



COPW

Committee of Professional Women
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NEWS NOTES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear COWP Members.

I am sorry to tell you that Sandy Beckley passed away on Friday, February 5th. Sandy had heart and lung problems in the last couple years, but she contracted COVID19 a few months ago and she couldn't fight it off. We will all miss her.

COPW is not standing still during this Pandemic. We continued 2020-21 with Zoom events. On Oct 13, 2020, we enjoyed Becky Rodman, a violinist, violist and best of all a maker of violins showing us how she makes a violin from beginning to end. Then she played for us.

Flautist Cathy Ransom Karoly and her cellist husband, Jonathan Karoly, Zoomed a wonderful concert for us on November 19, 2020. Cathy and Jon are 1 of 6 married couples who play in the LA Philharmonic Orchestra.

Our Annual Meeting was held on Zoom on Jan 23, 2021. Dr. Marina Grozdanovic, a pianist whose performances critics describe as "virtuosity interwoven with depth of expression." Marina kept 36 members and 38 guests entranced as she played Chopin, Debussy and we had a hard time trying to follow her fingers when she performed Francois Couperin.

COPW's Spring Event will be a treat as Johathan Bailey takes us on a tour of "The American Musical as a Social Statement". Save March 13, 2021 for this Zoom event.

We will install our new Board Members and Returning Board Members on May 22, 2021. Louis Lohraseb will let us into his "class" of Conducting 101.

Upcoming LA Phil virtual events:

Symphonies for Schools: March 5, sound/stage concerts.

Pasadena Showcase House Arts opened February 8th. The tour will be on sale until May 17th. More information to come.

If you haven't already joined Friends of the LA Phil, please consider sending in anything from \$5 on up. COPW has always been a big contributor to Friends.

Icons on Inspiration: LA Gala: features Dudamel, many of LA Phil, Julie Andrews, Yuja Wang, Katie Perry and others. Donating will sustain the ongoing work of the LA Phil: [LAPhil.com/icons](https://www.laphil.com/icons). The streaming will be available until 7PM on Monday, March 8, 2021.

We keep in our hearts the 3 COPW members we have lost in 2020-2021: Sona Boyd, Joey Hynes and Sandy Beckley. To send a donation in honor of Sona, Joey or Sandy, please make your check out to LA Philharmonic, attn: Joseph Feneck, 151 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012. (put the name of the one you wish to honor on the memo line "In memory of....") also on line: <https://www.laphil.com/>.

Please take care of yourselves and your families. Wear a mask or 2, wash your hands often, stay socially distanced and get your vaccination. Feel free to contact each other and "check up" on friends.

Thank you to all who zoom our events. Those who have not yet zoomed, give it a try. We love "seeing" all our members.

Warm wishes,

Cec Schulman,

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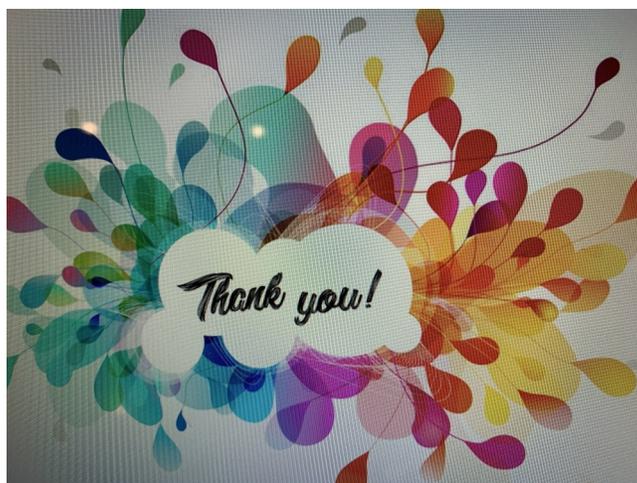
A Big ‘Thank You’ to Rea Crane

Rea Crane has helped COPW stay sane during these most difficult times. Of course, I knew this about her as I have known Rea for many years—we both stood up as bridesmaids for my cousin and Rea’s dearest friend, Joan. That was 54 years ago, Halloween. Rea was Vice President of COPW when I joined in 2013. Rea has been a member of COPW since 2007. She has held almost every office and chair (except treasurer, I think); and is always willing to step up and help in any way needed. She is more than a member and past president, she is our living historian. I know Rea will always have the answer to any question pertaining to COPW—go ahead—ask her.

