

Symphony Notes

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Lara Webber, Music Director & Conductor

Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director Emeritus

Presents

Building A New World

Lara Webber, Conductor

Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

**BANKHEAD THEATER, 2400 First Street, Livermore
Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center**

Prelude talk 7:00–7:30 p.m.

Lara Webber

Listening to the Land

Zhou Tian

Piano Concerto No. 3

Sergei Prokofiev

Frederic Chiu, soloist

***New World* Symphony**

Antonín Dvořák

*The audience and performers are invited to enjoy a post-concert reception
in the lobby hosted by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild.*

Please check the LAS website for program updates: <https://livermoreamadorsymphony.org/>
Check here for theater updates: <https://livermorearts.org/faqs-2/>

The Livermore-Amador Symphony is a Resident Company of the Bankhead Theater
and a member of Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC).

**LAS June 4 Concert, “Building a New World”
Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 3, Frederic Chiu, soloist**



The orchestra is very excited to welcome pianist Frederic Chiu to perform with them from the Bankhead stage. Chiu is a full-time Professor of Piano at Carnegie Mellon University, as well as an Adjunct Professor at the Hartt School of Music, and known as an exceptional interpreter of the music of Sergei Prokofiev. He is an acclaimed innovator and an engaging and virtuosic pianist. Prokofiev’s colorful Piano Concerto No. 3 is the most often performed of his five piano concertos. It was written over a period of ten years (1911-1921) while the composer was in exile from his native Russia. The concerto is by turns haunting, lively, poetic, and bright.

Zhou Tian’s moving elegy, “Listening to the Land,” is a movement from his suite, *Broken Ink*. It was inspired by a Song Dynasty poem by Xin Qiji about lost love. Tian is a Chinese American composer who was nominated for a Grammy Award for his work “Composition for Orchestra.”

Czech composer Antonín Dvořák wrote his popular “New World Symphony” in 1893 while in New York City, serving as the director of the National Conservatory of Music of America. Native American music and African American spirituals influenced the music Dvorak wrote while he was in North America. The symphony premiered at Carnegie Hall, and a recording of it was aboard Apollo 11, which made the first moon landing in 1969.



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🎵🎵 **A Message from** 🎵🎵
GUILD PRESIDENT BETH WILSON

We are all very grateful to be back to our more regular schedule of activities. The orchestra will be performing the long-awaited Sergei Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3 with Frederic Chiu, as well as Antonin Dvořák's beloved *New World* Symphony, and an ethereal short piece, "Listening to the Land," by Zhou Tian.



The Guild held its Spring meeting in April. Members elected next season's officers: President, Beth Wilson; Vice President, Nancy McKenzie; Secretary, Sally Swanson; and Treasurer, Joan Dickinson. We all thanked outgoing Vice President Joan Green. We were then treated to amazing performances by three of our Youth Competition runners-up, followed by refreshments and a chance to schmooze.

We will have held two recent Estate Sales by the time you read this, thus being able to support our wonderful Symphony monetarily. Sales profits go directly to the Symphony Association. Because of these sales, as well as some additional extremely generous donations, the Guild was able to give the Association \$10,000, which will be formally presented at our June 4 concert.

The Guild sponsored an after-concert reception at our April concert, and we will also have a reception after our June performance. Be on the lookout as you enter the lobby at our upcoming concert for a table to order your season tickets for next year! This is the best time to purchase them.

My thanks go out to all the Guild members who have worked so hard to accomplish these activities and more, as you will read about in these *Symphony Notes*!



Beth Wilson
Guild President

The Guild Spring meeting on April 21 featured performances by musicians
Sora Corro,
Wilson Liu,
and Haoran Lee.



2022-2023 CONCERTS

Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra
Free Summer Concert—Open to the Public!
Saturday July 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore

LVPAC *Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala* Saturday, September 10

Our **Livermore-Amador Symphony** will perform with **Randy Newman**, Grammy, Emmy, and Academy Award-winning songwriter, vocalist, and pianist. Among his many well-known songs are “Short People” and “You’ve Got a Friend in Me.” See the Bankhead’s website for ticket information.

Livermore-Amador Symphony POPS on the Green, October 15, 2022, 3pm

POPS returns again al fresco on the Shea Stage in the Bankhead Plaza! Bring a picnic or snack and enjoy the music by our wonderful symphony. No need for tickets, but donations will be accepted happily! Pops is sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild, with all donations going to the Symphony. *Join us!*

Regular Concert Season Bankhead Theater, Livermore

December 3, 2022

February 5/6/7, 2023

April 1, 2023

May 20, 2023

Purchase your season subscription now!

