



Symphony Notes

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THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY

Lara Webber, Music Director & Conductor

Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director Emeritus

Presents

Vibrant Voices

Lara Webber, Conductor

Saturday, April 23, 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

Lincoln Portrait

Aaron Copland

Faith Alpher, narrator

Poems of Emily Dickinson

Aaron Copland

Heidi Moss Erickson, soprano soloist

Symphony No. 3 in C major

Jean Sibelius

*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 updates: <https://livermorearts.org/faqs-2/>

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

The Guild has just finished an estate sale at the home of long-time Guild member **Pat Mann**, who passed away recently. Her family graciously helped us set up the sale, adding some of their own belongings to support us. *We made almost \$8,000*, all going to support the Symphony! We also were able to spread the word about our Symphony to some of the newer shoppers. Many Guild members volunteered long hours, and kudos go particularly to **Nancy McKenzie and Patti Fredericks**, who organized and headed up the sale. *Many thanks to them and to the numerous other Guild members who worked so hard.*



The Guild's Spring Meeting will take place at my home on Thursday evening, April 21st, at 7:30 PM. Members will be electing officers and some of our committee members, and we (finally!) will have live entertainment. Three of our Youth Competition runners-up will perform: **Wilson Liu and Sora Coro on piano and Haoran Lee on 'cello**. And of course, we'll also have refreshments and a chance to chat.

Two evenings later, on Saturday, April 23rd, the Symphony will perform *Vibrant Voices*, a wonderful program of music by **Jean Sibelius and Aaron Copland**, featuring **Faith Alpher** and **Heidi Moss Erickson**. Following the concert, the Guild will sponsor a reception in the Bankhead lobby. We are so happy to be able to have a reception again, where audience members can meet and greet each other, orchestra members, and our esteemed soloists.

See you at the concert!

Beth Wilson
Guild President



APRIL 23 CONCERT *FEATURED PERFORMERS*

Nature, eternity and democracy. The remarkable words of two iconic Americans, poet Emily Dickinson and President Abraham Lincoln, inspired Aaron Copland to set their powerful testaments to music. Soprano Heidi Moss Erickson and Narrator Faith Alpher join the symphony at the Bankhead Theater to bring these words to life in a program celebrating freedom, renewal, and hope.

Heidi Moss Erickson, Soprano ***Poems of Emily Dickinson***

Our LAS audience may recognize **Heidi Moss Erickson**. She last performed with the Symphony in May 2016 in Samuel Barber's Knoxville: Summer of 1915. Moss Erickson and her husband composer Kurt Erickson also produced a special recital as a gift to the Symphony last season when we were not able to perform in-person. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCUT1U2om0w>. She has performed with Opera Memphis, IVAI Italia, Opera Parallèle, Pocket Opera, Oakland Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera, and Opera San Jose, among numerous others. She holds a biology/music degree from Oberlin College, where she met fellow voice student Lara Webber. She holds a master's in biochemistry and was a research scientist before relocating to the Bay Area in 2003 and pursuing a music career. She is a champion of new music and has collaborated with several renowned composers. She frequently collaborates with her husband and has premiered many of his works. In 2019 she was awarded the prestigious "Best in the Bay" award for her Richard Strauss recital featuring John Parr of Deutsche Oper Berlin at the piano. Moss Erickson has been interested in the science of singing ever since she came down with a rare facial paralysis in 2007.



Faith Alpher, Narrator ***Lincoln Portrait***

Alpher is an actress, comedian, and Livermore local KKIQ radio personality. A native of Teaneck NJ, she has lived and worked in the Tri-Valley for over 20 years. She holds a master's degree in communication and has utilized her gifts to inspire people around the world through her comedy. Known for her quick wit and energy, Alpher writes curriculum and speaks at high schools, colleges, universities, and businesses all over the country. She is also known for her ability to reach people across generations, cultures, and belief systems on an emotional level. Alpher has performed at the Bankhead several times, including her one-woman show, "Black Girl, Funny World," and in September 2021, "Got Faith."



GET TICKETS FOR THE APRIL 23rd CONCERT!

