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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

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### **The ISO Welcomes Jun Märkl as Music Director**

The ISO is excited to announce that conductor Jun Märkl will be our eighth music director. He has served as the ISO's artistic advisor since 2021 and will act as music director designate until September 1, 2024, which marks the beginning of the 2024-25 season.

Märkl was given a five-year contract which will extend through the 2028–29 season. He will conduct nine weeks of concerts in Indianapolis each season, beginning with six weeks during the 2024–25 season. As music director, he will bring creative leadership to the ISO through visionary programming, community engagement, and artistic development.

"The ISO is deeply grateful to Maestro Märkl for his artistic leadership and unwavering commitment to the orchestra. We look forward to an exhilarating new era of musical collaboration and artistic excellence in the coming years under his vision," said James Johnson, CEO, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

"Nothing pleases me more than to welcome Jun Märkl as the new music director," said Maestro Jack Everly, Principal Pops Conductor. "Jun's global reputation will carry the orchestra forward. My concerts would not be possible without the core musical foundation of classical training, which is the very heart of the ISO. The ISO has been led and influenced by great leaders including John Nelson, Mario Venzago, and my personal friend, the great Raymond Leppard. I am confident that Maestro Märkl will not only continue our high musical standards but further and strengthen the ISO's musical legacy."

Märkl currently serves as Music Director of the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, Principal Guest Conductor of the Oregon Symphony, and was recently named Chief Conductor of the Residentie Orkest in The Hague beginning with the 2025-26 season.

"Together, we look forward to putting the ISO firmly on the map as the cultural beacon of our city, and as one of the finest orchestras of our generation," concluded Kevin Lin, concertmaster of the ISO.

*Terry Snell and Jan Pierce, ISOA Co-Presidents*

## Indianapolis Ballet Collaborates with the ISO to Present Romeo and Juliet

A kick-off party to celebrate the collaboration of the ISO with the Indianapolis Ballet was held at the home of Jackie Nytes on Wednesday evening, February 7. ISO Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly will lead the orchestra May 3 and 4 at Clowes Hall in the full-length ballet Romeo and Juliet set to Sergei Prokofiev's celebrated production by choreographer Septime Webre. The original production debuted in 1994 with Indianapolis Ballet's Founding Artistic Director, Victoria Lyras (pictured below), as one of the original Juliets. Since then, the production has evolved and traveled to leading ballet companies worldwide, including The Washington Ballet and Hong Kong Ballet. Indianapolis Ballet will present Webre's Romeo and Juliet on its 30th anniversary. Tickets are available on the ISO website. There is a matinee at 2pm on May 4th.



**Pictured above:** Kevin Lin, concertmaster of the ISO; Victoria Lyras, founder of the Indianapolis Ballet; Jack Everly, Principal Pops Conductor of the ISO; and James Johnson, CEO of the ISO attend the celebration of the upcoming production of Romeo and Juliet to be held at Clowes Hall on May 3 and 4 (with a matinee at 2pm). Visit the ISO website for ticket information. (Photo by Jan Pierce)

### **SPRING JUBILEE TICKETS and TABLES**

April 27 at Dallara Indycar Factory

**PAPER INVITATIONS COMING SOON!**

Early Bird Deadline, April 5

Scott Hoke, Master of Ceremonies

Dress is elegant and celebratory

[Ask your friends and fellow members to sit with you at your table.](#)

## SYMPHONY IN COLOR

In its 73rd Year and Well On Its Way

Faithful volunteers were on hand for the unboxing, sorting, and judging. John Seest and David Wilcox, both ISOA members, participated in the judging. Volunteers also had an enjoyable time learning new skills while framing the artwork on a Sunday afternoon.

Judging concluded with the People's Choice Luncheon for the ISO staff and musicians. There were about 100 people in attendance with plenty of hot dishes, salads and desserts. Everyone enjoyed seeing and voting on the student artwork to decide which one of the selections would win the People's Choice Award. The luncheon was chaired by Linda Sykes.

The thirty-six gold ribbon winners will be on display in the Hilbert promenade from February 12 -26. They will be displayed in the Wood Room during the Awards Tea and then displayed at the Indiana State Museum along with the finalists and honorable mentions from March 23 until April 28.

This year's contest will conclude with the Awards Tea at the Hilbert on March 3. The children, their parents, and teachers will attend. The children will have an opportunity to see their art, receive certificates, recognition and tokens. - *Mary J. Richards*



**Pictured Above: ISOA members learn framing skills.** All the volunteers showed up eager to work and the frame shop was closed. This year we moved the start time from 2 p.m. to 11 am. We gave the owner a call, and she was there in fifteen minutes. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed meeting each other, socializing, demonstrating their skills, and learning new framing skills.