We send our biggest “THANK YOU” to Rea Crane for helping keep COPW above all the negativity caused by COVID19. We positively appreciate her emails with information where to tune in to a wonderful virtual concert somewhere. Somehow Rea knows secret places where music is hidden; and she shares them with us. With a click of her computer we are able to see and hear Gustavo Dudamel conducting our LA Phil Orchestra, see and hear many of our orchestra members playing beautiful music, and for a while we are able to forget the world and just enjoy music.

I know I speak for every member of COPW when I thank Rea for keeping us sane in these difficult times.

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REMEMBERING

We are deeply saddened by the loss of three of our long time members.

Joey was born in NY and moved to CA at 18. She was a social worker, teacher, lawyer and combined these by working pro bono on justice in elder abuse cases. She enjoyed writing, photography, music, dancing, playing the recorder and running marathons in her younger years.



Joey Hynes



Sona Boyd

Sona, also known as Sunny, was a 50 year Burbank resident, a past president and a 33 year member of COPW. Sona studied fashion design, loved traveling, reading, classical music, going to the Hollywood Bowl, delivered Meals on Wheels and spending time with her grandchildren.



Sandra Beckley

Sandy was a lovely, hard working woman who brought such joy to our group, our world. She thoroughly enjoyed the tasks of the Showcase House and the TSFY volunteer signups. We'll have a hard time finding someone to fill her shoes.



Our Sympathy goes out to COPW members Julie Mairs, who recently lost her beloved husband, Roger, and Babs Rubens, who lost her beloved Barry earlier last year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 4, 2021 COPW Board Meeting - Zoom everyone invited to attend

May 6th, 2021 COPW Board Meeting—Zoom everyone invited to attend

March 13, 2021 Spring Event—Jonathan Bailey discusses the American Musical as a social statement

May 22, 2021 Installation of Officers, Louis Lohraseb, conductor discussion music 101

RECOGNITION OF LONGSTANDING MEMBERSHIP IN COPW

Congratulations to the following Members for their 25 years of dedicated service:



COPW 25-Year Service Pin

Adrienne Bass

Joey Hynes

Ellen Johnston

The HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING COPW MEMBERS

JANUARY

Inez Lopez (27)

Joyce Mallean (25)

Carlie Rogers (6)

Ruth Lynn Sobel (22)

FEBRUARY

Ed Hirsch (9th)

BJ Peterson(12)

Susan Poodiak (3)

MARCH

Herbert Weinberg (17)



OUTSTANDING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY GUEST ARTIST



DR. MARINA GROZDANOVIC

In January, we were treated to an outstanding piano performance by Dr. Marina Grozdanovic, hosted by Judy and Ed Hirsch. The program consisted of pieces by Chopin, Couperin and Debussy. Born in Belgrade, Serbia, Marina began her piano studies and pursued her career to the US where she graduated with honors from USC, majoring in Piano Performance. Her exceptional academic and professional performance earned her a membership in the prestigious "Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society. For more information visit her website at <http://www.virtuosopianostudio.com>.



COPW IN AND OUT BOARD MEMBERS

The following Outgoing Board Members include:

Susan Bell, Bud Flette, Nan Flette, Jane Goichman, Gail Heltzer, John Herrmann, Ed Hirsch, Judy Hirsch

Members returning for an additional three-year term include:

Bee Campbell, Kathy Forsman, Nan Goodman, Marion Joy,

Becky Nedelman, Babs Rubens

Members coming on to the Board for their first 3-year term

Mary Boughton, Mary Helen Ewan, Ratna Jones, Inez Lopez, Julie Mairs, BJ Peterson, Judy Shepard



Happy Valentine's Day!