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2020 **COMMUNITY REPORT**

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Dear Friends of Classical Tahoe,

The success of this Season's Concert Series is rooted in our commitment to innovation and a passion for excellence. We met the challenges of the Season, a global pandemic and the loss of our beloved Maestro, Joel Revzen, with imagination and courage.

It began with Board's approval to hold a Chamber Music Concert Series instead of our orchestra festival. A careful selection of repertoire and musicians shaped the performances. With the health and safety of all participants a primary concern, small groups of subscribers gathered for live music hosted in gardens along the shores of Lake Tahoe. Adding to the magic of this experience, a new partnership with PBS Reno created live-stream access for over 800 registrants, bringing world-class performances into the living rooms of music lovers across the country and parts of the world. The fruits of this partnership continue to unfold with the 6 part documentary series "Classical Tahoe". First aired in January 2021, the series provides a closer look with profiles, interviews and music of the season. If you've not had a chance to view these episodes, no worries! They are accessible by logging into PBSReno.org/ClassicalTahoe anytime.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of your giving. Thanks to the FS Foundation for making our partnership with PBS Reno possible. Thanks to our 40 new donors who, because of the livestream experience, we welcome as part of the Classical Tahoe family. And thank you, our continuing donors, for your stalwart support of our mission. The transformative power of music unites us with shared purpose and an enduring legacy.

Renee Bouck, President, 2020
Karen Craig, Executive Director
Laura Hamilton, Interim Artistic Director

Cover Image Laura Hamilton, Chamber Music Series 2020

Leadership 2020

Officers & Executive Committee

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Classical Tahoe Artistic Team

Interim Artistic Director
 Laura Hamilton
Music Librarian
 Krisha Montmorency
Program Annotator
 Cindy Rhys
Technical Manager
 Steve McCoy
Sound Engineer
 Andy Park

Advisory Board

Chris Brubeck, Composer, Multi-Instrumentalist
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Janet Napolitano, Former President, University of California and Former U.S. Secretary Homeland Security
Sharon Robinson, Recitalist and Soloist with Orchestra, Cellist
Mary Schroeder, Senior Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Frederica von Stade, Opera Singer (Mezzo-Soprano)

Directors

Ron Ashley
Melanie Susan Broida
Florence Goldby
Steve Goldby
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Beth Minick
Janet Pahl
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Steven Stull
Ian Weiss *past president

Classical Tahoe Executive Team

Executive Director
 Karen Craig
Patron Experience Manager
 Sarah Wells
Operations & Production Manager
 Stephanie McCoy

Chamber Music Series 2020

Live From North Lake Tahoe and Streaming Around the World

July 30 - August 16, 2020

Interim Artistic Director: Laura Hamilton

Program Annotator: Cindy Rhys

12

Outdoor chamber music concerts in garden and lakeside venues.

25

Subscribers heard live music safely. Each one-hour performance followed by "Meet The Musicians" Q and A.

31

Classical Tahoe Musicians Employed

- 7 principal players
- 4 associate principal players
- 2 piano accompanists
- 2 guest vocalists



Thank You,
Maureen & Ron Ashley
and Kern Schumacher,
Chamber Music Series Hosts

Frederica von Stade and Jake Heggie,
Classical Tahoe 2020

Photo Credit: Ian Weiss

Livestream Partnership

with **PBS Reno**

Six Summer Concerts Livestreamed

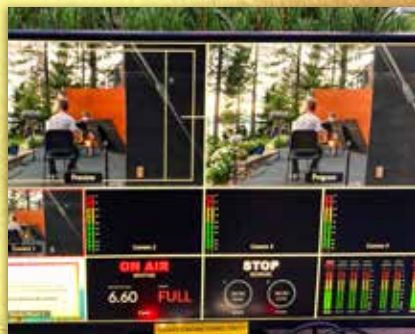
800
Households

49
States

8
Countries

Two ARTEFFECTS episodes featuring Classical Tahoe broadcast to 9,000 viewers.

14 terabytes of footage captured for subsequent 2021 broadcast production. A six-episode series on PBS Reno titled *Classical Tahoe*.



Thank you PBS Reno staff and crew.

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Press from 2020 Chamber Music Series

OPERAWire

Classical Tahoe to Honor Memory of Maestro Joel Revzen in 2020 Edition

By Eliza Schneider

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Classical Tahoe, a series of chamber music performances celebrating the culture of Lake Tahoe, has been adapted to a virtual edition for 2020.

