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2014-2015 Season

NFSO

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra

Jeffrey Rink, Music Director & Conductor



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The Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra (NFSO) is the Emerald Coast's premier, fully-professional orchestra – since 1987! Now in our 28th season, the NFSO performs in residence at the magnificent Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville, where a custom orchestral shell provides the finest in acoustics for symphony patrons!

The NFSO is a non-profit organization operated by Northwest Florida State College. The NFSO relies on tax-deductible donations, corporate underwriting and season subscriptions to continue the musical excellence and the symphony's numerous educational endeavors for youth.

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Season Subscriptions:

Purchase by phone, mail or in-person

Box Office: (850) 729-6000

or 1-888-838-ARTS (2787)

Learn more about our
Musical Voyage Season at:
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Regular Season Subscriber: \$115 for 5 Concerts & 1 Subscriber Reception

- Discount over single ticket prices!
- Reserved seating for 5 NFSO concerts.
- Pre-Concert Talks with Conductor & distinguished guest artists.
- Subscriber Season Opener Reception on September 20, 2014.

Gold Season Subscriber: \$165 for 6 Concerts & 2 Subscriber Receptions

- Enjoy all Regular Subscriber benefits PLUS Cirque de la Symphonie tickets!
- Gala Reception – Exclusive! Delicious hors d'oeuvres & more at the April 11, 2015, Season Finale!

Conductors Circle: Tax deductible gift of at least \$250 to the NFSO in addition to purchase of a Gold or Regular Season Subscription. Enjoy the benefits listed in your Subscription level PLUS the following exclusive Conductor's Circle member benefits!

- Reserved parking at NFSO concerts.
- Complimentary intermission beverage at NFSO concerts.
- Invite Your Friends for Free – Request 2 free tickets for any 1 NFSO regular season concert!



Single Concert Tickets:

Purchase online, by phone, mail or in-person

Box Office: (850) 729-6000 or www.MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

\$25 for regular season concerts

\$37 for Cirque de La Symphonie

\$18 for youth age 18 or younger

\$18 for Active Duty Military & their guests



Glory & Remembrance

September 20, 2014

“Spectacular to behold . . . creative interplay of sight and sound . . .”

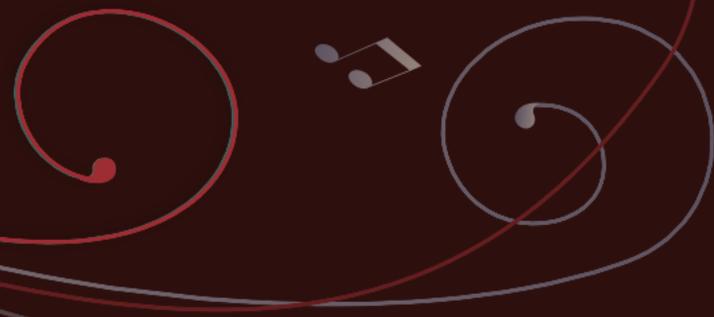
– Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

“ . . . An often heart-melting multimedia experience”

– The Post-Courier, Charleston, SC

“ . . . The photochoreography is . . . inspiring and inspired; [it] deepens one’s experience of music and its emotional impact . . .”

– Long Beach Symphony Orchestra





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September 20, 2014

As performed by major symphonies across the USA, the NFSO presents a nationally produced large-format photochoreography experience to commemorate the 75th anniversary of WWII and the 100th anniversary of WWI. Experience a stunning integration of images and music honoring the men and women of the Greatest Generation who won history's most pivotal victory. The NFSO performs a movement of Vaughan Williams *Symphony No. 5* set to historic WWII images in this moving tribute to the home front and the front lines. The evening's companion work "No Man's Land," combines images of WWI with Aaron Copland's poignant *Quiet City*. This musical journey concludes with renowned Guest Artist Yevgeny Yontov of Israel, the 2013 Wideman International Piano Competition Gold Medal winner, performing Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, op. 58*. A reception exclusively for Season Subscribers follows the concert.



A photograph of a young man with light brown hair, wearing a dark suit and tie, playing a double bass. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. His right hand is raised in a gesture. The background is dark and textured. The image is overlaid with decorative elements: a blue musical staff with notes and a treble clef at the bottom left, and blue swirling lines and musical notes on the right side.

