

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES REOPENING OF THE BAKER MUSEUM FOR FRIENDS OF ARTIS—NAPLES AND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

NAPLES, FL (August 7, 2020) – Artis—Naples announced today that it will reopen The Baker Museum to Friends of Artis—Naples and community first responders for guided tours beginning Thursday, August 13.

Kathleen van Bergen, CEO and President of Artis—Naples, said that opening the museum in August – the first time in its history that it has been open during that month – is a way of thanking Artis—Naples donors for their continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic, along with the first responders who have been on the front lines of the public health crisis. “We have missed everyone, and we are delighted to begin the process of reopening the Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus by welcoming the Friends of Artis—Naples and our community’s first responders with the opportunity to experience the healing power of art again during these special tours of The Baker Museum,” van Bergen said.

Beginning Thursday, August 13, Director of Curatorial Affairs Rangsook Yoon and Artis—Naples docents will give tours of two current exhibitions from The Baker Museum holdings – *100 Iconic Works from the Permanent Collection* and *Subject Matters*.

With more than 3,600 households who give at least \$75, the Friends of Artis—Naples includes many of the most dedicated and involved Artis—Naples patrons. The Friends raise nearly \$1 million each season in support of Artis—Naples programs through activities such as the Artist Studios Tour, the Travel with Friends program, the Run for Music and the annual Artis—Naples Gala.

Current Friends of Artis—Naples, and first responders, can register online at artisnaples.org or by phone at 239-597-1900. Those who are not yet Friends of Artis—Naples can join online to become eligible for tour registration. Friends of Artis—Naples and first responders will need to reserve tour tickets in advance, with a limit of two, and will also be required to sign a liability and COVID exposure form. Guests will also be required to observe social distancing, wear face masks and have their temperatures checked upon entry.

As Artis—Naples announces plans for the upcoming season, the organization will comply with guidance from Federal, state and local authorities and will be responsible and measured in decisions about public performances and events. As has been true since this public health crisis began, Artis—Naples’ main priority remains the health and safety of patrons, musicians, team members, visiting artists, students and the wider community.

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 more than 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 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 2019-20 season celebrated 10 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. The museum hosts several traveling exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 3,500 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 Museum’s collections of American and Mexican modern art and significant gifts from the personal collection of Olga Hirshhorn.

With almost 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 creates 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. More than 45,000 students from 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 members, 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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