< 3 OPTIONS >

1. Order online: <https://livermorearts.org>
2. Phone the Bankhead ticket office, 925-373-6800.
3. Visit the Bankhead ticket office in person, 2400 First Street, Livermore.
It's currently open Wednesday–Saturday 12-6 p.m., but we recommend you double-check hours at <https://livermorearts.org>/or call 925-373-6800.

Single Ticket Prices:

Adult Tickets **\$37, 32, 27**

Youth Tickets \$12 (all sections, to age 21)

Colors of adult ticket prices correspond to sections on Bankhead seating chart.



Questions? Call the Symphony phone# 925-447-6454.

*You may also access the Bankhead's ticket order link
from the Symphony's homepage:*

<https://livermoreamadorsymphony.org/>

Click on *GET TICKETS!*



Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild

Guild Annual Spring Business Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Home of Guild President Beth Wilson

Come and participate in the Guild's annual spring business meeting, enjoy performances by three of our Youth Competition runners-up, followed by conversation and refreshments!

Election Slate:

Officers: One-year term July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

Beth Wilson, President

Nancy McKenzie, Vice-President

Sally Swanson, Recording Secretary

Joan Dickinson, Treasurer

Nominating Committee Members: Two-year term July 1, 2022–June 30, 2024

Dona Blackmore and Sandra Hodzic

PJ Wells and Pat Wheeler are serving a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

2021-2022 Nominating Committee

Joyce Brown, Chair; Judy Eckart, PJ Wells, Sarah Wharton, and Pat Wheeler.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING GUILD EVENTS

Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 26, see page 6

Prelude Party

Thursday, September 8, 2022



Sipping with the Symphony

Thursday, September 22, late afternoon.

Page Mill Winery, Livermore

Outdoor on the Lawn POPS CONCERT returns! October 15

You are cordially invited to attend the
GUILD ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

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

Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill at Las Positas Golf Course
915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore

We hope you can join us! We will have a lovely luncheon, introduce our new Guild Board, offer membership renewals, *and* enjoy live musical entertainment. *New this year:* the Guild is now able to take credit card payment at the luncheon for renewal of your Guild membership!

RSVP to Tim Barry by May 19th.

teabarry10@gmail.com or (925) 518-9070

Guests will order and pay for their own food at the luncheon, and your order will be delivered to your table. The menu will be sent out to Guild members so you can consider your items ahead of time for quick ordering when you arrive. Please enter the banquet room at the usual side door (not the main entrance to the restaurant). If you have any questions, email or call Tim Barry.

Currently, the restaurant does not have proof of vaccination or mask requirements.

See you on May 26th!

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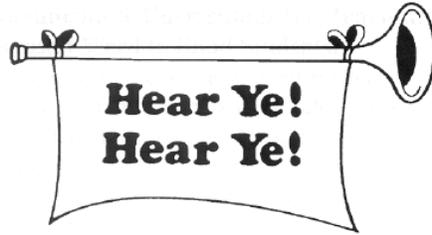
**GUILD MEMBERSHIP 2022-2023**

***Get Ready for a NEW SEASON!***

**Please complete and return the 2022-2023 Guild Membership Form.**

Invite a friend to join the Guild too! The form is included in this *Symphony Notes* and is also available on the Symphony's website. You may turn it in at the luncheon May 26 or mail it to Guild Treasurer Joan Dickinson at the address on the form. Please call me at 925-443-7398 if you have any questions.

***Linda Miller, Membership Chair***



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Plan to attend this important meeting.**

**♪ Livermore-Amador Symphony**

**Annual Association Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7:00–7:20 p.m.**

*(Immediately preceding LAS orchestra rehearsal)*

**Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8<sup>th</sup> St., Livermore**

***Face masks are encouraged.***

*Association Board member election will take place.*

**All members of the LAS Association are invited to attend the meeting:  
volunteer orchestra members, season ticket subscribers,  
Guild members, and donors of \$50 or more.**



# LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY and GUILD CALENDAR 2021-2022

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Prelude Talk 7-7:30

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Guild Spring Luncheon  
Beeb's, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore

**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

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/livamsymph/>

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

### 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 <b>do not contact me</b> 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 the September prelude party 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.*

- I am a renewing member and my contact information is unchanged

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Name

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Street Address

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E-mail Address

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Zip Code

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Home Phone Number

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Mobile Phone Number

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