Sergey Antonov

“... An artist of great warmth and musical brilliance . . . Antonov plays with near technical perfection and a fully mature sense of line. He is passionate or delicate where required, emotional without being sentimental, and generally just beautiful . . .”

– Elisa Birdseye
for Classical-Scene

Czech It Out!

November 15, 2014

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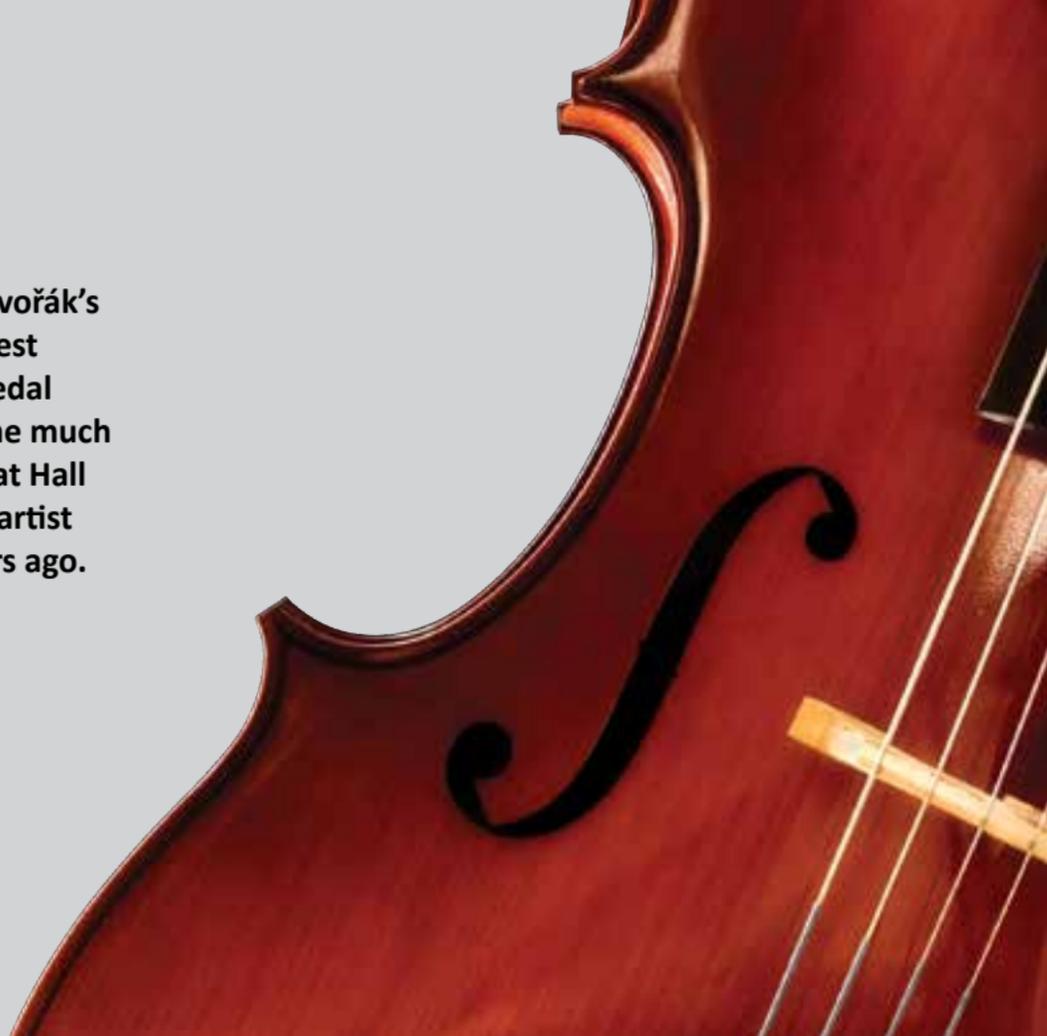
The NFSO continues its musical voyage with an all-Czech program on Saturday, November 15, 2014 featuring Smetana's beloved tone poem *The Moldau* and Dvořák's magnificent *Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104*. Joining the orchestra will be Guest Artist Sergey Antonov, the 2007 Tchaikovsky International Competition Gold Medal Winner! Hailed as "a brilliant cellist" by the legendary Mstislav Rostropovich, the much sought-after artist has performed at world-renowned venues from Russia's Great Hall at the Moscow Conservatory to Suntory Hall in Tokyo and he is a favored guest artist with the Newport Music Festival, where he made his American debut, four years ago.

