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## Anniversary Toast And New Venue For The Symphonia

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SoFla's chamber orchestra celebrated its upcoming 20th anniversary season by announcing the concerts and a new venue with a musical flourish of course.

"It seems like yesterday since three gentlemen came together" as founders, Symphonia maestro and artistic adviser Alastair Willis said, referring to the late Martin Coyne, Martin Stein and Marshall Turkin.

"The future begins tonight in our brand new venue," Willis announced at a reception for subscribers and supporters in Harris Hall at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca.

"This is the prelude to our next season," board member Sung Knowles, who chaired "Cocktails & Classics" said in an interview.

Next season's concerts on Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 concerts will be held in the church, a longtime concert venue. The other concerts are Nov. 17, Dec. 7, March 29 and April 29.

Supporters moved to the sanctuary to hear a string quartet play Mozart and

Haydn. Willis praised the acoustics. "Nothing is more important to me than hearing live music" board member Dr. Maria Jureit-Beamish, a professor emeritus and musician, told the audience.

Then Willis surprised attendees by directing their attention upward to church music director Tim Brumfield at the seat of St. Gregory's elaborate pipe organ. The sound filled the whole sanctuary.

"Tim will be playing in February," Willis said before leading attendees back to the hall.

"The impact of our mission is to spread the love of classical music," board president Sheldon Kwiat said, raising a glass of champagne for a toast.

Among attendees were former longtime board president Carol Boucard; principal trumpet Jeff Kaye and his wife Joanna Marie Kaye, executive director of Festival of the Arts BOCA; and Symphonia executive director Annabel Russell. For details and subscriptions go to the-symphonia.org or call 561-376-3848. Individual tickets go on sale Sept. 1.



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