See Season Preview insert for details.

You may also purchase a subscription at the June 4 concert.



Guild Estate Sales

The Guild held a very successful sale at the home of Pat Mann, a longtime active Guild member who passed away recently. All of money earned, nearly \$8,000, went to the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Wonderful work, Guild members! Once again, we would like to thank our "village" of volunteers: **Tim Barry, Joyce Brown, Bob Canning, Patty Canning, Adela Cook, Joan Dickinson, Patti Fredericks, Joan Green, Valarie Huff, Darlene Jeffries, Mary Jestice, Mary Ann Johnston, Bill Leach, Alex Lee, Nancy McKenzie, Barbara Morrison, Janice Paquette, Cherie Jo Patenaude, Mary Anne Rozsa, Joie Spooner, Sarah Wharton, and Beth Wilson.** Another sale was well underway at the time of this newsletter deadline. Stay tuned for an update.

Kudos to you all! Nancy and Patti

<https://livermoreamadorsymphony.org/estatesales.html>

" Happy Birthday and Thank You, Maudie!"

Speaking of Estate Sales... Guild members gathered in Nancy McKenzie's beautiful backyard on April 8 to say happy 97th birthday to **Maudie Kuening**, the founder of our wildly successful Estate Sales. She came up with this brilliant fund-raising idea years ago when a friend asked her to help with a garage sale. Maudie got to thinking, *"I bet we could raise a lot of money for the Livermore-Amador Symphony if the Guild ran these garage sales for other people."* She was right! And so, a wonderful idea was born, and we have been running sales to raise money for the symphony ever since. In addition to the birthday celebration, we also used this gathering to thank Maudie for the substantial gift of her time over the years and for a very generous financial gift she made to the Guild recently. The performance of Sibelius' Symphony No. 3 was dedicated to Maudie at the LAS April 23 concert to further express our gratitude!



In Memory of Nan Davies, 1937–2022

Nan Wood Davies joined the Symphony in 1964 and continued to play the flute with us for over 50 years. She and her husband, Walter Davies, were active members of the Tri-Valley arts community. Nan gave private flute lessons to many students in the Livermore area and played with Bay Flute Club, the Ohlone Wind Orchestra, and her flute quartet, Silverwinds, as well as LAS.

Nan was a scientist and moved to the Bay Area to work at Lawrence Livermore Lab. She met Walter there, and they married on Dec. 28, 1963. After bearing and raising their two children, she re-entered the workforce, eventually working for Wind River Systems of Alameda and retiring in 2012.

Nan had a lifelong passion for cooking and baking, sewing, reading, and travel. She was an extremely active member of the Symphony Guild. She hosted meetings and events at her home, and there were always delicious treats at any function Nan was involved in. Gracious, warm, welcoming, and cheerful, Nan was a vital part of our community and will be sorely missed.



Nan at a Guild event at her home offering her signature brownies

Photo courtesy of Cyndy Salmon



Beth Wilson,

Guild President and LAS
flute player

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY and GUILD CALENDAR 2022

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 8:00 p.m.

Prelude Talk 7-7:30

***Livermore-Amador Symphony
Concert Building A New World
Frederic Chiu, piano
Bankhead Theater, Livermore***



Thursday, May 26, 2022, 11:30 a.m.

Guild Spring Luncheon

Beeb's, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore

Saturday, July 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

LAS Youth Orchestra Concert

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore

September 8, 2022 afternoon, details TBA

Guild Prelude Party

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala, Randy Newman accompanied by LAS
Bankhead Theater, Livermore

September 22, 2022, 5-8 p.m.

Sipping with the Symphony

Page Mill Winery, 1960 S Livermore Ave.

October 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

POPS on the Green

Outdoors, Bankhead Plaza

December 3, 2022

3:00 pm, Free Family Concert

8:15 pm, Evening Concert, *Holiday Joy*

Bankhead Theater

See next page for LAS 2022-2023 Season Preview flyer.

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Livermore-Amador Symphony

2022–2023 Season Preview

Lara Webber, Music Director & Conductor

Dr. Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director Emeritus



POPS on the Green October 15, 2022

Concert begins at 3 p.m.

For the second year in a row, our annual Pops concert will be al fresco on the Shea Stage in the Bankhead Plaza on an autumn afternoon. Bring a picnic or snack. No need for tickets, but donations will be accepted happily! As always, Pops is sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild, with all donations going to the Symphony. Join us on Saturday October 15 at 3 o'clock!

