

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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MUSIC DIRECTOR FRANZ WELSER-MÖST LEADS THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA AT ARTIS—NAPLES TO CONCLUDE ITS ANNUAL FLORIDA TOUR ON JANUARY 29, 2023

Violinist Lisa Batiashvili is featured soloist

Naples, FL (January 9, 2023) – [The Cleveland Orchestra](https://www.clevelandorchestra.com), among the world’s greatest orchestras, returns to Artis—Naples for one concert only on Sunday, January 29, at 2pm as it concludes its 16th annual Florida residency in Hayes Hall.

Renowned violinist [Lisa Batiashvili](https://www.lisabatiashvili.com) is the soloist in Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto in a program that also includes Austrian composer Bernd Richard Deutsch’s *Intensity*, a work the composer dedicated to [Welser-Möst](https://www.franzwelser-moest.com) which the orchestra premiered in January 2022. The program concludes with Respighi’s *Roman Festivals*—a showpiece for orchestra from the composer’s Roman Triptych which also includes *Pines of Rome* and *Fountains of Rome*. *Roman Festivals* vividly brings to life the depiction of four types of festivals found around ancient Rome, and includes musical depictions of gladiators battling in a Roman circus, a pilgrimage, a harvest celebration and a public street fair.

“As we return to South Florida, The Cleveland Orchestra is proud to be back in Naples and offer a program featuring cornerstones of the symphonic repertoire,” said André Gremillet, President & CEO of The Cleveland Orchestra. “We are most appreciative of our partnership with Artis—Naples and CEO & President Kathleen van Bergen, and we remain grateful for and devoted to our steadfast supporters in Naples. Our concerts at Hayes Hall always constitute a highlight in a Cleveland Orchestra season.”

This performance also marks the eighth Hayes Hall appearance for the orchestra’s music director Franz Welser-Möst, who has appeared on stage leading both the Vienna Philharmonic and The Cleveland Orchestra and is celebrating over twenty years of remarkable Cleveland Orchestra leadership.

“We are so thankful for The Cleveland Orchestra’s dedicated appearances on our stage over the years,” said Kathleen van Bergen, CEO & President of Artis—Naples. “With performances in Hayes Hall dating as far back as 1997 and more frequently in recent years under the baton of Franz Welser-Möst, we delight in our audience’s enthusiastic reactions to each performance by The Cleveland Orchestra.”

Tickets to this performance include same-day free admission to The Baker Museum through our [Music and Museum](https://www.artisnaples.org/music-and-museum) program. Museum hours on day of performance: Noon-4pm.

The Cleveland Orchestra performance is 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.

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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.