

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES RICHARD LUBLIN AND CHRISTINE STAHL AS 2021 NAPLES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTING SPONSORS

Naples, FL (October 14, 2021) – Artis—Naples is pleased to announce Richard Lublin and Christine Stahl as presenting sponsors of the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), scheduled for October 21-24, 2021. Screenings and events will once again take place at Artis—Naples and Silverspot Cinema.

“Richard has been an incredible supporter of NIFF for many years,” said CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “This year, Richard and his partner, Christine, provide the highest level of support as Festival Presenting Sponsors, and we are deeply grateful for their vision and generosity in helping us present the 13th annual NIFF, marking its fifth year as part of Artis—Naples. Richard, as an attorney turned TV and film actor, certainly understands the film industry and what it takes to present a world-class festival. We sincerely appreciate his and Christine’s continuing support and belief in NIFF.”

Lublin said that as a member of the industry himself, he appreciates the hard work that goes into filmmaking and wants to support independent cinema as much as possible.

“It is a pleasure for Christine and me to be the major sponsors of the Naples International Film Festival, which has been recognized as one of the ‘Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World.’ This is my third year doing so, and the reason I sponsor is because we feel it is very important to give young producers, directors and actors an opportunity to present their work to an audience,” Lublin says. “The entertainment business is probably the most difficult industry in which to have a successful career. Christine and I look forward to the opportunity to view the work products of the wonderful participants in the film festival, and we wish them all good luck. We also hope the enthusiastic NIFF audiences will enjoy these films.”

Artis—Naples recently announced the film lineup for the 13th annual Naples International Film Festival to be held October 21-24, 2021, featuring a return to in-person screenings. A central theme of this year’s edition of NIFF will be a celebration of the art of the short film, including the first time the festival has showcased a specially curated shorts program for its Opening Night Film. The film festival will close with a special presentation of Robert Zemeckis’ ***Back to the Future*** featuring a live performance of Alan Silvestri’s classic score by the Naples Philharmonic, conducted by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly.

On Friday and Saturday night, Artis—Naples will present “Screenings Under the Stars” in Norris Garden on Artis—Naples’ Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus, with two films that are part of this year’s juried competition. The documentary feature ***Holy***

Frit will screen on Friday night, and the narrative feature **Women Is Losers** will screen on Saturday night. The full NIFF schedule and other details can be found [here](#).

The festival will include 67 films (12 narrative features, 11 documentary features, 44 short films) from 20 countries. All screenings will be in-person, either in Hayes Hall, Daniels Pavilion, Norris Garden or Silverspot Cinema.

Festival Presenting Sponsors are Dr. Richard Lublin and Christine Stahl, with generous support also provided by the Collier County Tourist Development Council. Special thanks also to Rebecca Lambert and Jonathan Sonne, Bobbi and David Drobis, Entech, Stan and Sarann Kraushaar and media sponsors Gulfshore Life and Naples Daily News.

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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