Family Concert December 3, 2022

Concert begins at 3 p.m.

In coordination with Livermore Arts and in partnership with Valley Dance Theatre, we present a free family concert at the Bankhead Theater followed by an "instrument petting zoo" (if public health concerns permit). Join us for a short, fun-filled celebration of the holidays in music on Saturday December 3, 2022, at 3 p.m.!

Holiday Joy December 3, 2022

Concert begins at 8:15 p.m. (no Prelude talk)

Music celebrating the season opens this concert with joy. English composers Coleridge-Taylor and Vaughan Williams bring us "A Christmas Overture" and "Greensleeves." The Nordic lyricism of Grieg leads us to a journey from darkness to brilliant light with French composer Saint-Saëns' exhilarating and triumphant "Organ Symphony."

Violins of Hope February 5, 6, and 7, 2023

Concerts begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday February 5 and at 8 p.m. on Mon. and Tues. February 6 and 7

The Violins of Hope are an extraordinary collection of restored violins, violas, and cellos that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. Hear their stories in concert, featuring violinist Lindsay Deutsch and cellist Peter Bedrossian. Presented in partnership with the East Bay Holocaust Education Center.

Kaleidoscopic Color and Spiritual Sound April 1, 2023

Prelude talk, 7–7:30 p.m.; concert begins at 8 p.m.

Intoxicating dance infuses the music of Mexican composer Arturo Márquez, while American composer Florence Price fuses folk song, spiritual feeling, and masterful symphonic sound to touch the soul. The talented winners of our young musicians competition are featured on this inspiring program.

Drama and Fantasy, O'Connor plays Beethoven May 20, 2023

Prelude talk, 7–7:30 p.m.; concert begins at 8 p.m.

Join us as we explore magical places and stories through music of Mozart, Beethoven, Liadov, and Stravinsky. We welcome one of the most remarkable pianists of our time, John O'Connor, in a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3. Stravinsky transports us into a haunting, beautiful, and exciting fairy tale with his spectacular suite from his ballet *The Firebird*.

Programs subject to change.

Season Tickets



Dec.; Feb. 5, 6, or 7; April; and June concerts.

Section	A	B	C
ADULT	\$134	\$114	\$94
	\$128	\$108	\$89
Early Purchase: June and July			
YOUTH (ages 6 through 21)	\$0 in all sections		



February concert date: Sunday Feb. 5 at 3 p.m.
or Monday Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. or Tuesday Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.

I want to retain my seat(s) from the 2021–2022 season.

Retention of seats is guaranteed only for renewals received by September 9, 2022.

Donation Please consider a tax-deductible contribution.

Donations may be included with season-ticket orders or (preferred) may be made directly to LAS by check or credit card;

please see livermoreamadorsymphony.org/donations.

Donation in honor of in memory of

Name of honoree / person memorialized

Donor levels: Angel, \$1500 or more; Patron, \$1000–\$1499; Benefactor, \$500–\$999; Sustainer, \$300–\$499; Supporter, \$200–\$299; Contributor, \$100–\$199; Friend, \$50–\$99

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Tickets: \$ _____

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The Symphony and the Bankhead Theater follow applicable Alameda County Public Health Department protocols and CDC recommendations. See livermorearts.org FAQs. **We prioritize the health and well-being of our audience and musicians over all else.**

Single-concert tickets go on sale September 10, 2022, at \$39, \$33, or \$27 for adults, \$0 for youth ages 6–21 for our Dec., April, and June concerts. (Feb. to be announced.)

For further information please call 925.447.6454 or see livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

Be a Symphony Supporting Player!

Join the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild



The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild provides support to the Symphony. The Guild produces and distributes concert-season brochures, hosts receptions, raises funds (organizes and runs estate sales, plans and produces the annual Pops concert), and more. Members gather for a prelude event in September, for meetings in January and April, and for a luncheon in May. Music is a part of each gathering. Please join the Guild!

Yes, I'll help, and I'd be especially willing to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sort and price items prior to garage/estate sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Work at garage/estate sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/produce the annual Pops concert | <input type="checkbox"/> Work at the Pops concert |
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Associate Member \$35.00 Associate members are those who have paid their Associate membership dues and agree to participate in Guild fund-raisers. They will receive all notices of Guild activities and meetings, and have voting privileges at Guild membership meetings.

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Please write *Active, Associate, or Friend* on the check.

Bring check and form to the May luncheon or the September prelude party or send to:

Joan Dickinson, Treasurer
L.A.S. Guild
3550 Pacific Ave, Apt. 1407
Livermore, CA 94550

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