Association is planning to send out another payment in May from donations received since the first payment.

Donations to the Musician Relief Fund can be made at santacruzsymphony.org. Keeping the organization going through the shutdown is essential, and donations to the Association are also welcome.

"We are all looking forward to once again convening at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium and the Mello Center for the Performing Arts to bring orchestral music to our community," said Wise. "More than ever we appreciate our collective Symphony family and are anxious to be together again."

You Can Still Contribute

Donations can be made online at santacruzsymphony.org or by sending a check to Santa Cruz Symphony 307 Church St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060.





and Volunteer Recognition Friday, June 26, 2:00

This year's meeting will be a "virtual meeting" on Zoom. It will have to be a BYOL ("Bring your own lunch) gathering. This is a first for the League but we know you will want to be there for the big "reveal" as Nancy presents the League's check to the Symphony Association. We will also install the officers for the 2020-21 season.

Please plan to join us in this "once in a lifetime" (we hope!) virtual Annual Meeting. You will receive information about logging in closer to the meeting. "See" you there.

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