

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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ARTIS—NAPLES AND MUSIC DIRECTOR ANDREY BOREYKO EXTEND CONTRACT THROUGH 2022

Naples, Fla.— Artis—Naples Board Chair, Kimberly K. Querrey and CEO and President, Kathleen van Bergen are pleased to announce Artis—Naples has renewed Music Director Andrey Boreyko’s contract through the 2021-22 season. Boreyko will have served as Music Director for 8 years at the end of this final contract extension.

“We are indebted to Andrey for his countless artistic achievements with Artis—Naples since he first stepped onto the podium to conduct the Naples Philharmonic in 2012,” says Kimberly K. Querrey. “Our community, the Naples Philharmonic and Artis—Naples have all grown tremendously during his tenure, and his commitment to quality has been appreciated by our dedicated audiences. We look forward to many wonderful seasons ahead.”

“During his tenure, Andrey has prioritized growth and quality development in his artistic accomplishments. Not only has he increased the size of the orchestra, but the collective sound of the Naples Philharmonic has reached new heights. In addition, Andrey has deepened relationships with audiences, broadened the repertoire and raised the level of guest artists our audiences experience,” says van Bergen. “On and off stage, we are grateful for all he has brought to our multidisciplinary organization through his fearless commitment to quality and his daring and innovative programming.”

Under Boreyko, Artis—Naples has increased classical programming for the Naples Philharmonic in both full orchestra and chamber music series, as well as launched a renewed and expanded visiting orchestra series, anchored recently by residencies with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In addition to residencies with world-renowned ensembles, Andrey has delighted audiences and deepened relationships through residencies of guest artists who work with the Naples Philharmonic in concerto settings, chamber music and master classes. Boreyko has prioritized music of our time throughout his tenure, commissioning composers such as Giya Kancheli, Gabriel Prokofiev, Kevin Puts and Fazil Say.

“I am of course delighted that I have another three years in this wonderful city, in which to fulfill some of my artistic goals. I am extremely proud of the way the artistic levels and the intensity of our music making continue to grow and grow, and it is also extremely satisfying for me to be able to realize my dreams of connecting visual arts with music. Naples has delivered me the unique opportunity to do it, and I am looking forward to the next three seasons to continue this work. I’m very happy about this next stage of my life – working for two wonderful orchestras in two different parts of the world.”

Acclaim for Andrey Boreyko as Music Director has been steadfast and enthusiastic locally and nationally. The *Naples Daily News* said, “With Boreyko, this organization has juggernaut

potential.” Crediting Andrey’s leadership, *The Wall Street Journal* recognized that classical music has entered “an impressive new phase” in Southwest Florida.

A unique organization, Artis—Naples encompasses both performing and visual arts—including the Naples Philharmonic, The Baker Museum, the Naples International Film Festival and robust educational and community initiatives. Artis—Naples welcomes 300,000-plus visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities.

The 2019-20 season opened in September and includes 10 Masterworks programs; 10 chamber music programs; eight All That Jazz programs; five Pops programs; a four-program Visiting Orchestras series; and five Dance programs, including two repertory programs with Miami City Ballet. The organization has also opened the Hayes Hall exhibition season, leading to the reopening of The Baker Museum scheduled for December 1 with exhibitions in the renovated museum and around the Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus.

Alongside his role in Naples, Andrey Boreyko takes up the role of Music and Artistic Director of Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra in October 2019. In addition to their regular subscription concerts, this season Andrey Boreyko and the orchestra will perform at the Chopin and his Europe Festival, the Beethoven Easter Festival and make a substantial tour of Japan.

A popular guest conductor with major orchestras across the globe, Andrey’s 2018-19 season ended with a return to The Cleveland Orchestra at the Blossom Festival and hugely successful concerts with Sydney Symphony and Frankfurt Museums Orchester. This season sees him making debuts with Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestre and Philharmonisches Staatsorchester Hamburg, plus a substantial tour of Europe with the State Academic Symphony Orchestra of Russia, (including concerts in Munich, Cologne, Bregenz, Frankfurt and Hamburg). He will also return to the Prague Symphony, Russia National Orchestra, National Arts Centre Ottawa and Seoul Philharmonic.

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Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director Andrey Boreyko, we offer audiences more than 800 paid and free events annually within a variety of venues and settings situated throughout the 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes more than 300,000 visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

In the 2014-15 season, Andrey Boreyko assumed the title of Music Director and serves in this capacity for Artis—Naples. Boreyko is internationally recognized as one of the most exciting and dynamic conductors working today. This appointment, extended through 2022, marks his first American post.

The Wall Street Journal says van Bergen and Boreyko have ushered in “an impressive new phase” for classical music in Southwest Florida.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida’s arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region.

Jack Everly is Principal Pops Conductor and in the 2019-20 season celebrates 10 years in this role, bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. In 2017, Romanian conductor Radu Paponiu was named Assistant Conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and in 2019 was promoted to Associate Conductor.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is one of the foremost fine arts museums in Southwest Florida. The museum hosts several traveling exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collections. Comprising more than 3,500 objects, the Museum's broad holdings of 20th and 21st century art reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors. Of particular strength are the Museum's collections of American and Mexican modern art and significant gifts from the personal collection of Olga Hirshhorn.

With almost two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the Museum is dedicated to stewardship and scholarship from both its growing permanent collections and outside sources. At the same time, The Baker Museum seeks out the best traveling exhibitions from the leading arts institutions in the world—including recently the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institutions and École des Beaux-Arts, Paris—to enrich the Southwest Florida community.

The Baker Museum exhibitions will reopen to the public on December 1, 2019, after being closed for more than two years in the wake of Hurricane Irma. The repair of the museum was paired with a simultaneous expansion of the building to the south, which creates new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction. This expansion will open in January 2020.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages. More than 45,000 students from Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming each year both on its cultural campus and in classrooms. The Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, with more than 4000 members, offers activities, travel experiences and events geared toward creating a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival's continued excellence and growth. In 2018, NIFF celebrated its tenth year in the community, and in 2019, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine's Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World.

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