

## Pacific Symphony Volunteer Challenge #16

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Hello, Pacific Symphony Volunteers!

This past Sunday afternoon, Pacific Symphony had planned to have an amazing organ concert in the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall featuring *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. I thought you might enjoy hearing more about this story today.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the story of the Hunchback, let me fill you in! Written in 1830 by Frenchman Victor Hugo, under the title of *Notre-Dame de Paris*, this novel details the obsessive love that Quasimodo, the Hunchback who lives in The Cathedral of Notre Dame, has for Esmeralda, a gypsy who shows him great kindness. This work has been described as a key text in French literature and has been adapted for film more than a dozen times, including a 1939 sound film with Charles Laughton and a 1996 animated Disney film.

The adaption I am sharing today is the silent film of 1923 with Lou Chaney. It is a sad tale of unrequited love and adoration, and so much more. To watch *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, click [here](#)





*Great art is like great music, both are mad with their own loveliness!* (George Jean Nathan, 1920)

Please stay well. Stay safe. Know that we miss you.

Warmest regards,

Abby

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