

# Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum  
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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

### ***Matching gift amplifies giving through June 30***

**NAPLES, FL (February 6, 2023)** – An anonymous board member has pledged a \$1 million matching gift in support of Artis—Naples’ multidisciplinary mission, encompassing wide-ranging community initiatives and education programs for students of all ages that inspire thousands of residents and visitors each year with the wonders of the visual and performing arts. This generous gift will match dollar-for-dollar all donations made through June 30, 2023, up to \$1 million.

“We are so fortunate to have the most committed and generous board!” said CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “We are deeply grateful to this individual for their leadership and support that they’ve demonstrated through this matching gift. This gift supports our commitment to excellence and will exponentially benefit our education and community engagement programs. It is a privilege to lead an organization in whose mission our trustees believe so fervently, and I thank them on behalf of our entire organization.”

The 2022-23 season is united by the theme of *Distance—Devotion*, which underscores the importance of connectedness and shared experiences to the richness of our lives. It is in this spirit that the million-dollar match is made, celebrating and supporting this core tenet of the Artis—Naples mission, with the hope that it will inspire others to do the same. Artis—Naples’ education and community offerings include Community Day, a biannual event that fills the entire Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus with activities such as hands-on art-making, petting zoos and up-close experiences with orchestral instruments. Through the multifaceted education programs offered both on and off the cultural campus, Artis—Naples sparks imagination and instructs the artists and art lovers of tomorrow, reaching more than 45,000 students in Lee and Collier counties each year. Artis—Naples also invites the community to enjoy Art After Hours at The Baker Museum on the last Wednesday of each month from September through June, from 6pm to 9pm. With live music performed by local musicians, food and beverage and free admission to all museum exhibitions, Art After Hours is a fun evening of art and entertainment for audiences of all ages. The arts build bonds which strengthen, grow and enrich this diverse community for current and future generations.

Matching gifts can be made by contacting the development department at 239-254-2615 or online at <https://artisnaples.org/give>.

## **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.

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