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Holiday Pops!

December 12, 2014

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The sounds of the holiday season will fill the air Friday, December 12 as the NFSO, along with the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale, performs some of the most beautiful seasonal music ever written. It's an evening for everyone with popular holiday fare, a carol sing-along with the audience, and festive holiday and Christmas music.

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Stars of Tomorrow – Go South American

February 6, 2015

The *Stars of Tomorrow* will shine as the winners of the prestigious 28th annual Concerto Competition, sponsored by the NFS Guild, perform along with the NFSO! These talented young people thrill NFSO patrons every year with their amazing “America’s Got Talent” musical virtuosity! The South American sounds of Alberto Ginastera’s exciting *Variaciones Concertantes* and Astor Piazzola’s sultry *Tangos* will add just the right spice to warm up a chilly February evening.

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Cirque de la Symphonie

March 14, 2015

"Nothing short of breathtaking."

– The Washington Post

"Stunning ... scintillating grace of movement ... that brought down the house."

– Kansas City Free Press



"Cirque de la Symphonie will dazzle audiences of all ages. These are the world's finest cirque artists who draw sell-out crowds wherever they perform."

– NFSO Maestro Jeffrey Rink





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March 14, 2015

Thrill to the magic of Cirque in a live performance with the NFSO! With exciting artistic performances seen in theaters worldwide, *Cirque de la Symphonie* will present aerial flyers & silks, acrobats, dancers, contortionists, jugglers, balancers, and strongmen – all choreographed to magnificent music presented by the NFSO. This full-scale sound and visual feast for the senses is only possible in the state-of-the-art Mattie Kelly Arts Center with its 10-story fly space, huge stage that hosts touring Broadway shows, and custom orchestral music shell that provides the very best acoustics for symphony patrons!

