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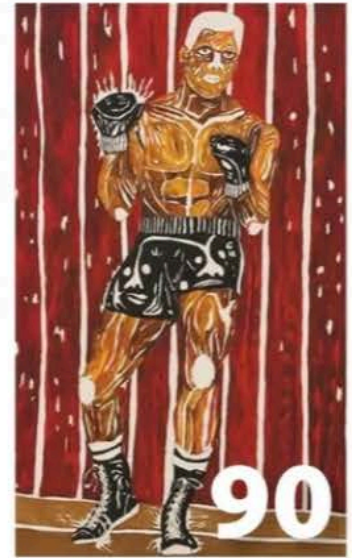
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James Judd

Maestro James Judd

By Greg Carannante

To local music lovers of a certain age and discretion, the name of James Judd still evokes strains of an orchestral golden age in South Florida. However, since the coda of his 14-year residency as music director of the Florida Philharmonic in 2001, the maestro has gone on to wield his baton with a dizzying global sweep.

Judd's musical ties to South Florida remain as a frequent visiting conductor, including a special 20th-anniversary performance with The Symphonia in Boca Raton on Jan. 12. But in the 24 years since he left the area to direct the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the globe-trotting conductor's profile has also included co-founder of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe; director of the Israel Symphony, the Slovak Philharmonic and Korea's Daejeon Philharmonic; and a principal guest of the Asian Youth Orchestra and France's Orchestre National de Lille.

Additionally, the British conductor has appeared with all major orchestras in his homeland and a good many in North America, as well as orchestras in Berlin, Brussels, Paris, Istanbul, Leipzig, Monte Carlo, Prague, Rotterdam, Seoul, Tokyo, Vienna, among others. He remains Music Director Emeritus of the New Zealand Symphony, having been credited, as its inaugural music director, with bringing the orchestra to international acclaim, including its first tour of major European concert halls.

Recognized for his consummate musicianship, Judd held the podium of the Florida Philharmonic during its peak years through the 1990s, during

which it was the largest performing arts organization in the state. It also served as the resident pit orchestra of Florida Grand Opera and presented the popular Beethoven by the Beach annual concert series. Judd's legacy here also includes his founding of the Miami Music Project, which reaches thousands of underserved children through music education and outreach programs.

Judd credits "wonderful musician friends and warm, enthusiastic audiences" with regularly bringing him back to South Florida, where he and his viola-playing wife, Valerie, still have a home in Fort Lauderdale.

"I love returning to our dog and two cats, such a welcoming family," he says.

In advance of his visit, he momentarily lowered his well-traveled baton to answer our standard set of Quote Unquote questions.

Aside from the weather, what do you enjoy most about South Florida?

Our many dear friends; cooking, talking and eating together.

Aside from the weather, what do you dislike most about South Florida?

One side of politics.

Are you a beach person or a pool person?

More pool than beach, probably. Do not much enjoy lying around in the sun.

When in your life are you or have you been the happiest?

In the past, when our daughter, Carissa, was born; now, spending time with Valerie and standing in front of orchestras making beautiful chamber music.

What do you do when you're stuck in a traffic jam on I-95?

Swear.

What music are you listening to now?

I have just been listening to many recordings by the great pianist Sviatoslav Richter.

Are you a fan, and if so, of what?

Cricket, soccer, rugby, tennis, F1, all great chefs.

If you had to choose:

Beatles or Stones?

Grew up with both; cannot choose.

What are your social media usernames?

I am rather private and lazy at social media, but must and will improve.

Apple or Android?

Apple.

What car are you driving now?

Prius.

If you had to choose:

Rocky or Raging Bull?

Neither, sorry!

What do you like most about yourself?

That I cannot answer this question.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I would need 1,000 things, not one. Please do not ask my wife!

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

The next.

