

## Pacific Symphony: Volunteer Challenge #39

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Hello, Pacific Symphony Volunteers!

Pacific Symphony is getting ready this week for a fantastic weekend! If you haven't yet heard, we are having our Opening Night on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

Tickets are still available and can be found on our website, here:

<https://www.pacificsymphony.org/tickets/concert/music-in-bloom>

## Music in Bloom – Pacific Symphony's Opening Night Celebration



This virtual concert includes appearances by pianists:

Olga Kern

Alain Lefevre

Louis Lortie

Christina Naughton and Michelle Naughton

André Watts

### **A Virtual Opening Night Celebration Honoring the 2020-21 Hal and Jeanette Segerstrom Family Foundation Classical Series**

This year, we have the unique opportunity to celebrate our Season Opening together and apart —fun! On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we kick off our season with a series of at-home celebrations. Rather than purchasing a table, you are purchasing an experience for up to ten of your closest (and socially distanced) friends and family. Each specially curated experience will culminate in a simultaneously broadcasted Pacific Symphony program that can be viewed online.



Since this year's Opening Night is virtual, and we haven't had the opportunity to meet in person for a very long time, it seemed appropriate to share this particular song with you today. One of our wonderful volunteers sent it to me following last week's Volunteer Challenge. She thought I would love it, and I do!

Andrea Bocelli and Josh Groban are co-composers of this beautifully written song performed entirely in Italian, [We Will Meet Once Again](#). Josh Groban has commented,

*“This duet was almost 20 years in the making. I owe so much to an early opportunity I had, I was 17 and in high school and asked to be a stand in singer for Andrea Bocelli when he was stuck on a plane for the Grammy’s rehearsals. (Longer story how THAT even happened). A terrified, pimple faced and blissfully naive kid sang his heart out that afternoon and the rest is history. Meeting him backstage when he finally arrived I just thought “how cool is this? What a world this is.”*”





**Josh Groban** is an American singer, songwriter, actor, and record producer who is known for his unusually dusky baritone voice. Groban originally studied acting, but moved to singing as his voice developed. Groban attended the Los Angeles High School for the Arts, a free public school on the campus of CA State University Los Angeles where students receive a conservatory-style education. His first four albums were certified as multi-platinum and he has sold over 25 million records worldwide to date.

**Andrea Bocelli** is an Italian opera singer, songwriter, tenor and record producer. He was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma at 5 months old, and became completely blind at age 12, following a soccer accident. He began his career performing at piano bars and competing in local singing contests, but in 1994 rose to fame at the 44<sup>th</sup> Sanremo Music Festival. Over the years, Bocelli has recorded both pop and classical music and sold over 30 million records worldwide.

Until we meet once again, please stay well. Stay safe. Know how much we miss you.

Warm regards,

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