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LIVERMORE AMADOR  
SYMPHONY

# *Symphony Notes*

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## **LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY**

### **2021-2022 CONCERT SEASON**

### **SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS**

### **ARE ON SALE NOW!**

**BANKHEAD THEATER**  
**2400 First St., Livermore, CA**

**December 4, 2021, 8:15 p.m.**

*Symphonic Sounds of the Season*  
*Constance Koo, harp*

**February 12, 2022, 8:00 p.m.**

*The Brilliance of Youth*  
*Youth Competition Winners*  
*Jazz Band "Element 116" at Intermission*

**April 23, 2022, 8:00 p.m.**

*Vibrant Voices*  
*Heidi Moss Erickson, soprano*

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

*Building a New World*  
*Frederic Chiu, piano*

**➔ATTENTION 2019-2020 Season Subscribers←**

**Retention of your seats is guaranteed**  
**if your order is received by September 9, 2021!**  
*Season Preview (last page) has details.*



## *A Message From Your Music Director*



It's hard to describe the very specific kind of joy that was experienced on the stage of the Bankhead theater on June 15 when your Livermore-Amador Symphony was finally reunited in its full glory. Reconnecting to one another in our home theater through the shared experience of bringing a symphony to life was nothing short of cathartic.



For me personally, to stand in front of these remarkable people and see their genuine delight in being together again was a great reminder that music genuinely creates community.

There is a particular kind of focus required to bring a large musical work to life together. Our musicians immediately achieved that focus, listening to one another and watching intently to know what to do to bring the music to life. It was a great relief to once again be immersed in that feeling of collaboration and mutual achievement.

There really is no substitute for experiencing the performing arts live in a shared environment. We are so grateful to our musicians, our Board, and the leadership at the Bankhead theater for finding the way to this first opportunity to make music together again.

The only thing missing? *Our wonderful audience*. Looking out into the seats, we are all smiling knowing we will see you there again soon!

To all the members of the Guild, our gratitude cannot adequately be expressed here for your incredible dedication and devotion to your orchestra. Your creative, tireless efforts even during this extraordinary year have been nothing short of outstanding. Congratulations on your successes and thank you for your incredible support.

We're planning an exciting, invigorating season, and can't wait to share it with you all!

**Lara Webber**, LAS Music Director and Conductor



## Symphony President Alan Frank's Note

We are tuning our way back!

The good news is that we still have an orchestra and are now confidently planning the return to a normal season. Our musicians are anxious to make music together. Over the summer we will have readings of music planned for the season. A recent survey of our musicians indicated that only about four members would not be returning this fall, comparable to our normal turnover. More good news—thanks to our Guild, donors, and members of our audience who have supported the symphony over the years, we are in sound shape financially.

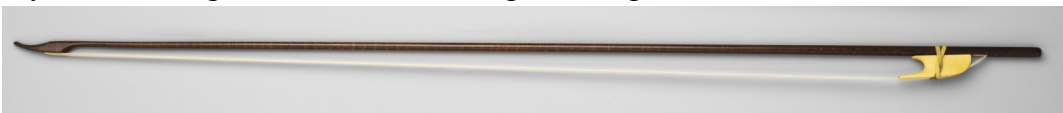
On Tuesday, June 15, most of the members of the orchestra met on the stage of the Bankhead theater for a reading of Dvorak's *New World* Symphony. It was a thoroughly uplifting experience and a chance for our musicians to shake out the cobwebs.



Photo by Esteban Zapiain

No, Lara has not grown a beard, but had pulled down her mask for the photo. Everyone was vaccinated and we all followed rules announced earlier for wearing masks. Under the eased restrictions the wind players were able to remove their masks while playing and most everyone removed them for the photo at the end of the session.

The *New World* Symphony is planned for the final concert of the season. The orchestra attacked it with surprising vigor and aplomb. The work is physically challenging, requiring considerable stamina of the musicians. There were a few complaints of sore wrists, shoulders, lips, or lungs from those who might not have had their instrument out of the case for fifteen months. When we finished, despite a few wrong notes and missed cues, there was a rousing cheer as everyone was delighted to be back making music again.





