

COPW NEWSNOTES 11/5/2021

Dear COPW members,

This newsletter is to inform you about what is going on in our world of music at the LA Phil and in our affiliate group. Your editor is struggling with the Newsletter template so bear with her ...improvements will come eventually...

COPW IS BACK! After so many months of avoiding crowds, skipping restaurants, missing concerts and not seeing friends, COPW is making tentative overtures to rejoin the “in person world.”

On October 30, we gathered at St. Bedes Church for a lovely concert and box lunch. It was our inaugural get together after a year and a half of zoom meetings and e-mail communications and telephone calls.

During our “pandemic months” we were ably supported by our then President Cec Shulman. She kept us apprised of Philharmonic happenings and rallied us all to contribute to the LA Phil Friends. Cec gave us a clear picture of what was happening in the Los Angeles music scene. Despite the rather bleak times, our membership numbers remained stable. In May COPW members elected a new group of officers and added additional board members bringing us to over twenty five. We are all very appreciation of Cec’s positive leadership during this difficult time.

Sadness hit COPW with the passing of long time and beloved members – Sona Boyd, Joey Hynes and Sandy Beckley. We mourn and miss them greatly. We have made memorial gifts to the LA Phil in honor of each of them.

Inez Lopez was elected COPW President for 2021-22. She is traveling on family business at this time, but sends you all her best regards.

And now on to a happy holiday season and excellent New Year!

STEPHANIE KLOPFLEISCH, Editor



UPCOMING DATES	
November 4, 2021	COPW board meeting - ZOOM
January 6, 2022	COPW board meeting – ZOOM
January , 2022	COPW general meeting , location TBD
March 3, 2022	COPW board meeting
May 5, 2022	COPW board meeting
May, 2022	COPW Installation
Summer, 2022	Mozaic Festival Weekend

GENEROUS COPW CONTRIBUTORS Even though there were few live concerts this last year, COPW maintained a good profile in contributions to the LA Phil and to the Youth concert tickets, and to YOLA. We contributed \$7,000 to the Phil this spring. In addition to the many COPW members who contributed to the FRIENDS campaign we had some very special contributors this year. Long time member Ann Kligman made an exceptionally large donation as did former COPW president Vicky Pushee. Both of these members and their contributions appear in the LA Phil program magazine which is distributed at every WDCH concert. It is a fine reflection on our two members and our committee. It shows how seriously we take our committee logo “Enriching Lives Through Music”

AMAZING CONCERT On Saturday October 30, COPW members were privileged to hear a marvelous performance by a trio, Fang Fang Xu, cello, Phoebe Mak, cello, and Lucy Nargizyan , Piano. These three musicians attacked a difficult program with ferocity and brio. They played a movement from a Vivaldi Concerto and Phoebe Mak (a student of Ms. Xu) was a standout on this Baroque selection. The highlight of the program was a Shostakovich Sonata for Cello /Piano. Written before Soviets began their persecution of Shostakovich, the sonata is very difficult to execute and overall presents an angry sad mood. Most unusual was the Largo movement in which the cellist played very long segments on harmonic notes – a tricky proposition. The trio closed their program with a Paganini occasional piece “Variations On One String on a Theme from Rossini.”

Becky Nedelman organized the musical program and presented a thoughtful introduction. Rea Crane arranged the overall event, which observed all Covid protocols. A lovely and healthy box lunch followed the program. It was a wonderful reintroduction to “in person” events for our committee.

TRANSITIONS

Joseph Feneck staff to the LA Phil Affiliates for over eight years has taken another job in northern California. His replacement is being sought by the Phil.

Sara Kim, longtime staff in Donor Relations will be the Affiliate contact until there is a replacement for Mr. Feneck.

Patina, the caterer for the WDCH and Bowl has been replaced by a new restauranter, Levy.

Jeffrey Neville LA Phil personnel manager will retire January 2022. A loss to the affiliates for whom he always helped arrange musician performances, coordinated the orchestra party, etc.

Guido Lamile, first violinist for the LA Phil died suddenly in July. A kind man, he was also the conductor of the Santa Monica Symphony and arranged music and played for numerous affiliate groups.

TSFY has been cancelled due to COVID, Music Mobile and Hollywood Bow tours are cancelled, Symphony for Schools may become a zoom event due to Covid.

Louise Peebles has been appointed Affiliate Coordinator for an extra six months through 2022 giving our organization stability as other LAPHil staffing changes occur.

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REA CRANE BRINGS MUSIC TO US! We all get too many e-mails and messages. BUT pay attention to Rea's communications.

She has been researching free(or modestly priced) music resources that are wonderful. Her e-mails to us list time, date, program particulars, and how to access the streaming or PBS stations. It is like having our own personal DJ who follows our interests and puts together a program just for us COPW music fans. Her information has been much appreciated during this difficult COVID period. THANK YOU, REA!

2021 -2022 Officers take over Beginning in June of 2021 COPW has elected officers who will steer the organization through May of 2022. Although there are not as many events from the Phil for our participation, there is still a lot of work to get funds accrued and maintain membership interest. In particular the loss of volunteer opportunities (TSFY, Music Mobile, Symphony for Schools, Hollywood Bowl tours etc.) means that it is trying to keep our members interested and supportive of COPW goals. However, our current and past slate of officers have been and are committed to support of the Phil and they are all looking forward to a full return of musical opportunities next year.

President: Inez Lopez

Vice-President: Karen Scharre

Secretary: Rea Crane

Treasurer: Bee Campbell

Committee Chair

Activities, Rea Crane and Nan Goodman

Memberships, Gloria Sherwood

Friends of the Phil, Cec Schulman

NewsNotes, Stephanie Klopfleisch

Historian, Annette Colfax

Volunteers, Mary Helen Ewan

Legacy, Adrienne Bass

Nominations, Cec Schulman

Toyota Symphonies for Youth, Mary Helen Ewan

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Subscriptions, Ed Hirsch