

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

Contact: *Therese McDevitt, Communications Director*

tmcdevitt@artisnaples.org | 239-254-2794

Website: artisnaples.org

Facebook: facebook.com/artisnaples

Twitter: [@artisnaples](https://twitter.com/artisnaples) | Instagram: [artisnaples](https://www.instagram.com/artisnaples)

ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF NAPLES PHILHARMONIC CONCERTMASTER, GLENN BASHAM

Basham retires after 30 years of service

*Artis—Naples to honor Basham on
Community Day, November 12, 2022*

Naples, FL (April 18, 2022) – Artis—Naples announced today the retirement of Naples Philharmonic Concertmaster Glenn Basham after a distinguished 30-year career with the orchestra. Basham joined the Naples Philharmonic in 1992 as a guest concertmaster and was appointed to the position on a full-time basis in 1994 by then-music director Christopher Seaman.

In announcing Basham’s retirement, Artis—Naples CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen paid tribute to his talent, creativity and the relationships he forged with musicians, guest artists, patrons and the community.

“Glenn has been an integral part of the Naples Philharmonic for 30 years, and it is hard to imagine how the orchestra could have grown and flourished without his incredible musical talent, his leadership and his commitment,” van Bergen said. “We look forward to honoring Glenn in a special program on our fall Community Day on November 12.”

“It has been the honor of a lifetime to have served as the concertmaster of the Naples Philharmonic all these years, and my wife, Leelo, and I are filled with gratitude for all our wonderful friends and dear colleagues in the orchestra,” said Basham.

Basham has served as concertmaster under Naples Philharmonic music directors Timothy Russell, Christopher Seaman, Jorge Mester and Andrey Boreyko and principal pops conductors Erich Kunzel and Jack Everly.

Throughout the years Basham has offered many notable performances as a soloist, including performances of Vaughan Williams *The Lark Ascending* conducted by Keith Lockhart, Vivaldi *The Four Seasons* conducted by Christopher Seaman, Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto conducted by Jorge Mester and Mozart Sinfonia concertante conducted by Rossen Milanov. In addition to performing in his primary role with the Naples Philharmonic, Basham has often delighted audiences in the Pops and the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra’s All That Jazz series as both a violinist and a harmonica player and has collaborated frequently with pianist Jodie DeSalvo in her popular Piano Talks series. Glenn Basham was also a member of the Bergonzi Quartet, which was in residence at the University of Miami, Frost School of Music, where Basham served as professor from 1992 until 2016. Additionally, for the last three years, he has served as professor at Florida Gulf Coast University.

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 2022 celebrates its 14th year in the community.

###