

Pacific Symphony wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving: Volunteer Challenge #44

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Hello, Pacific Symphony Volunteers!

It finally feels like fall has arrived! It has brought cooler weather, a little rain, a time change (ugh!), pumpkin pie (my favorite), and more.

One of our wonderful volunteers, Brenda Hardwig, kindly sent me this beautiful photo she took of a serene fall landscape with looming clouds. Isn't it lovely and isn't she a great photographer? This fall, some of us might be feeling like this picture, somewhat cloudy and dark. We may be thinking that we might not get to celebrate Thanksgiving the same way we have in previous years. We are feeling challenged and not our robust selves. When I look deeply into this photo, I see the imminent rain.

But I also see the slight break in the clouds, the bit of blue sky, the sunlight on the golden field. This Thanksgiving I hope you, too, can see and enjoy the light, the blue skies and all that is good and right in our lives. My Thanksgiving wish for you is that you know how much you mean to me and how very grateful I am to have you in my life! Happy Thanksgiving to You!

Thanksgiving is a time of sharing. While we may share many things in common, one thing I am POSITIVE we share is our love for music! Enjoy the following pieces for the flavors of fall.

Arnold Bax: November Woods - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuZJWkXk89k>

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel: September, at the River from Das Jahr - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_zZw0p5Tv8



Photo by Brenda Hardwig



I am always intrigued when fall leaves start to change their colors. This photo shows trees that are grand with majesty and vibrant hues. Enjoy two more fall selections.

Imogen Holst: The Fall of the Leaf – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llkFjUm3nPI>

Doris Day singing Autumn Leaves - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZMD_2RZrm4

Lastly, don't miss your opportunity to visit Pacific Symphony's Holiday Tree at South Coast Plaza over Thanksgiving week! Pacific Symphony is a participant in the **First Annual "Pavilion of Holiday Trees for the Arts."** Our holiday tree, along with creations from 35 other local arts organizations, will be showcased at South Coast Plaza in The Pavilion **NOW through Friday, December 4th**. The Pavilion hours are Sunday from 12-7pm and Monday-Saturday from 11am-7pm.

The theme of our holiday tree is *The Nutcracker* in celebration of Pacific Symphony's annual Family Musical Morning Concert based on one of Peter Tchaikovsky's greatest works. Symphony volunteer extraordinaire, Rosalind Britton, is our official holiday tree designer. All of *The*

Nutcracker characters are represented on our beautiful tree. Photos from past Nutcracker performances, along with Nutcracker musical themes play enchantingly in the background.



Since this is a fundraising opportunity for the Symphony, you can learn more by visiting our website: <https://www.pacificsymphony.org/>

You are all invited and encouraged to visit this lovely event over the next few weeks while practicing safe distancing, of course! **I will be viewing the holiday tree on Sunday, November 29th at 1:00pm**, so please come say hello if you happen to be at South Coast Plaza that afternoon. I am including a list of local restaurants (all of which are operating under local county safety guidelines) that will also be open, in case you'd like to bring your family for a head start on the holiday season! <https://www.southcoastplaza.com/whats-open/>

Whatever you do over Thanksgiving week, know that I will be thinking of you and wishing you the very best!

Warmest regards,

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