## From GUILD PRESIDENT BETH WILSON



Even though this 2020-2021 season was extremely slow, to put it mildly, the Symphony Guild is finishing off with a bang. We've held a truly wonderful estate sale with an outstanding profit we are able to donate to the Symphony. More about that in **Nancy McKenzie's** article, but I want to thank Nancy and also **Patti Fredericks** from the bottom of my heart for all their amazing work! It was my first estate sale, and what a sale it was—evidently about the largest the Guild has ever put together. Many of us worked a few or many hours setting it up, and more on the days of the sale, as well as the “cleanup.”



The Guild board held our annual June potluck luncheon, followed by a business meeting. We were all so very glad to see each other and visit “live” as well as being able to enjoy everyone else’s delicious recipes. I especially want to thank our outgoing secretary, **Lou Anne Martin**, for all her wonderful work during this, the first year of my presidency. She has taken such good minutes and has been endlessly patient with me, the “newbie”. Many thanks to you, Lou Anne!

As the Guild is responsible for season ticket sales, our ticket maven, **Joan Dickinson**, has been working with LVPAC staff and the Symphony board to finalize details in this unusual year. It's important to us that our patrons can order their tickets as soon as possible and retain their seats. We have now been able to settle our ticket prices and policies so you will be able to get those tickets you want and hear the Symphony in its upcoming season. The season preview flyer on the last page has all the details.

June marks the end of my first year as LAS Guild president. I am looking forward to continuing next year, hopefully in a more normal setting. I want to thank all the wonderful Guild board members who have helped make this unusual year a success. You are great!!





## ***HOORAY FOR US!***

Twenty-six Guild members worked hard and pulled off our biggest estate sale ever. We started working on May 10th. Four weeks and 918 hours of volunteer time later, we had our first ever two-weekend sale. **We earned \$ 11,306** for our wonderful Livermore-Amador Symphony!

A big thank you to my estate sale partners, **Patti Fredericks** and **Barbara Morrison**. They are truly wonderful women. This sale really would not have been possible without them. And of course, thanks to all the other volunteers. They include **Adela Cook, Ayn Wieskamp, Beth Wilson, Bill Leach, Bob Canning, Cheri Jo Patenaude, Darlene Jeffries, Jan Soderstrom, Janice Paquette, Joan Green, Joie Spooner, Joyce Brown, Judy McMurry, Lou Anne Martin, Mary Anne Rozsa, Mary Justice, Mary Kroesen, Mary Ann Johnston, Nancy Fritsch, Patty Canning, Sarah Wharton, Sue Rabe, and Valarie Huff**.

Join us next time in this wonderful fun experience!

*Nancy McKenzie Estate Sale Chair*

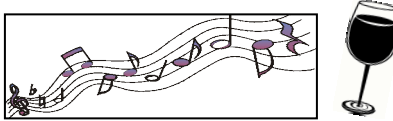


## **UPCOMING GUILD EVENTS**

(Watch for more details on these events in August)

### **Prelude Party**

**Thursday, September 9, 2021, 3:30 p.m.**  
Springtown Hall, 931 Larkspur Dr., Livermore



### **Sipping with the Symphony**

**Thursday, September 23, late afternoon.**  
Page Mill Winery, Livermore

**PLUS! A new twist on our annual POPS CONCERT!**

### **Picnic with the POPS!**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

**Concert begins at 3:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Livermore in front of the Bankhead**

Join us on the lawn in front of the Bankhead Theater for this fun and lively concert. Bring a picnic or snack if you like and enjoy music performed by our wonderful **Livermore-Amador Symphony** on the outdoor Shea Stage. The teen jazz band **Element 116** will also perform. No need for tickets, although donations will gladly be accepted! All donations go to support the Symphony.

*Nancy McKenzie, Pops Chair*

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**RENEW YOUR GUILD MEMBERSHIP or  
JOIN the GUILD as a new member!**  
**Our new season begins July 1<sup>st</sup>**

The form is in this *Symphony Notes* and available on the Symphony's website. Please call me at **925-443-7398** if you have any questions. All are welcome!

