

THE JOYS OF SUMMER AT ARTIS—NAPLES!

Artis—Naples

Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic

Late spring and summer in Naples mean a return of simple pleasures after a hectic season: fewer traffic jams on US 41, “doing sunset” with smaller crowds on the beach, and the ability to secure reservations at your favorite restaurant!

These warmer months also mean continuing opportunities to see great works of art at The Baker Museum through July 24, when the museum closes to install exhibitions for the coming season and to experience the best of the performing arts.

May kicks off on a very special musical note, with Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director Andrey Boreyko’s final performances conducting the Naples Philharmonic as music director on May 5 and 6. It is a powerful final program, featuring Rachmaninoff’s electrifying Piano Concerto No. 2 performed by piano star Yulianna Avdeeva, the 2010 International Chopin Competition’s First Prize winner. The program concludes with Polish composer Mieczysław Karłowicz’s sumptuously romantic “Rebirth” Symphony.

“We had much to celebrate during this memorable season,” notes Artis—Naples CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “We were thrilled to fully reopen the Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus last fall, welcoming patrons back to safely enjoy the arts together. And we were also thrilled to recognize the last eight years under Andrey Boreyko’s inspiring

artistic leadership of our organization and his final performances with the Naples Philharmonic as music director. We are so glad that our patrons have had a chance this season to wish Andrey a hearty thank you!”

For dance enthusiasts, May 17 brings the exciting Artis—Naples debut of the world-famous Limón Dance Company. Joined by the Naples Philharmonic, the dancers of the acclaimed company present *There Is a Time*, a reconstruction of founding choreographer José Limón’s inspiring original work.

One highly anticipated spring tradition at Artis—Naples is Community Day on May 21, when the whole community is invited to explore Artis—Naples’ cultural campus with an array of artistic adventures, ranging from free admission to The Baker Museum and several performances by the Naples Philharmonic youth ensembles to a wide variety of hands-on art activities. With Memorial Day—the official start of summer—on the horizon, Associate Conductor Radu Paponiu and the Naples Philharmonic present Patriotic Pops on May 26 and 27, an annual star-spangled salute to the grand music of America and to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Visual arts aficionados will find much to love in The Baker Museum’s galleries through July 24. On May 15, we bid farewell to *Baseball Heroes: Works from the Jay H. Baker Collection* and *Love in All Forms: Selections from the Art Collection of Patty and Jay Baker*, two landmark exhibitions that will leave a lasting impression. Four other major exhibitions are on view well into July—including *Florida Contemporary 2021-22; Pam Longobardi: Ocean Gleaning; Another World: The Transcendental Painting Group* and *Invisible Thread*—making The Baker Museum a pleasing alternative to outdoor activities on a steamy summer day. Then, on June 25, two new exhibitions open on the museum’s third floor: *True Likeness*, which presents contemporary portraits from diverse artists from around the U.S. in a variety of media, providing a snapshot of who we are as a country, and *Recent Acquisitions: 2019 – Present*, showcasing more than fifty works that have been added to the museum’s permanent collection since 2019.

Visit artisnaples.org for additional details on all summer programming, and on Artis—Naples COVID-19 safety protocols.



LEFT: Andrey Boreyko
MIDDLE: Community Day
RIGHT: *Invisible Thread*