The Management of Classical Tahoe is announcing the cancellation of its Lake Tahoe Chamber Music Series for 2020 due to the COVID-19 health concerns. Following the outbreak of a health crisis, the health of Lake Tahoe visitors has become a top priority for the community.



Nationally Recognized Classical Concert Series Announces In-Person Performances

July 26, 2020 By Abby Whitaker — Comments



FIGURE VILLAGE, Nev. — Classical Tahoe, a celebration of chamber music that aims to enrich the culture and community vitality of Lake Tahoe, is adapting its annual Orchestra Festival to a Chamber Music Series in Incline Village from July 30 to August 30. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the careers of musicians and artists, the performance nonprofit seeks to bring awareness on how chamber groups can perform safely for the community while providing a transformative, intimate music experience.

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World-Class Music Safely

Report by the Nevada State



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CLASSICAL POST*

Returning To The Stage At Classical Tahoe Brought Tears To Frederick von Zuck's Eyes

By Eliza Schneider



Frederick von Zuck, a pianist and conductor, is performing at the Classical Tahoe Chamber Music Series. He is seen playing the piano on stage, with a conductor standing next to him. The performance is part of the series, which is adapting to a virtual format for 2020.



Classical Tahoe fest adapts to chamber format, with audience, following maestro's death to COVID-19

By Beth Rogovin | August 3, 2020 1:42 pm



Courtesy: Classical Tahoe

This has been a particularly difficult time for the community of Classical Tahoe, which has presented top-caliber orchestras eleven for three weeks each summer since 2008, a tradition that has been adapted to a chamber orchestra performance that will be played in front of small live audiences as well as streamed live. Additionally, the performances will be turned into a documentary later this year.

Read Articles at ClassicalTahoe.org/blog

Musician Testimonials

"We are just blown away by what you've made possible. Congratulations on a super human achievement"

Frederica von Stade & Jake Heggie

"Congratulations on the extraordinary feat of pulling off three outstanding weeks of Classical Tahoe against all odds...It served as a fitting tribute to Joel and all his years of service to the community."

David Chan, Concertmaster, MET Orchestra

"When I got the call to come, and I heard it would be different, it would be Chamber music, and it's going to be for smaller audiences ... I just thought, wow. These guys are thinking out of the box, pivoting when we need it most, and giving a service to the community at Lake Tahoe. I was overjoyed, not only that Classical Tahoe was doing this, but that I could be a part of it."

Sæunn Thorsteinsdóttir, Cello. Interview excerpt from Episode 5, Classical Tahoe on PBS Reno.



Building a Legacy

2017

Gala Performance

Chris Brubeck & Triple Play

World Premiere

Aldo López-Gavilán "Emporium"

