

Pacific Symphony: Volunteer Challenge #62

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Hello, Pacific Symphony Volunteers!

All of us at Pacific Symphony are getting so excited as we anticipate the return of live music for you our fantastic subscribers, patrons and volunteers! To see exactly what concerts are in the works, please click here to view the Pacific Symphony website: <https://www.pacificsymphony.org/>

This past weekend, our concert schedule was supposed to include the **Music of ABBA**, and I thought it would be fun to reminisce about this “almost” 50-year old band which was formed in 1972. **ABBA** is a Swedish pop group from Stockholm composed of 4 musicians, Agnetha Faltskog, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. The name ABBA is an acronym of the first letters of their first names. This group became one of the most commercially successful acts in the history of popular music with songs that topped the charts from 1974-1983. Like many groups that suffer from the perils of fame and fortune, ABBA was no different. Originally, during the band’s most active years, it consisted of two married couples, Fälskog and Ulvaeus, and Lyngstad and Andersson, however, as their popularity increased, their marriages suffered and both couples ended their relationships in divorce. As the relationships soured, the band’s songs became darker and their lyrics more introspective. Eventually disbanding, the men continued writing music for the stage and both women pursued solo careers.

Then, in 1999, ABBA’s music was adapted into a very successful musical, “Mamma Mia!” If you haven’t seen it, I highly recommend it!! The musical toured the world and a film of the same name was released in 2008 which also achieved great success. In 2018, a sequel named “Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again!” was released and the band got together to record two new songs after being inactive for 35 years! To hear some of ABBA’s early songs, click the links below!

ABBA – Dancing Queen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFrGuyw1V8s>

ABBA – Fernando: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQsjAbZDx-4>

ABBA – Mamma Mia!: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unfzfe8f9NI>



I would also like to invite you to a **fun, FREE, mid-day event** which will take place next week on **Thursday, May 27th at 11:30am**. Check out this invitation and to RSVP, just click **Please RSVP By Clicking Here** in the message below!

Special Announcement: From Pacific Symphony's League Board



Stars and Stripes

May League Luncheon and Celebration

You are invited to join the Pacific Symphony League for a very special Memorial Day celebration by Zoom on **Thursday, May 27th from 11:30am-1:00pm**. This event will also allow you to have an excuse to dress up, have fun and show your most patriotic outfits. Prizes will be awarded during the luncheon.

Program

We are delighted to announce that Pacific Symphony President John Forsyte, Assistant Principal Second Violinist Jennise Hwang, and Shawne Zarubica, Director of PS Youth Ensembles, will speak and perform. We welcome your attendance as we celebrate, honor and remember our great country and its freedoms.

We are also thrilled to announce that the Pacific Symphony Volunteer of the Year is Jonathan Adamany. He also has received a Spirit of Volunteerism award! To know more about this year's award recipients please take a look at [the Pacific Symphony Blog](#) and [the Volunteer Center](#).

We will also be celebrating the newly elected officers for the 2021-22 season, new Lifetime Members Sue Baker and Sharon Stewart and the reintroduction of the Board position of PR Chair, filled by Isabelle Prescott.

Finally please stay tuned for more information about [the Fandango Gala](#) on Saturday, June 12th and other surprise announcements.

By attending this luncheon as well as other PS and League events, you contribute your support to Pacific Symphony and the League. Your attendance also helps preserve classical music as a valued part of Orange County culture. We hope you can join us!

Sincerely,

Catherine Sumner

Newsletter Editor, Pacific Symphony League

[Please RSVP by clicking here.](#)

This announcement was prepared by Catherine Sumner under the direction of President Jonathan Adamany.

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It brings be so much joy to stay connected with you each week! Until I see you again, please stay well. Stay safe. Know how much we miss you.

Warm regards,

Abby

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