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& Naples Philharmonic

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2026 VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMMING

**The Baker Museum remains open all summer
with free admission every Sunday**

New performing arts programming added to summer calendar

Naples, FL (April 30, 2026) – Artis—Naples announced today a full lineup of visual and performing arts programming for summer 2026, featuring museum exhibitions, concerts, community events and educational experiences for audiences of all ages. The Baker Museum remains open throughout the summer and will once again offer free admission every Sunday beginning on May 17 in celebration of International Museum Day and continuing through September 6.

Across the summer months, Artis—Naples presents a mix of performances throughout the Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus that include the newly added summer edition of the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra’s All that Jazz series with guest vibraphonist Chuck Redd, two presentations of Grand Piano Series’ Narrative Musicales, plus tributes to The Beach Boys, Chicago and the music of Motown. In addition, audiences can enjoy free live music and museum admission during Art After Hours on the last Wednesday of each month as well as free performances by young musicians of the Music Makers Summer Camps each Friday night in June.

“Each summer, Artis—Naples offers summer programming that reflects our mission to inspire, educate and entertain the diverse community we serve,” said Artis—Naples CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “By pairing free admission to The Baker Museum with thoughtfully curated performances and community programs, we ensure that meaningful artistic experiences remain accessible and engaging throughout the year.”

Museum Hours:

Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm

Sunday, noon-4pm

Museum Admission:

Adults – \$10 (Summer Sundays – Free) Children (17 and under) – Free

Reduced prices are available for select groups.

Blue Star Museums

The Baker Museum is proud to participate in the nationwide Blue Star Museums program, presented by the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families. This program offers free admission to active military and up to five family members from Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16, 2026, through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026. Please present your military ID at The Baker Museum upon arrival.

Heidi's Place Hours:

Thursday-Saturday, 11am-2pm

Sunday, noon-3pm

For more information, visit artisnaples.org/calendar/summer.**LATE SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING****The Baker Museum Exhibitions:*****sonia louise davis: to reverberate tenderly*****Through May 24****The Baker Museum, first floor*****Florida Contemporary 2025-26*****Through June 28****Hayes Hall galleries & Artis—Naples cultural campus*****Discovering Ansel Adams*****Through August 2****The Baker Museum, third floor*****The Passion of Collecting: Stories in Glass and Ceramics from the Sibrack Collection*****Through November 1****The Baker Museum, second floor*****Linling Lu: Fugue in 3 Voices*****July 11, 2026 – January 3, 2027****The Baker Museum, Springborn Gallery*****There & Here: New Perspectives of the Permanent Collection*****Ongoing (multi-year exhibition)****The Baker Museum, second floor****The Baker Museum Sculpture Trail****Ongoing Installation****Artis—Naples cultural campus and Pelican Bay Blvd.****17th Annual Student Exhibition****May 2 – July 5****The Blair Foundation Gallery & Rowe Center****Summer Performances and Activities:****Grand Piano Series: Narrative Musicales – Rhapsody in New York****Valentin Kovalev, saxophone****Konstantin Soukhovetski, piano****Milana Strezeva, piano**

A vivid musical portrait of New York told through rhythm, style and reflection. Featuring saxophonist Valentin Kovalev with pianists Milana Strezeva and Konstantin Soukhovetski, this program traces the city's many voices — from Gershwin's lyrical vitality and Piazzolla's modern tangos to evocative scenes shaped by jazz and urban energy.

Wednesday, May 13, 3pm · Ubben Signature Event Space

All That Jazz: The Music of Horace Silver

Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra

The music of hard bop innovator Horace Silver takes center stage in the final All That Jazz performance of the 2025-26 season series. A true musical alchemist, Silver blended soul, blues and gospel into jazz, creating tunes that were as danceable and joyful as they were deeply expressive.

Wednesday, May 13, 6pm and 8:30pm · Daniels Pavilion

Naples Ballet Presents *Swan Lake*

Naples Ballet

Christophe Maraval, artistic director

Naples Philharmonic

Manuel López-Gómez, conductor

Grace and beauty take center stage in Naples Ballet's production of *Swan Lake* featuring the student dancers of Naples Ballet performing alongside professional soloists from American Ballet Theatre. The Naples Philharmonic brings Tchaikovsky's iconic score to life in this timeless tale of love, magic and transformation.

Friday, May 15, 7pm · Hayes Hall

Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Spring Chamber Ensembles Concert

Manuel López-Gómez, director

Discover the artistry and collaboration of chamber music as members of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra perform in small ensembles.

Saturday, May 16, 4pm · Ubben Signature Event Space

Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra Spring Concert

Brandon Robertson, director

Celebrate another great season with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra. Led by Brandon Robertson, this spring performance showcases the energy and skill of Southwest Florida's top young jazz musicians performing works from across the jazz tradition.

Sunday, May 17, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion

Patriotic Pops

Naples Philharmonic

Manuel López-Gómez, conductor

Julie Benko, vocalist

Naples Philharmonic Chorus

Jeremy T. Warner, director

Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus

Barbara Sletto, director

Join the Naples Philharmonic, Naples Philharmonic Chorus, Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus and Broadway star Julie Benko for their annual stirring tribute to America's rich musical heritage. Featuring powerful orchestral and choral works, this patriotic celebration honors our nation's heritage and the brave men and women who have bravely served.

Thursday–Friday, May 21-22, 7:30pm · Hayes Hall

Free—Spring Community Day

Artis—Naples welcomes the entire community for a day of art, music and fun. This free event includes hands-on art activities, a scavenger hunt in The Baker Museum, musical performances, bilingual storytelling, facepainting, a musical instrument petting zoo, food trucks and special activities throughout the day.

Saturday, May 23, noon-4pm · Artis—Naples cultural campus

Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia Spring Concert

Join the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia for a spirited spring performance showcasing the progress and artistry of these talented young musicians. Led by Gregg Anderson, this concert marks the ensemble's final appearance of the season and is part of our Spring Community Day celebration.

Saturday, May 23, noon · Hayes Hall

Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia Spring Concert

The Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia brings the magic of chamber music to Community Day. These talented young strings players will perform various works by famed composers like Mozart and Haydn.

Saturday, May 23, 2pm · Daniels Pavilion

Side-by-Side

Naples Philharmonic

Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

Manuel López-Gómez, associate conductor

Miranda Leone, flute

The Naples Philharmonic and Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra join forces to present one of the most spectacular performances of the season. This concert features the grand prizewinner of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra concerto competition and culminates in a side-by-side performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5.

Sunday, May 24, 7pm · Hayes Hall

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Wednesday, May 27, 3pm · Trinity-by-the-Cove

Free—Art After Hours

Enjoy live music performed by local saxophonist Jim Blackburn, concessions at Heidi's Place and free admission to all museum exhibitions in this fun evening of art and entertainment for patrons of all ages.

Wednesday, May 27, 6-9pm · The Baker Museum

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Wednesday, May 27, 7pm · Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Thursday, May 28, 2pm · Naples Regional Library*

*Tickets for library performances must be reserved through Collier County Libraries.

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Thursday, May 28, 4pm · South Regional Library*

*Tickets for library performances must be reserved through Collier County Libraries.

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Thursday, May 28, 7pm · Baker Senior Center

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Friday, May 29, 2pm · Naples United Church of Christ

Free—Community Chamber Concert

Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic

Friday, May 29, 3pm · Headquarters Library*

**Free—Community Chamber Concert
Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic
Friday, May 29, 7pm · Norris Center**

*Tickets for library performances must be reserved through Collier County Libraries.

**Free—Naples Philharmonic Pro-Am
Naples Philharmonic
Community Musicians
Manuel López-Gómez, associate conductor**

Talented amateur musicians from the community join the Naples Philharmonic onstage in Hayes Hall for an afternoon of rehearsals and social time culminating in an evening performance of selections from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique."

Friday, May 30, 7pm · Hayes Hall

**Free—Community Chamber Concert
Musicians of the Naples Philharmonic
Sunday, May 31, 7pm · Artis—Naples, Ubben Signature Event Space**

**Free—Music Makers Youth Symphonia Camp Concert
Friday, June 5, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion**

Festival of Great Organ Music

Feel the power of the pipes at the annual Festival of Great Organ Music. Presented with the American Guild of Organists, this showcase features remarkable performers and celebrates the awe-inspiring range of Hayes Hall's four-manual Casavant Frères organ.

Sunday, June 7, 7pm · Hayes Hall

**Free—Music Makers Youth Chorus Camp Concert
Friday, June 12, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion**

**Free—Music Makers Youth Chamber Camp Concert
Friday, June 19, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion**

Free—Art After Hours

Enjoy live music performed by local musician Jim Saint-Amour on the steel drums, concessions at Heidi's Place and free admission to all museum exhibitions in this fun evening of art and entertainment for patrons of all ages.

Wednesday, June 24, 6-9pm · The Baker Museum

**Free—Music Makers Youth Jazz Camp Concert
Friday, June 26, 7pm · Daniels Pavilion**

**NEW—All That Jazz Summer
Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra
Chuck Redd, vibraphone**

The Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra brings their signature style to Daniels Pavilion with special guest vibraphonist Chuck Redd. This sizzling summer edition of All That Jazz promises a night of soulful vocals, colorful arrangements and unmistakable cool.

Wednesday, July 8, 6pm and 8:30pm · Daniels Pavilion

Free—Make-and-Take Workshop: Natural Landscapes

This free family workshop provides kids with an opportunity to make their own unique artworks using some of the styles and techniques from a featured exhibition at The Baker Museum.

Thursday, July 9, 2pm · Rowe Performance and Learning Center

**NEW—Grand Piano Series: Narrative Musicales – Beethoven and Joplin
Konstantin Soukhovetski, piano**

Pianist and storyteller Konstantin Soukhovetski explores surprising connections between two musical originals, weaving works from the keyboard with narrative insight to reveal both the shared spirit and contrasts of the two across time and tradition.

Wednesday, July 16, 4pm · Ubben Signature Event Space

NEW—Chi-Town Transit Authority: Chicago Tribute Band

Let the Chi-Town Transit Authority take you on a trip back to the heady days of the 1970s for a thrilling evening celebrating the music of Chicago. This eight-piece, Atlanta-based tribute act was founded in 2017 to re-create the energetic and brassy sound that led to chart-topping hits spanning four decades.

Tuesday, July 21, 6pm and 8:30pm · Daniels Pavilion

Free—Art After Hours

Enjoy live music performed by pianist Jerry Stawski, concessions at Heidi's Place and free admission to all museum exhibitions in this fun evening of art and entertainment for patrons of all ages.

Wednesday, July 29, 6-9pm · The Baker Museum

Free—Make-and-Take Workshop: Creative Sculptures

This free family workshop provides kids with an opportunity to make their own unique artworks using some of the styles and techniques from a featured exhibition at The Baker Museum.

Tuesday, August 4, 2pm · Rowe Performance and Learning Center

NEW—Sail On: The Beach Boys Tribute

Good vibrations will fill Daniels Pavilion on August 5 when the five-member Beach Boys tribute act Sail On takes the Daniels Pavilion stage for a fun and nostalgic performance featuring some of The Beach Boys' greatest hits. Don't miss your chance to relive the sounds of the *Endless Summer* once again!

Thursday, August 5, 6pm and 8:30pm · Daniels Pavilion

NEW—Nathan Chester and the Old Souls Motown Revival

Feel the power of soul and experience the high-octane energy of Nathan Chester & The Old Souls Motown Revival. Led by Chicago native Nathan Chester, this dynamic musical experience showcases a wide range of soul and R&B classics, from Otis Redding to Al Green and more.

Thursday, August 12, 6pm and 8:30pm · Daniels Pavilion

**NEW—Grand Piano Series: Narrative Musicales – Keys Across America
Konstantin Soukhovetski, piano**

Celebrating the United States' 250th anniversary, Konstantin Soukhovetski blends music and storytelling from the piano to trace American voices through time and from sea to shining sea—reflecting on freedom, identity and the evolving sound of a country.

Wednesday, August 20, 4pm · Ubben Signature Event Space

Free—Art After Hours

Enjoy live music performed by local musicians, concessions at Heidi's Place and free admission to all museum exhibitions in this fun evening of art and entertainment for patrons of all ages.

Wednesday, August 26, 6-9pm · The Baker Museum

ARTIS—NAPLES

Artis—Naples, home of The Baker Museum and Naples Philharmonic, creates and presents world-class visual and performing arts. Through our multidisciplinary offerings, we inspire, educate and entertain to engage and enrich the growing and diversifying community.

KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, Artis—Naples offers more than 800 visual and performing arts experiences annually across its 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus and throughout the community. Artis—Naples welcomes hundreds of 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.

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 Southwest Florida. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors. With the 2026-27 season, Alexander Shelley enters his third season as artistic and music director, following two successful years and an extended commitment through the end of the decade. Podium leadership also includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 17 years in this role in the coming 2026-27 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music across genres. Renowned violinist James Ehnes continues as artistic partner through the 2026-27 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is the foremost fine art museum in Southwest Florida, presenting an ambitious slate of exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 3,000 objects, the museum’s broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect particular strengths in modern art of the United States and Mexico. The Baker Museum’s collection demonstrates the generosity and commitment of area collectors, including significant gifts from the collection of the late Olga Hirshhorn.

In 2025, The Baker Museum was accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition for museums in the United States, affirming the museum’s commitment to excellence, accountability and public service.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is committed to the stewardship and scholarship of its collections and to fostering inspiring and transformative experiences with the visual arts. At the same time, The Baker Museum partners with the world’s leading arts institutions to make extraordinary exhibitions accessible to the Southwest Florida community—including the National Portrait Gallery, London and the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation. In 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the renovation and expansion of The Baker Museum and adjoining Norris Garden, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, which 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 in Collier and Lee counties. Each season, thousands of Collier County Public School students interact with Artis—Naples education programming, both on our cultural campus and in their classrooms. Beyond our commitment to youth education, the Lifelong Learning program provides informative lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, comprised of more than 3,500 donor households, offers activities, travel experiences and events designed to foster 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 2023, the festival’s 15th anniversary year, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine’s “20 Great Film Festivals in Vacation Destinations.”

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