



Music Matters *November 2012*

*Special events of
Pacific Symphony League*

League Luncheon:

Monday, October 29, 2012 at
11 a.m., Symphony Principal
Flute, Benjamin Smolen

Location: Antonello Ristorante,
South Coast Plaza Drive, Costa
Mesa

Salon Series 1:

November 4, 2012

Start Time: 3:30 p.m. Music by
Cynthia Ellis, flute, Tony Ellis,
trumpet, at the Uyemura House in
Corona del Mar

Board Meeting:

Monday, November 12, 2012;
10:00 a.m. at the Symphony
Offices.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Pops Opening Night Celebration –
Friday, November 16, 2012
Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

Magical entertainment and gour-
met delicacies in an enchanted
venue plus guest appearances by
Principal Pops Conductor, Rich-
ard

Kaufman, and John Forsythe.

Location: Center Club,
Costa Mesa.

Opera Trips:

**Sunday, December 9, Madame
Butterfly, Los Angeles;**

**Friday, February 1,
Daughter of the Regiment,
San Diego**

Board meeting:

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

*Co-Presidents of
Pacific Symphony League,
Boker and Jaye Yaruss*



Dear League Members,

Jaye and I and your current Board continue to build on the great foundation laid by our predecessors.

The new League brochure now clearly defines our four different levels of membership as well as the costs, duties and benefits related to each level. If you haven't yet read it, please take a minute to do so. It was included in your renewal mailer that you should have received by now. If not, contact Julie Wiseman, your Membership Chair, and she will be happy to see you get your renewal information. One of our key endeavors this year is to make sure that every member knows about all of the League activities. Just because you may be an active Volunteer member, doesn't mean you shouldn't know what Opera Focus is doing or about an upcoming Salon Series event. No matter which level of membership you choose, you may attend an event from the other levels (one time only) for the purpose of getting a chance to see what you may be missing! Who knows, you may want to adjust your membership so you can take advantage of all our offerings!

November's Pops Opening Night Celebration at the Wicked Divas concert to honor our Friday Night subscribers is almost here and invitations are in the mail. Marion Brockett and her committee are doing a fantastic job! Please call now to attend and support this event by sponsoring a table for you and your friends, purchasing a seat for an orchestra member to enjoy the dinner, or calling Marion for underwriting opportunities to help make this a really special evening. It is easy for Thursday and Saturday subscribers to change the night of their tickets to enjoy this evening with the League. Just call Leslie Vaeth at (714) 876-2374. We'll see you there!

We hope you enjoyed Symphony President John Forsythe's outstanding preview of our year to come at our first Luncheon of the year. We are so fortunate to have so much commitment, business acumen and talent within our Executive and Administrative staff. John reported that we have maintained our hard-won record of balancing our Symphony budget for 2011-12. Bravo! Applause, please! Thanks to Elaine Vanderpool, Sue Baker, Hani Feller and Leslie Vaeth for making the it a memorable event to kick off our year.

And, finally, Jaye and I are always available to chat to hear your ideas, input, energy and enthusiasm. Please feel free to call us.

*Boker and Jaye Yaruss, Co-Presidents
Pacific Symphony League 2012-13*

October Membership Luncheon



Pacific Symphony Principal Flute. Benjamin Smolen

Benjamin Smolen will be the guest performer at the October 29 Pacific Symphony League luncheon.

Smolen was appointed Principal Flute of Pacific Symphony in September 2011. Since beginning his studies at the age of 10 in Charlotte, North Carolina, he has won top prizes at many of the foremost flute competitions.

He has also given solo performances with various orchestras around the United States and on National Public Radio's *From the Top* with pianist Christopher O'Riley. His performances have been featured on NPR, WGBH-Boston, French National Radio, and the Naxos and Mode record labels.

During the summer, Smolen participated in the Manchester Music Festival, the American Institute of Musical Studies Festival Orchestra in Graz, and as a fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center.

Smolen completed his undergraduate studies in the Music and Slavic departments at Princeton University, and a Performance Diploma at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory. He also earned a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance at the New England Conservatory. ♦



Pops Opening Night Celebration

On Friday, November 16, guests at the Pops Opening Night Celebration in honor of Pacific Symphony's performance of "Wicked Divas" will enjoy "Elphaba" Green and "Glinda" Pink signature drinks before sitting down to an elegant dinner before the performance.

Pacific Symphony League co-presidents Jaye and Boker Yaruss (right) will welcome us.



Symphony President John Forsythe (right below) will share the latest news from Pacific Symphony.



Principal Pops Conductor, Richard Kaufman, (below far right) will give us an overview of the Pops Season, with special comments about what to listen for at the evening's performance.



Following dinner, guests will leisurely stroll to the wonderful Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, and a fantastic Pacific Symphony Pops experience, "Wicked Divas."

The price for the event is \$150, including dinner and valet parking. There are still underwriting and sponsorship opportunities available.

Join us for an exciting evening of celebration and music. Please contact Marion Brockett at (714) 441-1399 or brockettm@aol.com for further information.

League support of Pacific Symphony educational opportunities helps provide experiences for youth to hear and learn about different styles in music, and, most importantly, gives students insight into other cultures, the ability to think on another level, and a lifelong way of expressing oneself. Education, in all its forms, offers the best of what we have to give to future generations. ♦



This season's first Salon Series event will be held at the stunning home of Amy and Gary Uyemura in Corona del Mar. Their modern home has been featured in *Architectural Digest*, among other places, and is truly a wonder of design! Some of the top features: a spectacular view of the ocean and a gorgeous terraced garden in the back. It will serve as a beautiful compliment to delicious edibles from caterer 24 Carrots and the music of this month's performers, Cynthia and Tony Ellis.

Salon Series,
Sunday afternoon,
November 4, 2012,
3:30 p.m.
Uyemura Home
in Corona del Mar

Fabulous musician Tony Ellis has held the position of second trumpet with Pacific Symphony since 1984. He has also been heard performing principal trumpet with Pacific Symphony in Stravinsky's "Petroushka," Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, and Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" which were broadcast live on KMZT.



He has played with the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Music Center Opera Orchestra, Cabrillo Music Festival, and Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.

A graduate of California State University, Fullerton he earned both his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in trumpet performance. Tony has performed with Southwest Chamber Music for the last ten years, during which time he recorded four CD's. He lives in Brea with his wife, flutist Cynthia Ellis and three Labrador Retrievers Penny, Tosca and Summer. He is also an avid golfer and auto-racing enthusiast.

Exciting Cynthia Ellis hits all the high notes as a top-notch flute and piccolo player in Pacific Symphony since 1979. Her performance credits also include Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Pasadena Chamber Orchestra and the Cabrillo Music Festival in



Santa Cruz, California. She has also served as the principal flutist for touring ballet companies on their Orange County stops including the Royal Ballet of London, American Ballet Theater, Stuttgart Ballet, Bolshoi Ballet, and the San Francisco Ballet. She has recorded with Pacific Symphony, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra as well as on soundtracks for several major motion picture and cartoon.

All are invited to join the "Salon Series" of four special events for a contribution of \$300. plus cost of events. Call Leslie Vaeth at Pacific Symphony, (714) 876-2374. ♦



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