

# Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum  
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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## **ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION MATCHING GIFT**

***Ellen and David Ryan to match donations through December 31, 2021  
dollar-for-dollar up to \$1 million  
in support of the Naples Philharmonic***

**Naples, FL (July 27, 2021)** - Artis—Naples announced today that Ellen and David Ryan have pledged to match all donations made through December 31, 2021, dollar-for-dollar up to \$1 million, in support of the Naples Philharmonic.

CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen said, “We are deeply grateful to Ellen and David Ryan for this remarkably generous gift, which will provide critical support for the Naples Philharmonic at a time when the world is gaining momentum and we are looking forward to a full and robust season. Ellen and David have been part of the Artis—Naples family for many years, and their unwavering support helps us sustain our mission to provide the community with the very best in the visual and performing arts.”

The announcement comes as Artis—Naples is poised to announce its full 2021-22 exhibition and performing arts season in the coming weeks.

As longtime patrons and subscribers to the Pops, Broadway and Lifelong Learning series, the Ryans said they hope their pledge will inspire the community to further support and engage with Artis—Naples. “We never leave there without smiles on our faces,” the Ryans noted. “If life in Naples can be described as a ‘Hot Fudge Sundae,’ Artis—Naples would be the cherry on top!”

Matching gifts can be made by contacting the Development Department at 239-254-2615 or online at [artisnaples.org/give](http://artisnaples.org/give).

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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 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 building, 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.

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