*Linda Miller, Membership Chair*

## ***Guild Spring Luncheon Report***

Members enjoyed our Spring Luncheon on May 12th at Beeb's at Las Positas Golf Course, especially just getting out of the house with friends! Nancy McKenzie greeted the 30 attendees as they arrived. Rather than the traditional buffet, individuals placed their orders before seating themselves at tables in the banquet room, which had been decorated by Claudia Barry with cute flower centerpieces. Food and drink was then delivered to each person at their place.

The group received an update on Guild goings-on by President Beth Wilson. The proposed annual budget was distributed and presented by Treasurer Joan Dickinson. It passed unanimously by a vote of the members in attendance.

President Beth then introduced musicians **Eva Langfeldt** on oboe, **Lisa Maher** on flute, and **Christy Diggins** on clarinet, who performed a selection of music that delighted all! Lastly President Beth introduced Guild member **Tim Barry**, whom she had invited to play guitar and sing folk songs. All the music was warmly received by the applause of attendees.

Luncheon chair Tim Barry thanked committee helpers **Denise Leddon**, **Nancy McKenzie**, and **Claudia Barry**. A very successful first in-person event this year was enjoyed by all!

### A beautiful day for an LAS outdoor rehearsal





Lisa Maher, flute

Eva Langfedt, oboe (seated)

Christy Diggins, clarinet



Tim Barry, musician, guitarist



Sharon Murry (seated)

Linda Miller

Mary Anne Rozsa

Cherry Patterson

Carol Guarnaccia

Lou Anne Martin

PJ Wells



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*LVPAC Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala  
September 11!*

Livermore-Amador Symphony will accompany star **Vanessa Williams**, described as “one of the most respected and multi-faceted performers in the entertainment industry today.”

# LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY & GUILD

2021-2022

**SAVE THE DATES**

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**Saturday, July 31, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

**LAS Youth Orchestra Concert**, First Presbyterian Church, Livermore  
Open to the public, free of charge. <https://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org/lasyo.html>

**Thursday, September 9, 2021, 3:30 p.m.**

**Guild Prelude Party**, Springtown Auditorium, Livermore

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, late afternoon, time TBD**

**Sipping with the Symphony**, Page Mill Winery, Livermore

**\*Saturday, October 23, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**

**LAS Picnic with the POPS Concert**, Lawn area, Bankhead Theater

**\*Saturday, December 4, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**

**LAS Family Concert**, Bankhead Theater

**\*Saturday, December 4, 2021, 8:15 p.m.**

**LAS Concert: Symphonic Sounds of the Season**, Bankhead Theater

**\*Saturday, February 12, 2022, 8:00 p.m.**

**LAS Concert: The Brilliance of Youth**, Bankhead Theater

**\*Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00 p.m.**

**LAS Concert: Vibrant Voices**, Bankhead Theater

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

**LAS Concert: Building a New World**, Bankhead Theater

*More information will be available in August re September events.*

*\*See Season Preview on the last page for more details.*

*Additional dates will be added as the season unfolds.*



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# 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plan/produce the annual Pops concert<br><input type="checkbox"/> Publish the <i>Symphony Notes</i> newsletter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Organize musical entertainment for meetings<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chair a committee / serve on the board of directors<br><input type="checkbox"/> Purchase and organize refreshments<br><input type="checkbox"/> Order/pick up flowers for concert soloists<br><input type="checkbox"/> Assist at receptions at Guild meetings, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Provide my house for a reception<br><input type="checkbox"/> Drive Guild members to events/concerts<br><input type="checkbox"/> Please note that I need a ride to events/concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> Work at garage/estate sales<br><input type="checkbox"/> Work at the Pops concert<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plan new fundraisers and activities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone members<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recruit new members<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transport food, sale items, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Present flowers to soloists<br><input type="checkbox"/> Assist at receptions after concerts<br><input type="checkbox"/> Staff a table at concerts<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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### Annual Dues and Requirements

**Active Member**     \$20.00    Active members are those who have paid their annual Active membership dues and agree to participate in Guild functions, activities, and all fund-raisers, as outlined in Guild policies. They will receive all notices of Guild activities and meetings, and have voting privileges at Guild membership meetings.