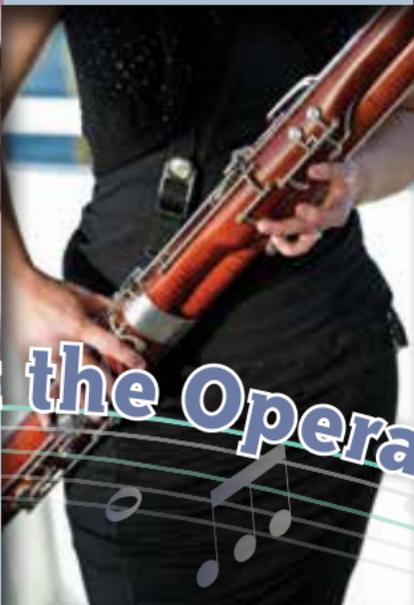
SPECIAL EVENT: \$37 each

**INCLUDED ONLY IN GOLD NFSO SEASON PACKAGE:
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Vera
Schoenenberg



Robert
Honeysucker



Won Whi Choi

A Night at the Opera

April 11, 2015

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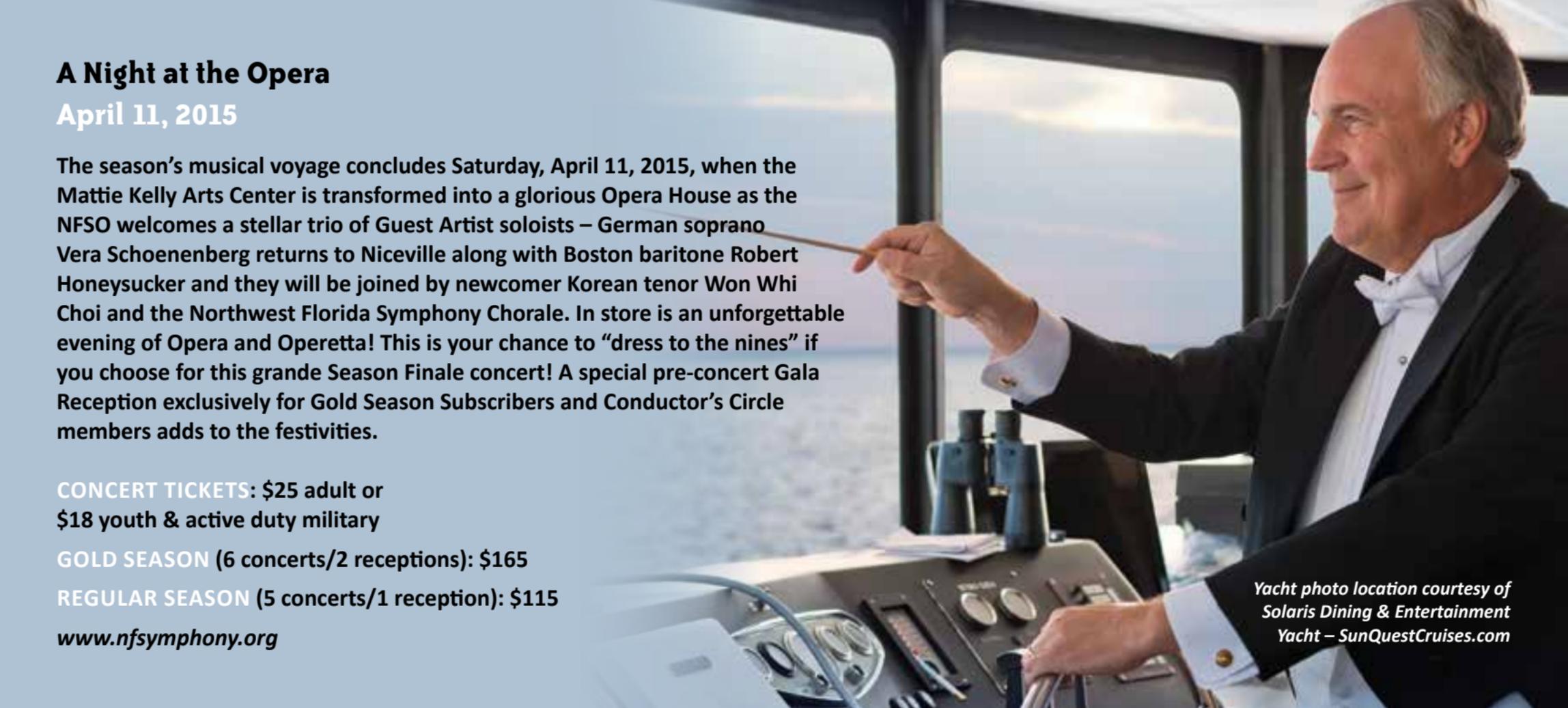
The season's musical voyage concludes Saturday, April 11, 2015, when the Mattie Kelly Arts Center is transformed into a glorious Opera House as the NFSO welcomes a stellar trio of Guest Artist soloists – German soprano Vera Schoenenberg returns to Niceville along with Boston baritone Robert Honeysucker and they will be joined by newcomer Korean tenor Won Whi Choi and the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale. In store is an unforgettable evening of Opera and Operetta! This is your chance to “dress to the nines” if you choose for this grande Season Finale concert! A special pre-concert Gala Reception exclusively for Gold Season Subscribers and Conductor's Circle members adds to the festivities.