Executive Director

Karen Craig

Pavilion

Becomes new home for Classical Tahoe on SNU Campus



2018

Gala Performance

Branford Marsalis, three-time Grammy Award Winner

World Premiere

Chris Brubeck Commission

Music Institute Launch thanks to FS Foundation Grant

500 music students



2019

Gala Performance

friend of Classical Tahoe,
Aldo López-Gavilán

Initiated Legacy

Endowment Program

Expanded Music

Institute programming

Development educational partnership with Brubeck Jazz Summit

Special guest performance

Jazzmeia Horn, Grammy
Nominated Vocalist



Year in Review 2020

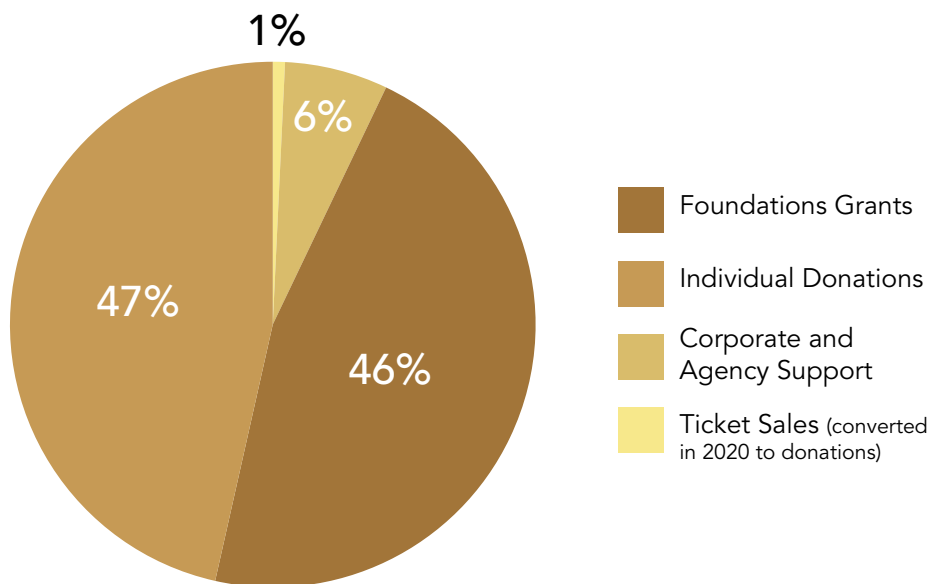
- *Media Partnership with PBS Reno*
Six Concerts Livestreamed during 2020 Summer Season
"Classical Tahoe" six-episode series.
- *A World-Class Celebration of the Arts*
World Premiere: Debussy, arr. K Cooper: Sonata "No.5".
- *Committed to Financial Stability*
Two first-time grants: Bently Foundation and
The Ann & Gordon Getty Foundation.
- *Educational and Community Vitality*
20,700 Classical Tahoe website page views and 4,970 new users with
23 educational videos by program annotator Cindy Rhys.
- *Brubeck Jazz Summit*
20 students from around the world received virtual instruction from
Brubeck Jazz Summit instructors.
- *With a Passion for Musical Excellence*
Search Committee invited three guest conductors for 2021:
Ming Luke
Tito Muñoz
Gabriela Díaz-Alatríste

"The goal of the search committee is to choose guest conductors, with input from the Board of Directors, Advisory Board Members, and orchestra musicians, for Classical Tahoe's 2021 and 2022 concert seasons."

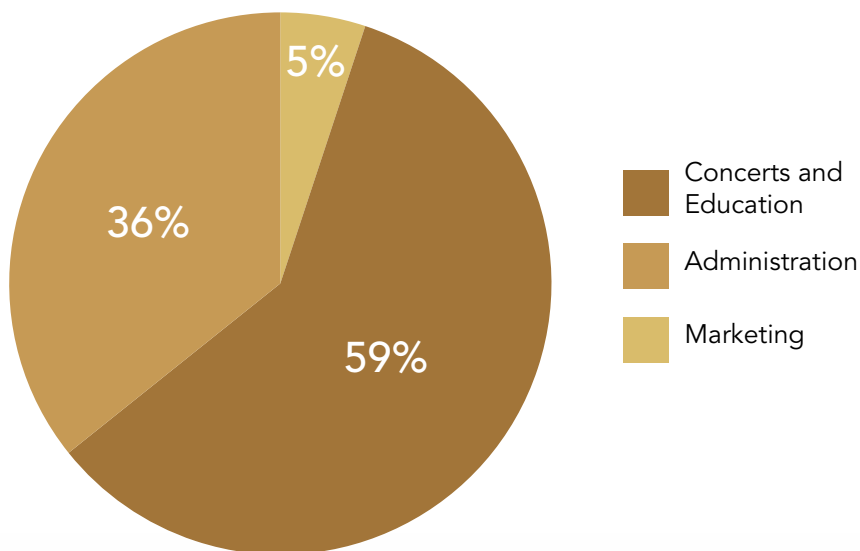
*Madylon Meiling,
Search Committee Chair*



Sources of Funds



Use of Funds



Impact Report 2020



5 | Pre-recorded radio features on Performance Today - the most listened-to daily classical music radio program in the United States, with 1.2 million listeners on 237 stations.

