

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE

# IN TUNE

AUGUST 2021



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# THE SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE

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 Youth Orchestra: **Sharon L. Litsky**

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## 2021-22 MEMBERSHIP DUES

San Francisco League Active and Associate membership payments for the 2021-22 season are still available for purchase through online and phone orders only this year. Payments can still be made [online](#) or pay by phone at 415-503-5351. Associate members are only eligible for that level once they have had an Active membership for 4 years. Active memberships are \$140 and Associate memberships are \$110. We hope this new process will be simpler for everyone with no forms to fill out or stamps to find!

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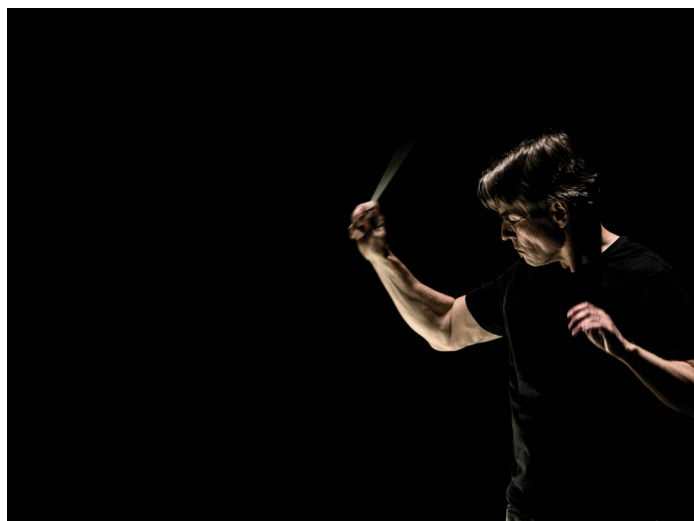
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RENEW NOW



## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JANET CHAPMAN

Dear SFL members,

I hope everyone is enjoying summer. Our beloved San Francisco Symphony has been busy giving concerts and I hope you have been able to attend and once again enjoy our musicians and our terrifically talented Music Director, Esa-Pekka Salonen. The SF Symphony has also been figuring out how to safely open the doors of Davies Hall and the Wattis Room.

Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership. The dues renewal process occurred earlier than expected this year and the Symphony was limited to online and phone renewals. We appreciate everyone's understanding.

We are currently working on our Fall meeting schedule. Mindful of the emergence of the highly contagious Delta Variant, our September meeting will be virtual, allowing us to enjoy seeing each other while also staying safe.

In gratitude,  
Janet F. Chapman,  
President, San Francisco League 2021-22



## SF SYMPHONY COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR 2021-22 SEASON

Dear San Francisco  
Symphony Volunteers,

I am writing to share with you the San Francisco Symphony's mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy. For the 2021-22 Season, the San Francisco Symphony will require proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 for all staff, performers, and volunteers participating in all San Francisco Symphony activities.

You may have seen the most recent ordinance from the City and County of San Francisco, and our policy is in accordance with these guidelines. Although the ordinance is from San Francisco, it also applies to all of San Francisco Symphony related functions that occur throughout the Bay Area.

Please read the attached document and direct any questions about this policy to [volunteercouncil@sfsymphony.org](mailto:volunteercouncil@sfsymphony.org).

Instructions with how to submit vaccination documentation will follow next week.

All of the San Francisco Symphony's policies have been developed to ensure the health and safety of our employees, artists, volunteers, their families, and all members of our community. We thank you for your continued support and your cooperation.

Regards,

Matthew Spivey  
Interim CEO  
San Francisco Symphony



[VIEW POLICY](#)



# YOUTH ORCHESTRA NEWS

The Youth Orchestra under Conductor Daniel Stewart is excited to be coming back for the 2021-2022 season. Their Sunday concert schedule is below.

## November 21 (2:00PM)

- Jessie Montgomery's Starburst
- Antonín Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, From the New World

## December 12 (2:00 PM)

- Sergei Prokofiev's Peter & the Wolf

## March 6 (2:00 PM)

- Gabriella Smiths' Tumblebird Contrails
- Mason Bates's Mothership
- Gustav Hols's The Planets

## May 29 (7:30 PM)

Note that this concert is in the evening vs. afternoon.

- Caroline Shaw's Entr'acte
- Esa-Pekka Salonen's Nyx
- Johannes Brahms's Symphony No. 2

Tickets go on sale August 31, 2021. If you are a subscriber, single tickets (for all except the Peter & the Wolf concerts) are \$15 for general admission; if you are not a subscriber, I believe it's \$20 or so. But either way this is still a bargain price for performances by these outstanding young musicians.

We'd love to organize some pre-concert brunches with league members, especially our newest members, at one of the restaurants in the Davies Hall neighborhood. Please let me know if you'd be willing to coordinate this.

We look forward to again underwriting tickets for students at the Immaculate Conception Academy for the November 11 Dia de los Muertos concert. We found that culturally and musically, the students had an immediate connection to, and appreciation of, the festivities and the music of Dia. I received thank-you notes from almost all these attendees. Last year we collected enough donations, separate from our dues, from our SFLeague members to send 20 students. I hope we can do the same again this year by members coming to our September meeting prepared to donate to enable us to do this or by sending a check to our Treasurer, Debbie Gaspari, in any amount with which you are comfortable. Be sure to indicate it's for ICA tickets for Dia.

*Contributed by Sharon Litsky*

*Thank You, MTT*



*by  
The Volunteer Leagues of the  
San Francisco Symphony*

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## ORDER YOUR MTT COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO BOOK

Janet Chapman and Deborah Pierce have great news, they've finally finished the photo book! It is ready to be sent to MTT!

Your help is needed one more time!

How you can help: Purchase a photo book for yourself and about \$5 will go towards the total cost of the photo book that will be sent to MTT. This way the photo book truly comes from all of us! Proceeds will go directly to the Symphony and each individual League will receive the credit for their purchases.

Cost = \$35

Pay by check or PayPal

Order your copy by September 30, 2021.

Please download the attached order form to mail in.

Questions:

**Deborah Pierce**

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ORDER FORM

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS  
**¡FIESTA!**  
CONCIERTO Y CENA CELEBRATORIAS  
NOVEMBER 6, 2021



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## DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Día de los Muertos, November 6th, at Davies Symphony Hall is a vibrant addition to any family's celebrations this year. Join the San Francisco Symphony in enjoying traditional music from across Mexico and Latin America along with dazzling guest artists. Take photos with *catrines* and *catrinas*, enjoy treats, dancing, face painting, and more family fun before the show.

Come to the hall anytime during the month leading up to the concert and experience an art installation throughout the orchestra lobbies of alters, *ofrendas*, designed by local artisans and curated by our community collaborator, Martha Rodriquez-Salazar.

We welcome you to join us by supporting this event. All proceeds from Día de los Muertos benefit the Symphony's myriad of artistic, education, and community programs.





# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS COMMITTEE

**Sharon Seto, *Chair***

*Janet Chapman, San Francisco League President*

## *Committee Members*

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## A CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS:

The Dia committee is actively seeking donations for our silent auction. We are inviting all members to donate or solicit items for the auction. Popular items last year included dining certificates, wine, and experiences!

A link to the solicitation package for 2021 is included below. As an added convenience donors simply fill out the form online this year.

Questions?  
Please contact Amanda Sargisson  
[amandasargisson@yahoo.com](mailto:amandasargisson@yahoo.com)  
(650)400-9656

**AUCTION FORM**



## VIP EXPERIENCE

### FESTIVAL IN THE LOBBY

1 pm

### SYMPHONY CONCERT

2 pm

### AUCTION & COCKTAIL RECEPTION

4 pm

### GREEN ROOM DINNER

5 pm



### PRESENTING SPONSOR

### VIP SPONSORS

#### VISIONARIO \$12,500

- Platinum concert seating for 10 guests [Lodge or Side Box]
- 5 parking passes
- Platinum dinner table placement for 10
- Platinum Crediting in concert program
- 10 tickets to a concert at DSH during the 2021-22 season
- Crediting on Digital Signage in DSH

#### CATRINAS Y CATRINES \$10,000

- Premier concert seating for 10 guests [Lodge or Side Box]
- 5 parking passes
- Premier dinner table placement for 10
- Premier Crediting in concert program
- 8 tickets to a concert at DSH during the 2021-22 season

#### CEMPASÚCHILES \$5,000

- Prime seating for 10 guests [Premier Orchestra]
- 5 parking passes
- Prime dinner table placement for 10
- Prime Crediting in concert program
- 4 tickets to a concert at DSH during the 2021-22 season

#### AMIGAS Y AMIGOS \$3,000

- Preferred concert seating for 10 guests [Premier First Tier]
- 5 parking passes
- Preferred dinner table placement for 10
- Preferred Crediting in concert program
- 2 tickets to a concert at DSH during the 2021-22 season

## FIESTA SPONSORSHIPS

All Fiesta Sponsors at the Visionario, Catrinas y Catrines, Cempasúchiles, or Amigas y Amigos level receive concert seating in lodge, premier orchestra or side boxes for 10 guests, banquet seating for 10 guests, invitations to VIP receptions, as well as listings in select event print and digital materials.

Sponsors will also receive tickets to a future concert at Davies Symphony Hall (DSH): Date to be mutually agreed upon.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2021

Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 2:00 -3:30 pm  
Ringcentral

## SEPTEMBER 2021

Board and Chair Meeting  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 2:00-3:30 pm  
Ringcentral

\*\*General Meeting  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 2:00 –  
3:30pm  
Outside? TBD

Sausalito Books By the Bay Book Talk  
Sunday, September 26, 2021, 4:00 pm  
Sausalito Books By the Bay, Sausalito

## OCTOBER 2021

Re-Opening Night (Gala)  
Friday, October 1, 2021  
Dinner City Hall, Concert and After Party  
Davies Symphony Hall

Board and Chair Meeting  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Ringcentral

## NOVEMBER 2021

Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Ringcentral

\*\*Dia de Los Muertos Concert and Fundraiser  
Saturday, November 6, 2021  
Details TBD

\*\*Associates Tea  
Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

## DECEMBER 2021

Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Green Room and/or Ringcentral

## JANUARY 2021

Board and Chair Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30  
Green Room and/or Ringcentral

\*\*Meeting and Holiday Cocktail Party  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 6:00 -8:00 pm  
Metropolitan Club?

## FEBRUARY 2021

Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Green Room and/or Ringcentral

## MARCH 2021

Board and Chair Meeting  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Green Room and/or Ringcentral

\*\*Voting Meeting and Tea  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 2:00 -3:30 pm  
Davies Symphony Hall, Wattis Room and/or  
Ringcentral

## APRIL 2021

Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Green Room and/or Ringcentral

## MAY 2021

Board and Chair Meeting  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 2:00 -3:30 pm  
Green Room and/or Ringcentral

\*\*Annual Meeting and Marketplace  
Monday, May 9, 2022, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Top of the Mark, San Francisco

*You should receive specific information on each event, including how to RSVP, by email or by mailed notices from the symphony. Please send any additions or corrections to [Judyshulman@hotmail.com](mailto:Judyshulman@hotmail.com).*

*Events with \*\* qualify for SFSL events required prior to induction into membership and count toward the expected four events attended per year for active members.*





## **Sausalito Books by The Bay Fall Reading**

Please join Janet Chapman and Cheryl Popp for a delightful and informative hour at Sausalito Books by the Bay. Cheryl will brief us on what everyone's reading this Fall and will share a list of recommended books. Janet will briefly share some highlights from her recent book

### **PALLADIO AND PROSECCO: ART WALKS IN THE VENETO**

Sunday, September 26th at 3pm  
100 Bay Street  
Sausalito, CA  
RSVP

**email: [janetfchapman@yahoo.com](mailto:janetfchapman@yahoo.com)**

# ADVOCACY

On Monday, June 14, the California Legislature, in a 2 party deal between the Senate and the Assembly, passed a \$267 billion budget

The California State Budget passed by the legislature on Monday represents a bold and momentous investment in the arts, culture, and creative economy. The pandemic's impact has galvanized and united a broad coalition of arts advocates -- backed by more than 500 organizations, businesses, and local government leaders -- aligning nonprofit cultural institutions, for-profit small businesses, and the creative workforce to advocate for \$1 billion for an arts recovery and stimulus investment from the State.

With the passage of the legislature's budget, we celebrate progress toward this goal. The legislature's proposed investment of nearly \$400 million in this sector is a testament to the strength of this coalition that will survive well beyond this pandemic.

## ACTION TO TAKE

Follow @CAfortheArts on Twitter and share the tweets to urge the Governor to support the investments as proposed by the Legislature!

Beginning June 15, all sectors listed in the current Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers Chart may return to usual operations (with the limited exceptions noted below for Mega Events) based on the following general public health recommendations described on the CDPH website.

Here is a San Francisco Chronicle [article](#) explaining the post June 15 masking and conduct rules for different event and group sizes.

*Contributed by Theresa Moore*

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- \$50 million to Go Biz for grants to small nonprofit performing arts orgs to help with workforce development. Grants up to \$75,000 based on budget size to help with (1) Employee expenses, including payroll costs, health care benefits, paid sick, medical, or family leave, and insurance premiums.
- (2) Contributions or payments to a centralized payroll service.
- (3) Recruitment, training, development, and other human resources related expenses. (4) Other operating expenses or equipment for employees.
- \$150 million to GoBiz and CAL OSBA (Office of Small Business Advocate) for live events venues and businesses, including nonprofits and minor league sports
- \$128 million to California Arts Council of which \$40 million is for Creative Youth Development, \$60 million for CA Creative Corps Pilot program and remaining for local assistance programs and staffing and \$1.7 million for the National LGBTQ Center for the Arts, San Francisco
- \$50 million to Natural Resources Agency for museum grants programs
- Eighty-one arts and culture earmark investments in local communities such as \$4 million to Self Help
- Graphics and Art, \$6.5 million to Destination Crenshaw, \$8 million to Debbie Allen Dance Academy, \$13,500,000 to the City of Sacramento for community reinvestment, and \$3 million to San Diego Symphony totaling close to \$238 million.

## LET'S SEND OUR THANKS!

It is "Summer Break" in Washington DC, a time when most of our Legislators, are home for a few weeks.

Please take a moment and call or email them and tell them how much you appreciate their support for the Arts.

If you are having a BBQ or other party, this might be a chance to invite them to come to it. Even if they don't come, they will appreciate the invitation!





# ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

A huge thank you to Kathleen Kelley and J.R. Nuerge for organizing a unique and very successful Annual Meeting Virtually! Over 60 members, associates, and perspective members attended the event.

The League would like to also thank our neighborhood captains; J.R. Nuerge, Maureen Buick, Lynn Thompson, Janet Chapman, Trish Prior, Belinda Steyer, and Kathy Paul, who graciously served as a point of pickup for our decadent apertivo boxes from McCall's Catering. The festive splits of Prosecco accompanying the boxes was underwritten by Janet Chapman, Betsy Strong Coover, Kathleen Kelley, J.R. Nuerge, and Amanda Sargisson.

We had 11 vendors participate in our first online marketplace. The curated shopping event was a week long in May leading up to our annual meeting on May 10th. Participating vendors donated 20% of sales to the Symphony for a grand total of \$1378.28. Congratulations to Kathleen and J.R. for such a successful event!

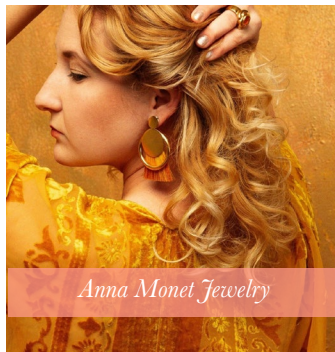
## SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE *Sip & Shop*

Let's show our gratitude for our vendors by supporting them year-round! Links to stores and information on each of the participating businesses can be found online:

<http://sfleague.org/home-marketplace-vendors/>



*Amberbeata Designs*



*Anna Monet Jewelry*



*Christopher Elbow Chocolates*



*Dechen Designs*



*Kathleen Kelley Artisan*



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*Moonlite Couture*



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*Thank  
You To Our  
Marketplace  
Vendors!*



“Oh, may I join the choir invisible of those immortal dead  
who live again”

- George Eliot, “The Choir Invisible”



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