# Artis—Naples

Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic

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#### **MEDIA ALERT**

### STATEMENT FROM ANDREY BOREYKO MUSIC DIRECTOR, ARTIS-NAPLES

(Naples, FL, March 4, 2022) – Music Director Andrey Boreyko has released the following statement in light of recent world events. Boreyko, who is also artistic and music director of the Warsaw Philharmonic, is in his eighth and final season with the Naples Philharmonic and will be conducting four concerts in April and May in Hayes Hall at Artis—Naples, home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic.

As Music Director of Artis—Naples and Music and Artistic Director of the Warsaw Philharmonic and at the same time a person for whom the events of the last days have been, owing to my origins, a deep personal tragedy, I have felt the need to make this statement. Because my ancestors lived in present-day Ukraine, the tragedy of that land is also my own. There are times when one needs to take a decisive stance and say words which will be both emphatic and unequivocal. Human life is the greatest value to me, and I therefore firmly condemn every war, including the one declared by the Russian government on Ukraine. I am deeply moved by the tragedy of my brothers and sisters of Ukraine. I have close friends and acquaintances in Ukraine, who have now found themselves in great peril. I pray for them and for all the citizens of Ukraine.

I believe it is the mission of every artist to express oneself through one's art. It was therefore, my first spontaneous and concrete reaction to decide to open my concert in Milan on February 25, 2022, with Ukraine's national anthem. I will do the same for my upcoming concerts, including when I conduct in the Czech Republic and in Warsaw. I will also be adding music by the great Ukrainian composer Valentin Silvestrov, who, at 84 years old, is still in Ukraine with his beloved people.

In this extremely difficult time, when shooting and explosions can be heard again in the heart of Europe, I have decided to dedicate to Ukraine and its citizens the Warsaw Philharmonic concert in Hayes Hall on April 3.

War kills. There can be no justification for war. War should be stopped immediately.

Andrey Boreyko

(A version of this statement was originally released by Andrey Boreyko on February 28.)

Upcoming Artis-Naples performances conducted by Boreyko are:

#### Sunday, April 3, 7pm Hayes Hall

# Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra Andrey Boreyko, artistic and music director

Bruce Liu, piano

Moniuszko – Overture to *Paria* Chopin – Piano Concerto No. 1 Grieg – Symphony in C Minor

### <u>Saturday, April 9, 8pm Hayes Hall</u> Thank you, Andrey!

Naples Philharmonic Andrey Boreyko, conductor Garrett Sorenson, tenor Nathan Berg, bass-baritone

Martucci – Nocturne Schubert – Symphony No. 8, "Unfinished" Mahler – *Das Lied von der Erde* 

Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6, 8pm Hayes Hall Naples Philharmonic Andrey Boreyko, music director Yulianna Avdeeva, piano

Glazunov – *Autumn* from *The Seasons* Rachmaninoff – Piano Concerto No. 2 Karłowicz – Symphony in E Minor, "Rebirth"

## ARTIS-NAPLES

Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

## KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director Andrey Boreyko, we offer audiences more than 800 paid and free events annually within a variety of venues and settings situated throughout the 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

In the 2014-15 season, Andrey Boreyko assumed the title of music director and serves in this capacity for Artis—Naples. Boreyko is internationally recognized as one of the most exciting and dynamic conductors working today. This appointment, which concludes in 2022, is his first American post.

*The Wall Street Journal* says van Bergen and Boreyko have ushered in "an impressive new phase" for classical music in Southwest Florida.

## NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida's arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region.

Jack Everly is Principal Pops Conductor and in the 2021-22 season celebrates 12 years in this role, bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. In 2017, Romanian conductor Radu Paponiu was named assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and in 2019, he was promoted to associate conductor.

#### THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is one of the foremost fine art museums in Southwest Florida. The museum hosts several traveling exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 4,000 objects, the museum's broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors. Of particular strength are The Baker Museum's collections of American and Mexican modern art and significant gifts from the personal collection of Olga Hirshhorn.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is dedicated to stewardship and scholarship from both its growing permanent collection and outside sources. At the same time, The Baker Museum seeks out the best traveling exhibitions from the leading arts institutions in the world—including recently the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institutions—to enrich the Southwest Florida community.

In fall 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the opening of an 18,000-square-foot expansion of The Baker Museum, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, that created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages. Each season thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming both on its cultural campus and in classrooms. The Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, with more than 4,000 households who give \$75 or more, offers activities, travel experiences and events geared toward creating a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival's continued excellence and growth. In 2019, NIFF was named one of MovieMaker magazine's "Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World," and in 2021 celebrated its 13th year in the community.

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