

## Reception Prior To the Symphonia's Special, Multi-Media Performance "Terra Nostra...Our Earth" Took Place at The Studio at Mizner Park



*The Symphonia*

Boca Raton, FL — South Florida's premier chamber orchestra, The Symphonia, held a reception prior to a special performance that was added to the 'Inspired Naturally' 2022-2023 Concert Season. On February 27, The Symphonia showed the award-winning film, Terra Nostra, while simultaneously performing the film's powerful musical score live.

The event was The Symphonia's debut performance at The Studio at Mizner Park. Prior to the concert, guests visited display tables with information on environmental organizations.

The concert began with Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture.

Terra Nostra is a 30-minute multimedia symphony about the earth and our global environment, composed by Chris-

tophe Chagnard. The film's spectacular visuals of Earth, along with mind-blowing images of our planet's natural elements, was created and directed by Charlie Spears.

Following the performance, VIP guests were invited to meet and mingle with Principal Conductor, Alastair Willis, Terra Nostra composer, Christophe Chagnard, and Symphonia musicians and Board Members.

The concert was held in collaboration with The Center for Arts & Innovation, which is projected to break ground in Mizner Park in 2025. The Symphonia is one of several arts & cultural organizations planning to make the new, state-of-the-art center its performance home, upon completion.



*Sung Knowles, Christophe Chagnard, Carole Boucard, Annabel Russell and Alastair Willis*



*Alastair Willis, Palm Beach County Commissioner Marci Woodward*



*Christophe Chagnard*



*Emily Alperstein, Debbie Abrams, Julie Mullen and Hilarie Viener*

## Boca Raton Public Library Presents the Art Exhibit, "Acrylics and Watercolor Landscapes" by Charlotte Maloney

Boca Raton, FL — The Downtown Library in Boca Raton presents a new art exhibit, "Acrylics and Watercolor Landscapes," by Charlotte Maloney. A long-time art educator with a Master's of Art in Education from Florida Atlantic University, Maloney says, "At a time when we are pressured with so much negativity and stress, I want my work to remind my audience about a sense of hope and peace in nature."

Maloney is a professional fine artist experienced in various types of media, including painting, sculpture, mixed media, book arts, photography and enamels. Her themes include landscapes, portraits and abstract expressionism. A graduate of the School of Visual Arts in New York City, her work has been displayed all over Florida. Says Maloney, "My art is an adventure. I never know where it will take me." Learn more about her work at [www.charlottemaloney-artist.com](http://www.charlottemaloney-artist.com).

"Acrylics and Watercolor Landscapes," a free exhibit, will run from

March 27–May 12, 2023, in the lobby of the Downtown Library at 400 NW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton.



## Florida Community & Government Affairs Leader Joining Comcast

West Palm Beach, FL — Comcast announced today that Michelle Oyola McGovern has joined the company as the new Vice President of Government Affairs for the Florida Region.

In this role, McGovern will lead the Florida Region Government Affairs team in fostering strategic relationships with local government officials and community leaders in Comcast's service footprint throughout Florida as well as small portions of southeastern Georgia and Alabama.

"As one of the world's largest media and technology companies, Comcast is responsible for products and services like high-speed internet that are becoming an increasingly important part of our daily lives. It is also a major employer and significant contributor to the economy in communities across Florida," said McGovern. "In my new role, I am looking forward to utilizing my years of experience in the public sector as well as my passion for our communities to support Comcast's business objectives and its place as a trusted community partner."

McGovern will help spearhead Comcast's work to bridge the digital divide by bringing its internet services to unconnected areas, including expansions as a part of the State's Broadband Opportunity Program. Comcast was recently awarded grants to bring its Xfinity 10G network to unserved areas of the state.

McGovern will also continue Comcast's long-standing commitment to digital inclusion in Florida through its signature digital equity program, Internet Essentials. Internet Essentials provides low-cost in-home internet access for qualified households plus multiple options to access online digital literacy and skills training. She will work with community partners to garner more visibility for the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP) in Florida, which allows qualified households to

have the cost of their monthly home Internet service from Comcast paid for by the program's monthly credit.

Prior to joining Comcast, McGovern was the Corporate Director of Government and Community Relations at Baptist Health South Florida since 2019. She also previously served as State Director for United States Senator Bill Nelson and has worked for the Florida Department of Children & Families, and the Florida Department of State. McGovern earned her bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University.



She has been consistently recognized for her commitment and contributions to business and non-profit organizations throughout Palm Beach County and the state, including the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Advisory Commission on Women, the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, SunFest, West Palm 100, Leadership Florida and the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches.