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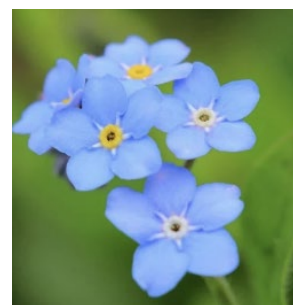


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MEMBER AT LARGE

MARTY TUNNELL



As your Member At Large, I'm here to act as your liaison with the League's Board of Directors. You are certainly welcome to approach any Board member directly; however, if you wish to request confidentiality regarding any issue or concern, I can discretely handle it for you anonymously.

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2021-23 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.

[RENEW NOW](#)

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KATHY PAUL

Hello SF League Members,

It is so exciting to start a new year in which we are going to concerts and meeting in person. While nothing will ever be the same again for us, we have the opportunity to create a new normal and enjoy the activities and friends we have made through our service. My focus this year is on our mission - “to provide volunteer service and financial assistance to the SF Symphony as well as to encourage audience development and educational opportunities”. We just enjoyed the Symphony Gala Opening Night and have many activities ahead of us, including our signature fundraiser “Dia de los Muertos”. I encourage all of you to participate as much as you can and look forward to seeing you soon.

Kathy Paul
San Francisco League President



YOUTH ORCHESTRA NEWS CONTRIBUTED BY SHARON LITSKY

The SFS Youth Orchestra has been awarded the National Endowment for the Arts GAP Music Award of \$60,000, supporting the 2022-23 subscription concerts.

The NEA Grants for Arts program funds “artistically excellent projects that celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage, invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values, and enrich humanity.” This is YO’s first NEA award for artistic excellence, though in past years its pre-professional orchestral training program has received more modest funding. Our YO was one of only three American youth orchestras to receive NEA funding in this round, and the two others were granted \$10K and \$25K. Moreover, of the 148 music grants awarded this month, YO’s was the second highest – surpassed only by the Sphynx Organization and Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, which each received \$65,000! Receiving this fully vetted, national recognition confirms what we all know – that even in this transitional, barely post-COVID year, **the SFS YO continues making truly remarkable music!**

Please note the dates and programs for the Youth Orchestra’s 2022-23 season:

- **Nov 20, 2022: Rimsky-Korsakov’s Scheherazade**
A San Francisco League Audience Development Event!
Meet before the concert at Max’s Opera Café (601 Van Ness Avenue) at 12:00 Noon
NOTE: *Please bring enough CASH in different denominations to cover the cost of your Brunch/Lunch. There will be no Credit Card transactions. Restaurant requires a head count. Please contact Lina Pritchard linap415@hotmail.com if you are joining us at noon for Lunch*
- Mar 5, 2023: Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5
- May 21, 2023 (The YO’s 40th Anniversary Concert): Gershwin’s An American in Paris and Stravinsky’s The Right of Spring
- December 11, 2023: Prokofiev’s Peter and the Wolf





DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

FESTIVITIES 12:45PM | CONCERT 2:00PM

Join us for a celebration of Latin-American music and culture, including lobby installations and altars by local artists.

For a VIP experience, join us for ¡FIESTA! Día de los Muertos, a fundraising reception and dinner with online auction. Call 415.503.5351 to purchase.

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FIESTA! DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

CELEBRACIÓN DEL CONCIERTO Y LA CENA

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

The San Francisco League's annual Fiesta Día de los Muertos fundraising event returns with an exciting concert, reception, and seated dinner on November 5!

Join us at Davies Symphony Hall to explore large-scale art installations handcrafted by local artists and curated by longtime collaborator Martha Rodríguez-Salazar. Snap a photo with one of the dazzling catrines and catrinas who stroll about the lobby, and enjoy more interactive family fun before the concert. Conducted by Carlos Miguel Prieto, the performance features traditional and contemporary Latin American music performed by special guest Pacho Flores with the SF Symphony.

Fiesta fundraising packages include the Día de los Muertos concert, followed by a lively reception and seated dinner at San Francisco's beloved Don Ramon's. Valet parking will be provided after the concert at Don Ramon's for all Fiesta guests.

Proceeds from Fiesta Día de los Muertos support the Symphony's artistic, education, and community programs, including Adventures in Music, which provides free music education to every K-5 student in the SF Unified School District; Music and Mentors, which provides assistance to every instrumental music program in SF's public middle- and high schools; the UCSF Music in the Wards program, which shares musical performances with hospital patients and staff; and many other important programs.

[REMARKS FROM OUR CHAIR, SHARON SETO](#)

A sell out event last year. RUN don't walk to get your tickets now! It will be another amazing Symphony DIA concert and Fiesta! Come join us!

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

ONLINE AUCTION

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 unique experiences!

A link to the solicitation package for 2022 is included below. As an added convenience donors simply fill out the on-line form this year.

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

[2022 AUCTION SOLICITATION PACKAGE](#)

SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE SENDS 44 STUDENTS FROM ICA CHRISTO REY ACADEMY TO DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CONCERT



In 48 hours after her appeal, Sharon Litsky received pledges from league members from \$5 to up to \$650 to purchase tickets for our ICA girls to come to the Dia de los Muertos concert on November 5!! Thank you to those who have pledged, you are angels!! . If you wanted to pledge but didn't have a chance, please SAVE your generosity and be an angel next year!

Thank you to the San Francisco League Angels whose generous donations are making it possible for 44 Immaculate Conception Academy students to attend the Dia de los Muertos concert! And thank you to our Head Angel, Sharon Litsky for organizing the collection of funds and procurement of tickets through the Symphony Box Office!

Maureen Buick
Janet Chapman
Katie Colendich
Pamela Culp
Marilu Donnici
Ruth Finkelstein
Polly Gardner

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Linda Golm
Marie Growney
Christopher Lee
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Patricia OBrien

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Patricia Pendergast
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Elizabeth Suzuki
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Karen Weil

Sharon Litsky received the Dia tickets we are giving to the ICA students. She had a great idea to share the ticket section, rows, and seats in case any of our SFLeague members, especially the angels who made donations, want to drop by at the beginning of the concert or at intermission to say hello to the students and whichever parents or family members are with them.

The orchestra seats are:

- L9—L23
- M9—M23
- N9—N23
- O9—O23
- P9—P19
- R9—R19

SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT 2022-2023

Maureen Buick, Lina Pritchard, and Misty Tyree have shared their Audience Development Plan for the Upcoming Symphony Season

SAVE THE DATES!

Support the Youth Orchestra

November 20, 2022, at 2 pm

March 5, 2023, at 2 pm

May 21, 2023, at 2 pm

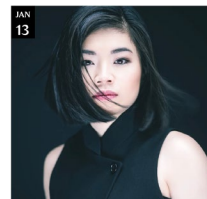
General Admission tickets are \$20.00 and can be bought ahead of time on the SF Symphony website. Please purchase your General Admission tickets on your own in advance. Seating is open for these tickets, so it is best to arrive a few minutes early and choose your seat.

A representative from the Audience Development Committee will attend each Youth Orchestra concert and organize a brunch/lunch beforehand at a restaurant in the area. Please email Maureen Buick at mrnibuick7@gmail.com if you want to meet beforehand. Reminders will go out one month before each concert.

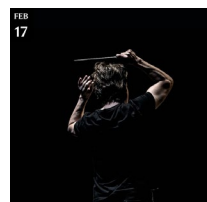
Organized attendance at three additional concerts.

We are holding 20 seats for three concerts. Dinner at a restaurant in the area will be organized for those who wish to meet up before the concert. All seats are grouped close together in the Front Orchestra section. Please contact Maureen Buick at mrnibuick7@gmail.com to reserve your ticket and submit payment. Tickets must be purchased six weeks in advance. These concerts promise to be spectacular!

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 pm (Elim Chan conducts Tchaikovsky). Discounted seats are \$56.25 in the Front Orchestra.



Friday, Feb 17 at 7:30 pm (Esa-Pekka conducts Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet). Discounted seats are \$ 86.25 in the Front Orchestra.



Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 pm (Joshua Bell). Seats are \$129.00 in the Front No discount.



WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Youth Orchestra event on Sunday, November 20th at 2 pm.

Our group will be meeting beforehand at 12 noon for lunch/brunch at Max's Opera Cafe. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lina Pritchard at linap415@hotmail.com by November 1, 2022 to let her know you plan to attend and meet beforehand so she can add you to the reservation. Remember to purchase your tickets individually through the Symphony Box Office at SFSymphony.org. The cost is \$20.00 for General Admission open seating tickets. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends AND support our Youth Orchestra!



Members gather for dinner before the Esa-Pekka with Yuja Wang concert on Thursday, October 13

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



JR Nuerge and Pamela Rummage Culp induct new member, Barbara Johnson, at our Annual meeting

We are delighted to be back to in person meetings this year!

The membership committee has 8 prospective members on our roster. Two to Three of them will be ready for induction into membership at our November Tea. A big thank you to the JR Nuerge, Kathleen Kelley, Maureen Buick, Sharon Litsky, and Marilou Donnici who have sponsored these potential members.

It would be wonderful if we could grow our membership by at least 25% this year! It would be great to have 100% participation in our efforts to build up our membership.

Please consider inviting someone you think would enjoy membership in the League to our November Associates Tea or our January Cocktail Party at the Metropolitan Club. If you have a guest joining you for either event please notify the meetings and programs chairs that will have a guest/guests joining you. In addition please notify the Membership Co-Chairs of your guest's name and contract information.

We look forward to seeing you at the November Tea.

All the Best,

Pamela Rummage Culp
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Maryam Ghajar
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IN MEMORIAM

Suzanne Rogers "Sue" Orrick

October 4, 1923 - July 7, 2022

Founding Member, Sue Orrick (Mrs. John Orrick), as well as Life Governor of the SFS Board of Governors, passed away on July 7, 2022.



She was a great hostess and active in the life of the city until no longer able. She was a Life Governor of the San Francisco Symphony, serving on the Board of Governors for 38 years, twice chairing the Black and White Ball. She was a founding member of the Wattis Room and a charter member of the Pierre Montoux Society.

[*Read Sue's complete obituary*](#)

Mary Margaret Ward

Founding member of the San Francisco League and past president, Mary Margaret Ward passed away this past Spring.



Janet Chapman, Judy Shulman, Pamela Rummage Culp, and Betty Taisch

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2022

Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Zoom



****Dia de Los Muertos Concert and Fundraiser**
Saturday, November 5, 2022 Concert 2:00 pm-
Davies Symphony Hall

****Associates Tea**
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30pm
Wattis room

Youth Orchestra Performance
Sunday, November 20, 2022, 2:00 pm
Davies Symphony Hall

DECEMBER 2022

Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Green room

JANUARY 2023

Board and Chair Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30
Green room

Audience Development Concert (Tchaikovsky)
Friday, January 13, 2023, 7:30 pm
Davies Symphony Hall

****Meeting and Holiday Cocktail Party**
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 6:00 -8:00 pm
Metropolitan Club

FEBRUARY 2023

Lunar New Year Concert
Saturday, February 4, 2023
Davies Symphony Hall

Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Green Room

Audience Development Concert (Romeo and Juliet)
Friday, February 17, 2023, 7:30 pm
Davies Symphony Hall

MARCH 2023

Board and Chair Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Green Room

****Voting Meeting and Tea**
Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 2:00 -3:30 pm
Davies Symphony Hall, Wattis Room

APRIL 2023

Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Green Room

Audience Development Concert (Joshua Bell)
Thursday, April 27, 7:30 pm
Davies Symphony Hall

MAY 2023

Board and Chair Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 2:00 -3:30 pm
Green Room

****Annual Meeting and Marketplace**
Monday, May 8, 2023, 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.

*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.*

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

On May 9, 2022 The SF League of the San Francisco Symphony hosted a Celebration of our Resilience, Community & Mission at the Annual Meeting, Luncheon & Marketplace at the iconic Top of the Mark.

Guests were treated to a Champagne Reception while they shopped among a curated Marketplace of Vendors with beautiful views of The City.

Congratulations to the Annual Meeting and Marketplace Chairs, Kathleen Kelley and JR Nuerge! Over \$1,500 was donated back to the League from our participating vendors. A win-win for everyone!



Kathleen Kelley Artisan



Marty Tunnell and Pat Pendergast



Sue Kanke (SK Designs) and Laura Knerler



Maureen Buick, Janet Chapman, and Pamela Rummage Culp



Sharon Litsky, JR Nuerge, Christy McCampbell, Lina Pritchard, and Kathleen Kelley



Lovely decor by JR Nuerge



Amanda Sargisson buys her 1st pair of readers from Patti Lee-Hoffmann



JR Nuerge and Thalia Stratton



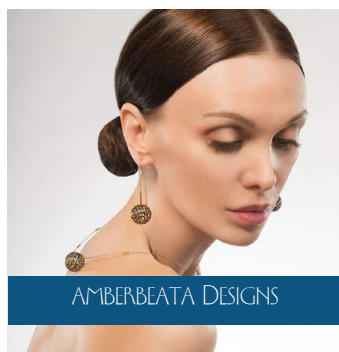
Irena Matjas, Jennifer Matijas, Guest, and Katie Colendich



Robin Guistina and Polly Gardner

THANK YOU TO OUR MARKETPLACE VENDORS

We are grateful for our Marketplace Vendors! Please continue to patronize these participating businesses in-store or online throughout the year.



SFL 2022 VC PRESIDENTS YEAR-END REPORT

Every year the Volunteer Council requests a year end report from our President. This report is used to track the status your league over time and guide goal setting discussions for to the 2022-2023 season.

Thank you to Janet Chapman for the last two years of leadership of the League! See her recap on our past successes and goals for League moving forward.

Name of Current President (2021-2022): [Janet F Chapman](#)

Name of Incoming President (2022-2023) [Kathy Paul](#)

What were your League Dues for 2021-2022? [140 for actives; 110 for associates](#)

What was the date of your last Standing Rules (By-laws) revision? [2021 --annually reviewed as part of our annual handbook review](#)

Do you plan to revise your League's Standing Rules in 2022-2023? [Maybe—but handbook information is always updated](#)

MEMBERSHIP

This section addresses your League's need for enough members to carry out their plans, and ensure future leadership.

Number of Active Members: [60](#)

Number of Associate/Supporting Members: [39](#)

How many members resigned or otherwise ended their membership in 2021-2022? [5 resignations](#)

How many new members joined your League in 2021-2022: [2](#)

Recruiting Goal: How many new members do you hope to recruit in 2022-2023? [Increase by 25%](#)



MEETINGS

How many General Meetings did your League hold in 2021-2022: [5 averaging 40-50 attendees at each](#)

How many Board Meetings did your League hold in 2021-2022: [10 board/board & chair meetings](#)

How many SF Symphony musicians performed for your meetings/events in 2021-2022? [There were musicians at 4 meetings](#)

How many NON - SF Symphony musicians performed for your meetings/events in 2021-2022? [None](#)

In 2022-2023, are you planning your GENERAL meetings to be:

[Some in-person, some video conference \(depending on the Covid situation?\)](#)

In 2022-2023, are you planning your BOARD meetings to be:

[Some in-person, some video conference](#)

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a key focus of Symphony Leagues. Although we did not set fundraising goals for 2021-22, we are interested in any creative fundraising activities your League ran to fulfill this purpose.

What was the total amount your League fundraised in 2021-2022? \$55, 643 including proceeds from Dia , the Online Marketplace and the Books by the Bay event

Please list your League's 2021-2022 Fundraising events, their dates, and a brief assessment of their success: Sausalito Books by the Bay event September 2021---\$250

Dia de los Muertos--October 30- November 6, 2021; sold-out concert and dinner; expanded online auction . Green Room dinner sold out two weeks early: event total \$52,150.

May 9, 2022 Annual Meeting and Marketplace at Top of the Mark--\$3,243

Which of the fundraisers held during the pandemic could be repeated after the pandemic (please describe how)

Dia is an annual event; as is Annual Meeting Marketplace. planning another pop-up in-person book talk for 2022-3

What could your League do in future seasons to increase its Fundraising contribution? Corporate sponsorships for Dia; other pop-up events

AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT

Leagues have a unique ability to reach the community, as well as current members, to encourage new and repeat attendance at SF Symphony concerts and events.

Please describe any programs or activities your League has organized to bring League Members and friends to SFS Concerts (we understand that these events were virtual in the 2021-2022 season)

Our focus was encouraging members to stay engaged. all SFS concerts were announced via meetings and newsletters and members were encouraged to attend. In-person meetings were enthusiastically received in March and May

What could your League do in future seasons to increase Audience Development?

We are resuming organizing member groups to attend concerts with a gathering for lunch/dinner or wine/cheese before concerts as we were doing before pandemic. Our Education VP and Audience Development Chairs will determine other actions for 2022-3 discussions and plans

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Leagues have a variety of Education and Outreach programs that increase the community's awareness of the Symphony, including Concerts for Kids and Seniors to the Symphony.

Please describe any community outreach programs or activities your League has sponsored (we understand that these events were virtual in the 2021-2022 season). Difficult to have any community outreach given virtual meetings but members and others were encouraged through the SFL newsletter

What could your League do in future seasons to increase Community Outreach? increase visibility of Dia concert and events. Resume Concerts for Kids participation and ICA concert sponsorship. We have continued our support and connection with ICA and our members sponsor many students enabling them to attend our annual Dia concert

EVALUATION AND GOALS

What are the areas in which you feel your League has achieved the most success? Our membership is largely intact including new members;

What are the areas in which you feel your League needs improvement or resources? Increased access to corporate sponsorships

What do you see as your League's goals for 2022-2023? Keep membership engaged/stable/increasing and have successful Dia and other events --goals subject to 2022-23 President and the board



“Music has just as much to do with movement and body as it does soul and intellect.”

- Esa-Pekka Salonen



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