

Artis—Naples

Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION MATCHING GIFT HAS BEEN MET

Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson pledged \$1 million matching gift to support Artis—Naples during impact of COVID-19 pandemic

Gifts from \$20 to \$100,000 helped meet the match

Naples, FL – September 24, 2020 - Artis—Naples announced today that the \$1 million special matching gift pledged by former Board Chair Kimberly K. Querrey and her husband, Louis A. Simpson in May has been met. Querrey and Simpson made the \$1 million pledge in order to provide stability for the organization as it continues to respond to the impact of COVID-19. The pledge was designed to match any new and increased gifts through December 31, 2020 up to \$1 million and was reached in September.

“In May 2020, as Artis—Naples and the rest of the world was adjusting to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, Kimberly wanted to do something to help provide stability for the organization. This challenge not only provided stability, but also inspired the community, as we are thrilled to announce that the match has been met,” said CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “This tremendous gift from Kimberly and Lou is yet another example of their remarkable leadership, generosity and commitment to Artis—Naples, and it moved many who believe that arts and culture are essential to the quality of life in Naples. Gifts ranged from \$20 to \$100,000 and more than one-third were under \$500, making it clear that we enjoy a broad base of support in our community.”

“It is validating that the Naples cultural community has met this challenge in a mere four months. Artis—Naples has also met the challenge in creatively finding ways to safely reopen,” Kimberly Querrey said. “With this broad base of community support, we will continue to navigate the unprecedented impact of COVID-19.”

This was not the first example of Querrey and Simpson’s incredible generosity. In 2016, they made the largest single philanthropic commitment in the organization’s history, a \$15 million lead gift for the Future—Forward Campaign for Cultural Excellence. This new gift and the matching funds will be used to continue supporting operations and special initiatives related to the impact of COVID-19 as Artis—Naples reopens to the public.

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 typically 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 traditionally welcomes 300,000 visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson 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, extended through 2022, marks 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 typically 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 2020-21 season celebrates 11 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 was promoted to Associate Conductor.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is one of the foremost fine art museums in Southwest Florida and celebrates its 20th anniversary season in 2020-21. Each year, The Baker Museum hosts several traveling exhibitions to complement the exhibitions curated from its permanent collection. To celebrate the 20th anniversary milestone, two traveling exhibitions celebrate the three-dimensional artistry of Dale Chihuly and Auguste Rodin. 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 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, Smithsonian Institutions and École des Beaux-Arts, Paris—to enrich the Southwest Florida community.

The Baker Museum exhibitions reopened to the public on December 1, 2019, after being closed for more than two years in the wake of Hurricane Irma. The repair of the museum was paired with a simultaneous expansion of the building to the south, which created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration, education and social interaction, and was completed in 2020.

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. Typically, thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming each year 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 more than \$75, 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 2018, NIFF celebrated its tenth year in the community, and in 2019, NIFF was named one of MovieMaker Magazine’s Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World.

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