6 | Pre-recorded concerts post-produced into the Classical Tahoe series on PBS Reno

31 | Professional musicians commissioned for digital project

11K | PBS Reno Member households received program guide with Classical Tahoe on the cover

6 | Virtual Salons held via Zoom during the PBS Reno Series exceeded fundraising goal by 40% thanks in part to a challenge match by the Classical Tahoe Board and Founder Level Donors

100% | Board giving

381 | Salon Series Participants

47 | First Time Donors in FY2021 from the Salon Series (Please see classicaltahoe.org/recognition)

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With Everlasting Gratitude

With everlasting gratitude, Maestro Joel Revzen is remembered for his numerous artistic accomplishments and the deep, personal, relationships he forged with the Classical Tahoe community, as a steward of the arts, as a mentor, as a friend. Maestro Revzen's relationships with lauded musicians and world-renowned soloists, who by his invitation, performed at Classical Tahoe, ensured the young festival's reputation for excellent programming and performance during Maestro Revzen's position as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor from the festival's inaugural season in 2012 until his death on May 25, 2020, from complications related to COVID-19. He was 74.

Each summer, musicians from around the world arrive in Incline Village, North Lake Tahoe, to perform with the Classical Tahoe Orchestra.

Together with the Classical Tahoe board and staff, a welcome led by Joel and his wife Cindy Rhys, Classical Tahoe's Program Annotator, and their dog Zander, set the tone for a summer of camaraderie, collaboration, and craftsmanship.

In the Classical Tahoe Pavilion, Maestro Revzen commanded with a graceful accent. His programming was challenging, "Challenges were a specialty of his," recalls Cindy. "He never met one that he didn't love to put his hand to. He truly had the heart of an adventurer. A heart with boundless kindness and generosity, ready to take anyone on that adventure with him. He made music from the heart, and he led from his heart."



Joel Revzen Legacy Fund

In honor of his vision, The Joel Revzen Legacy Fund will serve the mission of Classical Tahoe as a “World-class celebration of the arts that enriches the cultural, educational, and community vitality of Lake Tahoe”.

Passion and commitment to cultural development at the very highest level for the community was the impetus for beginning this program and Classical Tahoe is proud of creating an authentic, accessible and shared experience that is building a destination for lovers of classical music performed by artists of international renown from around the world, while also becoming a destination for people to share their love of the arts.

The Joel Revzen Legacy Fund has been created for donors to provide a gift to honor Maestro Revzen, Classical Tahoe’s Founding Artistic Director and Principal Conductor, his passion and vision for Classical Tahoe, and to provide for the long-term, continuing development, and sustainable future of Classical Tahoe.

You can become a valued member of the Legacy Circle, or a business partner and sponsor, through a charitable donation to Classical Tahoe. Your contribution is appreciated and may include many different forms, including:

- A specific cash donation;
- A donation from your required IRA minimum distribution;
- A bequest in a will or trust;
- Gifts of stock or appreciated securities;
- A beneficiary designation from a retirement or life insurance account;
- Real Estate or personal property such as a house, car or boat;

and donating to the Joel Revzen Legacy Fund is an investment in artistic excellence and honors the commitment and vision of our Founding Maestro and beloved friend, Joel Revzen, today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your friendship, support, and tribute to Maestro Joel Revzen.

Contact Karen Craig, Executive Director, karen@classicaltahoe.org

Bravi!

We are extremely grateful for
your support and generosity

*Joel Revzen Legacy Fund Donors
Donations received November 1,
2019–October 31, 2020

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Classical Tahoe Orchestra Percussion/
Timpani Section: Aaron McDonald,
Matt Ward, Steven White*

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2021 Schedule



Opening Night Under the Stars with Laquita Mitchell, soprano

Ming Luke, Conductor
Friday, July 30



Beethoven meets Rodrigo & the Red Harp with Emmanuel Ceysson

Ming Luke, Conductor
Saturday, July 31



Romance in the Oasis

Chamber Music
Sunday, August 1



German Masters with Gilles Vonsattel, piano

Tito Muñoz, Conductor
Friday, August 6



Spotlight on Oboe with Nathan Hughes Schumann's Joy

Tito Muñoz, Conductor
Saturday, August 7



Chamber Music Masterpieces

Sunday, August 8

Made in America

Chamber Music
Tuesday, August 10

Everyone Welcome: 10th Anniversary Celebration

Chamber Music
Thursday, August 12

Tchaikovsky's Fate Introducing Amaryn Olmeda, violin

Gabriela Díaz-Alatriste, Conductor
Friday, August 13

"Brubeck @ 100" with the Classical Tahoe Orchestra

Gabriela Díaz-Alatriste, Conductor
Saturday, August 14

Classical Tahoe Summer Gala

Sunday, August 15

Programs are subject to change.