

# Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum  
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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## **ZELL MUSIC DIRECTOR RICCARDO MUTI LEADS THE CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN TWO PERFORMANCES AT ARTIS—NAPLES MARCH 2 AND 4, 2023**

### ***Tour Marks Muti's Final Season as Orchestra's 10th Music Director***

***CSO residency includes chamber music performance with musicians of the  
Naples Philharmonic and Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as additional  
education activities***

**Naples, FL (February 9, 2023)** – Artis—Naples is fortunate to welcome the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Zell Music Director Riccardo Muti for two concerts on March 2 and 4.

Long acclaimed for its artistic partnerships since its founding by its first music director, Theodore Thomas, more than 130 years ago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) has been led by such luminaries as Fritz Reiner, Sir Georg Solti, Daniel Barenboim, Pierre Boulez, Bernard Haitink, innumerable guest conductors, and, since 2010, by its 10th music director, the distinguished Italian conductor Riccardo Muti whose tenure as music director is set to conclude in June 2023.

“The musicians of the great Chicago Symphony Orchestra have become my musical family. Making music with them has been one of the great joys of my life,” noted Muti. “In these years that have been so difficult for so many people around the world, it is essential for us to continue sharing music together and connecting audiences to the arts and culture, the spiritual food for the soul.”

Audiences and critics alike have praised Muti's artistic leadership of the CSO, saying that, under his baton, the orchestra sounds “glorious” and “lush” (*The New York Times*), “exhilarating” (*Chicago Sun-Times*), and “brilliant” (*San Francisco Classical Voice*). The CSO brings Naples audiences two programs featuring core works from the orchestral catalog.

Repertoire includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and Symphony No. 8, Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5 and Ravel's colorful orchestration of Mussorgsky's musical tour of an art gallery, *Pictures from an Exhibition*. Perhaps less familiar to audiences is Liadov's evocative tone poem, *The Enchanted Lake*, considered by the composer to be one of his three best pieces. Liadov was one the “Russian Five,” a hugely influential circle of 19<sup>th</sup> century composers that included Alexander Borodin, César Cui, Mily Balakirev and Modest Mussorgsky. Liadov taught at his alma mater, the St. Petersburg Conservatory along with his mentor Rimsky-Korsakov, and his most famous student was none other than Sergei Prokofiev.

The CSO's residency will also include a special performance with musicians from the Naples Philharmonic and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on the Wang Chamber Music series, in a program including works by Böhme and Brahms, on March 5.

The CSO's commitment to education and community engagement is also evident when on tour, and Muti and the CSO's visit to Southwest Florida is no different; their Naples residency will

also include a visit to Immokalee High School by a chamber ensemble of musicians from the orchestra. Individual CSO musicians will also lead master classes for selected middle and high school students. These companion activities, organized with support from the Negaunee Music Institute at the CSO, have become a signature of the CSO when on tour, making engagement with communities they visit a priority whenever possible.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra performances are part of the Visiting Orchestras series, which is sponsored by a generous gift from Judy and Verne Istock.

Tickets and additional information can be found at [artisnaples.org](http://artisnaples.org).

### **Performances**

#### **Visiting Orchestras series**

#### **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

**Riccardo Muti, Zell Music Director**

**Beethoven** *Coriolan Overture*

**Beethoven** Symphony No. 8

**Liadov** *The Enchanted Lake*

**Mussorgsky** *Pictures from an Exhibition*

**Thursday, March 2**

**Prelude 7pm, Performance 8pm**

**Hayes Hall**

#### **Musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

**Friday, March 3, 10:50am**

**Immokalee High School (closed to the general public)**

#### **Visiting Orchestras series**

#### **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

**Riccardo Muti, Zell Music Director**

**Beethoven** Symphony No. 7

**Prokofiev** Symphony No. 5

**Saturday, March 4**

**Prelude 7pm, Performance 8pm**

**Hayes Hall**

#### **Wang Chamber Music series**

#### **Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

**Böhme** Brass for Brass in E-flat Minor

**Brahms** Sextet No. 1 in B-Flat Major

**Sunday, March 5, 3pm**

**Daniels Pavilion**

### **Master Classes**

#### **Cello Master Class**

**Richard Hirschl, cello**

**Friday, March 3, 3:30pm**

**Rowe Center**

#### **Clarinet Master Class**

**Stephen Williamson, clarinet**

**Saturday, March 4, 3:30**

**Rowe Center**

#### **Violin Master Class**

**Yuan-Qing Yu, violin**

**Saturday, March 4, 5pm**

**Signature Event Space**

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## **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, 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.

## **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. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors, with Andrey Boreyko being the fourth and most recent. Following the completion of Boreyko's eighth and final season in 2022, a search is underway for the Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director position. As the search continues, Artis—Naples has appointed violinist James Ehnes as an artistic partner for the 2022-23 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry. Podium leadership includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 13 years in this role in the 2022-23 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. In 2017, 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. Starting with the 2022-23 season, Alvin Ho has joined the artistic team as assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic.

## **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, including significant gifts from the 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 3,400 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 2022 celebrated its 14th year in the community.