

Sustaining Notes

The Newsletter for Symphonie Jeunesse Youth Orchestra for Strings

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Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of Symphonie Jeunesse's Newsletter. We hope it provides you with a measure of contact with SJO and helps you to remember us! This is our endeavor – to continue contact, music motivation and education, and perhaps provide a little entertainment until we can meet again. We welcome your input, suggestions and ideas. Please use the usual email contacts to stay in touch.

Vivo Vocabulary

Étude ~ (French.) a “study” piece designed to help master a particular technique.

Interval ~ measured distance between two musical pitches.

Ostinato ~ short rhythmic/melodic idea that is repeated exactly over and over.

Syncopation ~ an “off-the-beat” accent.

Tutti ~ (Italian) “all” or “everyone”; an indication for all musicians to play together.

Mrs. T.'s Listening List

“Andante Festivo” by Jean Sibelius

(Dec. 8, 1865 ~ Sept. 20, 1957)

A single music composition originally written for string quartet in 1922 when the composer was 57. In 1938, he rescored it for string orchestra and timpani. The first performance of the orchestra version was in January 1939.

A composer and violinist of the late Romantic and early modern eras, Sibelius is widely recognized as his country's (Finland) greatest composer. He is credited with having helped Finland develop a national identity during its struggle for independence from Russia.



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Accent On

Mrs. Naomi Myerchin,
SJO Board President

I've been the president of the SJO Board of Directors since July of 2015 (Season 8). I have no particular music ability, but I love listening and have especially enjoyed watching the progress of SJO students through and across the seasons.

My background is the visual arts. I studied graphic arts and graduated in film and TV production from UCLA way back in the 70's! I later earned my Master's Degree in Education at CSUSB in 2001.

My interest in photography led me to meet my husband, Bill. We've been married nearly 39 years. Our daughter is in Los Angeles and our son in Chicago. Both are married, have a little girl each, with a new baby (another little girl!) coming in September in Chicago.

I taught upper elementary and middle school for over twenty years in the Colton and San Bernardino districts and retired in 2012. I enjoy reading, word puzzles, writing and a little yoga. During the COVID lockdown I spend too much time on my iPad but have enjoyed cooking and baking more than before.

Coda

*“It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”
– Albus Dumbledore in Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling*