

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION MATCHING GIFT FROM ELLEN AND DAVID RYAN HAS BEEN MET

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Naples, FL (October 27, 2021) – Artis—Naples announced today that the \$1 million dollar-for-dollar matching gift from longtime patrons Ellen and David Ryan in support of the Naples Philharmonic has been met, with more than 600 gifts ranging from \$1 to \$100,000.

“We are deeply grateful to Ellen and David, longtime patrons and subscribers to our Naples Philharmonic Pops, Broadway and Lifelong Learning series, whose \$1 million pledge inspired an immensely generous response from the community,” said Kathleen van Bergen, CEO and president. “Our sincere thanks go to Ellen and David, and to all who supported our mission this year, for making it possible to create and present world-class multidisciplinary programs that inspire, educate and entertain the diverse community.”

This matching gift and generous commitments will be used to support the Naples Philharmonic, which presents a full and robust 2021-22 season recognizing Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director Andrey Boreyko in his eighth and final season of artistic leadership. Highlights of this season include Masterworks performances with esteemed guest artists including Augustin Hadelich and Hélène Grimaud, a Pops series that features the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Hart as well as a tribute to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, and chamber music with a number of guest artists including violinist James Ehnes and the famed Canadian Brass.

Other 2021-22 highlights include the return of Miami City Ballet for two performances, an exciting Broadway series with hit musicals such as *Come From Away* and Tony-winning *Dear Evan Hansen* and, in the Visiting Orchestras series, a pair of performances by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra as well as a performance by the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Boreyko, their artistic and music director.

ARTIS—NAPLES

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 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 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, which concludes in 2022, is 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 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 2021-22 season celebrates 12 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, he 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 4,000 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 Baker Museum’s collections of American and Mexican modern art and significant gifts from the personal collection of Olga Hirshhorn.

With more than 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 and the Smithsonian Institutions—to enrich the Southwest Florida community.

In fall 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the opening of an 18,000-square-foot expansion of The Baker Museum, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, that created 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. Each season thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming 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 households who give \$75 or more, 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 2019, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* magazine’s “Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World,” and in 2021 it celebrates its 13th year in the community.