



# NewsNotes

**LA Phil Affiliates**

## President's Message



The Committee of Professional Women for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Affiliates draws from all over the greater Los Angeles area. While predominantly women, several men have joined our group and have been very active. We began as a group of women who were working and thus, unlike most Affiliates.

Our program year entails four events, usually with music, in different venues: member homes, churches, or other places. Additionally, we often have a summer trip to a music festival, such as the San Luis Obispo Festival Mozaic.

We proudly volunteer for the LAPhil and Pasadena Showcase House, and support YOLA and families in group homes (through our ticket donation program).

We are happy to have any interested people join us. Our website is [www.copw.org](http://www.copw.org).

**Bee Campbell, President, COPW**  
2024-25

## COPW goes to *Festival Mozaic* in San Luis Obispo

A fabulous time was had by all !! From July 26 through July 28<sup>th</sup>, 20 music aficionados travelled

with COPW to San Luis Obispo for Festival Mozaic--a weekend of music, gourmet food and camaraderie. Seven additional gourmands joined just for meals and arranged their own concert tickets.

Our event started Friday night at La Cuesta College's Harold J. Miossi Performing Arts Center. The Festival Orchestra, led by Scott Yoo, played Rossini's Overture to the Barber of Seville, Earl Kim's groundbreaking work entitled Where Grief Slumbers, Spanish composer Enrique Granados's Piano Quintet in G minor and Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence.

Saturday's festivities began with a 3-course dinner at Buona Tavola Italian Restaurant - incredible food, as always - and culminated with our second concert at the Performing Arts Center on the Cal Poly campus. This sold out concert included Mozart's Overture to The Magic Flute, Wagner's Wesendonck Lieder and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, which garnered a standing ovation from the entire audience. (Continued on page 2)





## **Symphonies for Youth Ticket Donation Program - Mary Helen Ewan, Chair**

Each year COPW donates LAPhil concert tickets so children and their families in group homes can enjoy the wonderful world of classical music.

These agencies will receive tickets this year:

HillsidesCare - Comprehensive mental health treatment for Children and adolescents. Pasadena.

Hathaway-Sycamores - now Sycamores - Behavioral health, homeless housing and support, family resources, and foster care and adoption. Highland Park.

1736 Family Crisis Center - Lifesaving support for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, homelessness and poverty. Los Angeles.

L.A. House of Ruth - Provides transitional housing and supportive services for homeless battered women and children in the Los Angeles area.

Upward Bound House - Housing, supportive services, and advocacy by helping families with children access basic resources and successfully transition them into their own homes.

Hope Street Margolis Family Center - Partners with California Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) and serves as an access point for educational, early childhood social and health care, services for low-income working families in downtown and South Los Angeles area.

Summer trip to SLO, continued from page 1



We were so proud to see our committee name and logo projected behind the orchestra in rotation with major supporters!



On Sunday, ending the weekend, 25 guests enjoyed brunch overlooking the creek n SLO at Novo Restaurant and Lounge, dining on omelettes, tofu scrambles, French toast and breakfast wraps.



Our appreciation goes out to Ratna Jones and Adrienne Bass co-Chairs, shown on left and second from left.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND SILENT AUCTION

Our annual COPW Installation luncheon was held May 18, 2024 at the Iconic Odyssey Restaurant nestled atop the scenic hills of Granada Hills, CA. To highlight the event we were entertained by a performance by Jose Prieto and Victor Torres, the renowned Spanish Guitar Duo, shown below with event co-Chair Joyce Mallean. They have played and opened for numerous artists such as Kenny G, Sarina Cross, Carmine Rojas, Rod Stewart, David Bowie, Yanni and many more.

We had rhythms of harmonious and timeless blend of tradition and innovation of Classical compositions to the fiery rhythms of Rumba Flamenco to soulful melodies of Latin tunes.



A Silent Auction followed a scrumptious luncheon of salmon and vegan pasta. The Silent Auction featured Certificates to Ojai Oaks Hotel and Spa to a variety of artisan pottery, massage certificates, high-end whiskeys and wines, seats to Hollywood Bowl and the opportunity to purchase Founders Memberships. Plus many more gift items. Everything was sold and the proceeds will be put to good use by the LA Philharmonic Affiliates. After lunch, Rea Crane, Past President installation officer installed the officers as selected by the COPW Board :

Bee Campbell, President (left)

Karen Scharre, Vice President (right)

Annette Colfax, Treasurer (not shown)

Cec Schulman, Secretary (center)



The Installation was followed by the President's remarks regarding volunteer opportunities, our new members and a cohesive union for the future of the group.

Many thank were given to Event Co-Chairs Joyce Mallean and Maria Moore and to Cec Schulman, Silent Auction Chair and all those who donated items for the event.

Everyone left the event with a smile on their faces.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Philharmonic Gala

Mark your calendars for the Philharmonic's Opening Night Gala on October 1. Maestro Dudamel will conduct a concert featuring pianist Lang Lang and Baritone Gustavo Castillo. The program includes Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18 and Alberto Ginastera's *Estancia*. Special Gala packages are available for Affiliate members (us!) that include a pre-concert reception at 5:30 in the Blue Ribbon Garden and the 7 p.m. concert. Prices start at \$500/pp. The deadline is September 18. Call or email Tina Houy, Affiliate Gala Chair at 909.921.97021 or [tinah.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:tinah.RSVP@gmail.com) with questions or if you need her to resend the invitation that was just emailed out to us all.



### COPW Fall Event: Concert and Dinner November 16

COPW'S Fall event will be held on Saturday, November 16. We will attend an afternoon concert by Orchestra Nova LA (formerly the Los Angeles Doctors Symphony Orchestra) at the Veteran's Auditorium in Culver City. This orchestra is special to COPW as our own Vice President, Karen Scharre, violin, is a member. The program will be family friendly, including the classic Peter and the Wolf. After the concert, we'll go out for dinner at a local restaurant. Co-Chairs Rea Crane and new member Tobey Shaffer will send more information soon.



**IN MEMORIAM:** John Herrmann passed away this September, after a recurrence of cancer., at home with his wife Edna and daughter Gina. A COPW member since 2006, he was first introduced to COPW by Ellen Johnston, with whom he attended LA Philharmonic concerts for 35 years. John and Edna generously opened their beautiful mid-Wilshire home for COPW events. He was a true music lover and gentleman. We will miss him.

## SHOUT OUT to

Our new members - so far!- in 2024:

Rhoda Coleman  
Joan Freeman  
Janet Hodgkin  
Barbara Jones

Marina Lopez (a second generation  
COPWer!)  
Daphne Moote  
Francine Rodriguez  
Tobey Shaffer

We hope to feature more about them in upcoming NewsNotes. And we are delighted to welcome back past member Taffia Kennedy.

## AND

To all our members who volunteer to support the LA Phil. COPW participates with Symphonies for Schools, Pasadena Showcase House, and many other LA Phil activities. Maria Moore was featured below for her volunteer work with YOLA. She is second from right in the first photo on the top left.