**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.

**Friend of the Guild**     \$50.00    Friends of the LAS Guild. Friends are those members who have paid their Friends membership dues. They are invited, but not required, to participate in Guild fund-raisers and activities. They will receive all notices of Guild activities and meetings, and have voting privileges at Guild membership meetings.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am joining as a Friend of the Guild, but please <b>do contact me</b> about opportunities to help with Guild activities as they arise. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am joining as a Friend of the Guild; please do not contact me to ask for additional assistance. |
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Make checks payable to Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild or L.A.S.G.

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

### Bring check and form to the May luncheon or send to:

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

*Unless you indicate that you wish otherwise, the information below will be included in a directory distributed to Guild members and LAS Association Board members.*

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ 9-digit Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact Linda Miller at (925) 443-7398.



# Livermore-Amador Symphony 2021–2022 Season Preview

Lara Webber, Music Director & Conductor

Dr. Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director Emeritus



## Picnic with the POPS!

October 23, 2021

Concert begins at 3 p.m.

We are going al fresco this year!

Join us on the lawn in front of the Bankhead Theater. Bring a picnic or snack and enjoy the music from our wonderful Livermore-Amador Symphony and teen jazz band **Element 116**.

No need for tickets, but donations will be accepted happily!

Sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild, with all donations going to the Symphony!

## Family Concert December 4, 2021

Concert begins at 3 p.m.

In coordination with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the Symphony will present a free family concert at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday afternoon, December 4. Details will be announced later, but we look forward to resuming this cheerful annual event!

## Symphonic Sounds of the Season December 4, 2021

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

Renew and restore your spirit, reconnect to your community with your very own Livermore-Amador Symphony as we return to the Bankhead Stage to celebrate a joyful season. Harpist **Constance Koo** joins us to perform **Debussy's** beautiful and intimate *Danse sacrée et Danse profane*. Each section of the orchestra shines in this vibrant concert.

## The Brilliance of Youth February 12, 2022

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

Discover the artistry and musical expression of extraordinary young performers from right here in our own backyard. We proudly present the **winners of our Competition for Young Musicians** in a program full of variety and fun. Jazz it up in the lobby with **Matt Finders and Element 116**, Livermore's teen jazz band featuring students from our own area schools.

## Vibrant Voices April 23, 2022

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

Nature, death, life, and eternity. The remarkable **Emily Dickinson** explores the essence of these themes in her poetry, and her words inspired **Aaron Copland** to set them to music. Soprano **Heidi Moss Erickson** joins the symphony to bring these vibrant American artists to life in a program celebrating springtime renewal and hope.

## Building a New World June 4, 2022

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

We are thrilled to welcome the engaging and virtuosic pianist **Frederic Chiu**, an exceptional interpreter of the music of **Prokofiev**, in a performance of the composer's thrilling **third piano concerto**. Join us as we conclude our season with an audience favorite, **Dvořák's** beloved **New World Symphony**.

More program details will be announced at a later date.

## Season Tickets

Dec., Feb., April, and June concerts.

Section **A** **B** **C**

ADULT  \$129  \$111  \$94

\$121  \$105  \$89

**Early Purchase: June and July**

YOUTH (through age 21) \$48 in all sections

I want to retain my seat(s) from the 2019–2020 season.

**Retention of seats is guaranteed only for renewals received by September 9, 2021.**

**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](http://livermoreamadorsymphony.org/donations).

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

## Totals

Tickets: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (Thank you!) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets + Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Type

Write a check payable to **LVPAC**, or pay by credit card:

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Seat(s) in the 2019–2020 season \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring or mail this form to the Bankhead Theater  
Box Office, 2400 First St., Livermore CA 94550,  
or email its image to [BoxOffice@LVPAC.org](mailto:BoxOffice@LVPAC.org)**

(no subscription orders by phone)

The Symphony and the Bankhead Theater will follow Alameda County Public Health Department protocols and CDC recommendations that apply to performing musicians and large indoor gatherings. See [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org) FAQs. **The health and well-being of our audience and musicians will be prioritized over all else.**

**Single-concert tickets** go on sale Sept. 10, 2021, at \$37, \$32, or \$27 for adults, \$12 for youth.

**For further information please call 925.447.6454 or see [livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://livermoreamadorsymphony.org).**