You  
Are  
Appreciated

**WELCOMING NEW OFFICERS**

**NOMINATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

It is time to nominate our most treasured

Congratulations go out to our newly elected officers for 2024-2026.

**ISOA President**

Joanna Weiler (South Group)

**Recording Secretary**

Diane Evans (North Group)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Linda Sykes (East Group)

**Treasurer:** Cindy Ohlrogge (South Group)

**Special Projects Treasurer**

Susan Due (South Group)



Thank you so much to all of the people who came out to usher at the first two Discovery Concerts this past week. There were 1,400 students at the first concert, and approximately 1,000 students at the second concert. The Discovery Concert is so good this year!!! The last three dates are February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and April 9<sup>th</sup>. **Three more ushers are needed for the March 12<sup>th</sup> concert.** Contact Deb Dyar (317) 432-7359 if you are interested in ushering that concert. **Two more greeters are needed for the April 9 concert.** Contact Linda Sykes.



**UPCOMING**

It is time to nominate our most treasured Volunteers of the Year to receive awards and be recognized at our Annual Luncheon in August. There are several awards that are open for nomination.

- 1. Group Volunteer** of the Year Awards go to the person you feel is most deserving in your group. Follow your group guidelines and deadlines and submit the name to your chair.
- 2. ISOA Volunteer** of the Year goes to a person who has tirelessly worked with and helped the entire ISOA. Submit the name to Terry Snell and Jan Pierce by March 1. Give reasons why your nominee is deserving of this award.
- 3. Lifetime Achievement** Award is presented to a living member who over a period of at least ten years has exhibited exemplary commitment and/or exceptional innovative service, which has promoted and/or benefitted our entire organization thereby furthering the Mission and Goals of the ISOA. Submit your letter of recommendation to Terry Snell and Jan Pierce no later than March 1.

## **SIDE by SIDE IS BACK Fifty-Three Apply**

There are a total of 53 applicants for Side by Side. Of those 53 applicants, 41 will be selected to participate.

There were a total of 11 participants for YMC (2 in Rising Star, 9 in Young Musician). The preliminary judges are Tony Kniffen, Wendy Muston, Peter Vickery, and Tim Stephenson. The final round will be live at Hilbert on February 25, and we will need volunteers to help. We anticipate the need for 3-4 volunteers between 10am - 2pm. Please contact Meg Niehaus if you are interested in helping.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

North - 2886



## EXECUTIVE MEETING March 6 in the Wood Room

Reports due to Terry Snell, Jan Pierce, and  
Leslie Nelson on Sunday, March 3.

South - 2635  
East - 1055.25  
West - 813  
Wabash - 116  
Grand Total - 7505.25

## METROPOLITAN

**Faculty Recital:** Sunday,  
February 18, 3 pm MYO  
Faculty Recital, Broadway  
United Methodist Church.  
Flyer attached below. Here  
is the link. Very cute!

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nI2O0lyMY0d/view?  
uid=481091&sourceNumber=](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14JXROHDkipaxG8quWKRFZnI2O0lyMY0d/view?uid=481091&sourceNumber=)

## YOUTH ORCHESTRA

**MYO Solo Recitals:** Sunday, March 10,  
12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm and Sunday March 17,  
12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm. Broadway United  
Methodist Church.

**MYO Appreciation Day,** Saturday, April  
13, Open House 9 am – 1:30 pm.  
Broadway United Methodist Church.  
Come and have a tour by a MYO student.  
Sit in on rehearsal or private lesson. Meet  
parents and students and hear rehearsal  
as they prepare for the  
concert in May at Hilbert Circle Theatre



**Photo Above:** Meg Niehaus, Shelly Jones, Judi Taflinger, Jim Taflinger, Joanna Weiler, Tish LeMaster volunteer at an MYO event.





### **CALENDAR REMINDERS!**

**Feb 27: Evening with Sphinx**

**March 2: Winter Blahs**

**April 5: Whole Note articles due to Linda Sanning and Executive Board Meeting**

**April 13: Andrea Bocelli with the ISO at Gainbridge Fieldhouse**

**April 27: ISOA Jubilee at Dallara**

**MONTHLY  
MEETING**  
Be Connected. Be Heard. Be Informed.

#### **MONTHLY BOARD MEETING REMINDERS**

*Arrival time for the social period is 9:30am with meetings beginning at 10am. All group members are invited and encouraged to attend their respective group board meetings.*

- First Wednesday - Executive Board (Zoom available)
- Second Thursday - East Group
- Fourth Thursday - North Group
- Second Monday - South Group
- Second Monday - West Group

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