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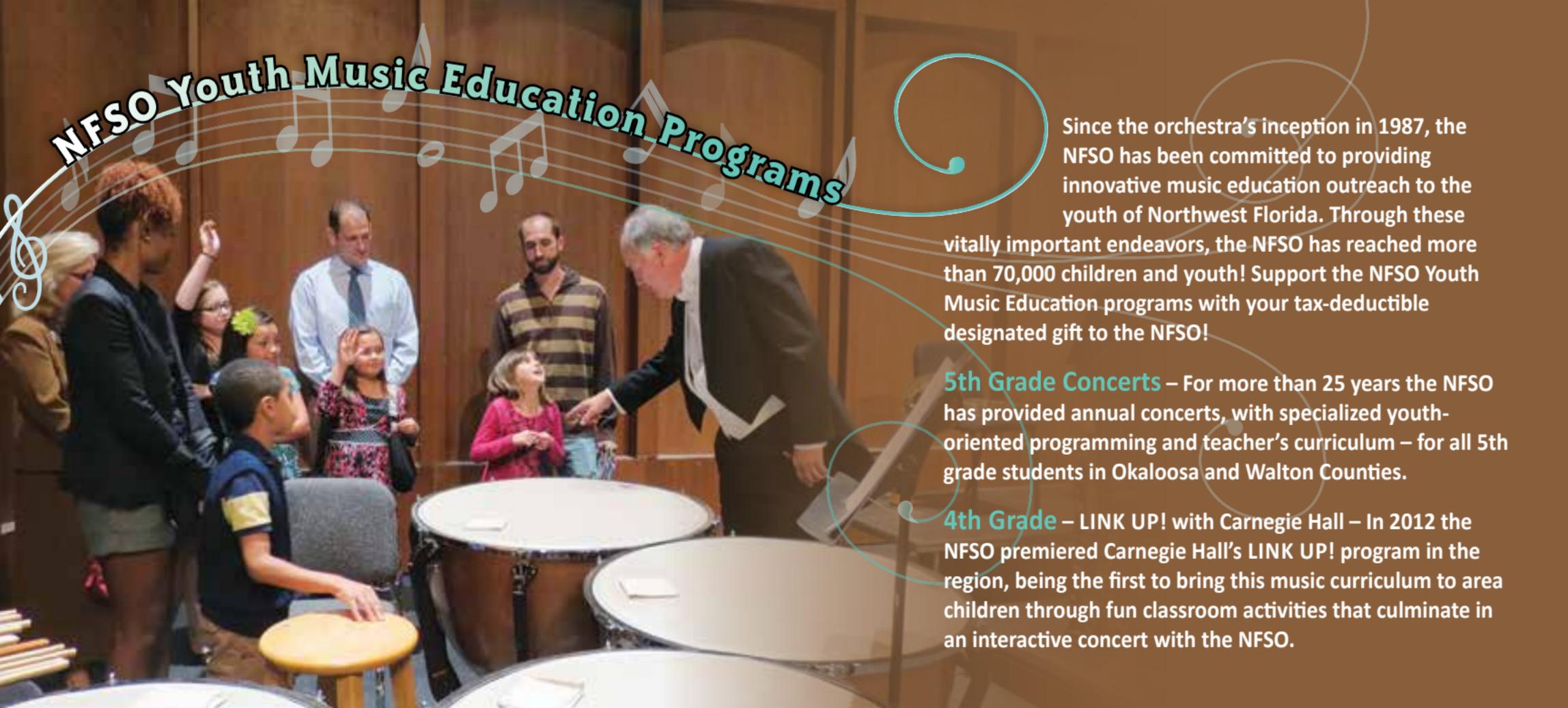
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A photograph of a man in a tuxedo, likely a conductor, standing on the deck of a yacht. He is holding a baton and looking out towards the sea. The yacht's dashboard and controls are visible in the foreground. The background shows a vast expanse of water under a clear sky.

*Yacht photo location courtesy of
Solaris Dining & Entertainment
Yacht – SunQuestCruises.com*



NFSO Youth Music Education Programs

Since the orchestra's inception in 1987, the NFSO has been committed to providing innovative music education outreach to the youth of Northwest Florida. Through these vitally important endeavors, the NFSO has reached more than 70,000 children and youth! Support the NFSO Youth Music Education programs with your tax-deductible designated gift to the NFSO!

5th Grade Concerts – For more than 25 years the NFSO has provided annual concerts, with specialized youth-oriented programming and teacher's curriculum – for all 5th grade students in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

4th Grade – LINK UP! with Carnegie Hall – In 2012 the NFSO premiered Carnegie Hall's LINK UP! program in the region, being the first to bring this music curriculum to area children through fun classroom activities that culminate in an interactive concert with the NFSO.

KATS – Kids at the Symphony – Since 2008, donor support provides the opportunity for elementary, middle & high school students to attend NFSO concerts free of charge with their family and to visit back stage with the Conductor.

Concerto Competition – For 28 years the NFSO has hosted the prestigious regional Concerto Competition for youth from 17 north Florida Counties. Young musicians compete for generous cash prizes sponsored by the NFS Guild and the opportunity to perform with the NFSO.

Stars of Tomorrow – This annual family-friendly concert is part of the NFSO's regular season and highlights talented young musicians, providing them an invaluable opportunity to perform on the mainstage at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center as a Guest Artist with the NFSO! A "Picture the Music" art contest is also held as part of this youth concert series.

Northwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra (NFSYO) & Junior Orchestra – In 1998, a grant from the NFS Guild established the region's first youth orchestra program. Participants in the NFSYO and Junior Orchestra programs benefit from the state-of-the-art facilities of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, instruction by NWF State College music faculty and affiliation & collaboration with the professional Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra.





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