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# SCOTTSDALE PHILHARMONIC

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Virginia G. Piper Theater

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Presents

## **SCOTTSDALE PHILHARMONIC**

Ajay R. Patel, Resident Conductor  
John Masaro, Resident Conductor

Sunday, June 27, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

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# CONCERT PROGRAM

Dudley Buck  
(1839—1909)

Festive Overture

Derric Johnson  
(1932)

Armed Services Medley

John Philip Sousa  
(1854—1932)

Washington Post

Samuel A Ward  
(1848—1903)

American the Beautiful  
arr. by Carmen Dragon

Morton Gould  
(1913—1996)

American Salute

U.S. Navy Hymn

Eternal Father Strong to Save

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841—1904)

Largo New World Symphony

Hector Berlioz  
(1803—1869)

Rakoczy March

Irving Berlin  
(1888—1989)

God Bless America

John Philip Sousa  
(1854—1932)

Stars and Stripes

## ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

Ajay R. Patel, Resident Conductor  
John Massaro, Resident Conductor

## FLUTE

Angela McCabe

## PICCOLO

Karla Martin

## CLARINET

Heather Van Beck  
Tami Bruce

## OBOE

Kristen Zhender  
Marcie Kneisley

## BASSOON

Raimund Fromme  
Marty Haub

## TRUMPET

Bruce Legge  
Bobby Pirtle

## HORN

Daniel Atwood

## TROMBONE

Frank Darmiento  
Bob Willers

## TUBA

Matt Wilkens

## PERCUSSION

Mary Anne Ames  
Kathy Jones

## VIOLIN 1

Vickie Thai  
Carl  
Betty Carol  
Nancy

## VIOLIN 2

Kathryn Hart  
Anna Clermont  
Barbara Moss

## VIOLA

Carolyn Broe  
Jennifer Grubbs

## CELLO 2

Renee Rechlin  
Kirsten Alexander

## BASS

Byron Edgar

## MISSION

The mission of the Scottsdale Philharmonic is to provide the city of Scottsdale and surrounding communities with a professional symphony orchestra, performing a series of traditional classical music concerts without charge to the public and making classical music available to audiences of all ages.



**AJAY R. PATEL**  
**CONDUCTOR, SCOTTSDALE  
PHILHARMONIC**

Ajay R. Patel has been a music educator in Arizona since 2001, beginning as the director of orchestras at Mountain Pointe High School before moving on to Basha High School. From 2016 to the present, he has served as the orchestra director at Desert Ridge High

School. Patel earned a bachelor of music education and a master of music in cello performance, both from Arizona State University.

Patel is an active member of organizations that support Arizona music education. He has served in positions for the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association as Southwest Region orchestra chair and Southwest Region governor. He is also a current member of the National Association for Music Education and the American String Teachers Association. Patel has served as the symphony orchestra conductor for the East Valley Youth Symphony since its inaugural year in 2006. In 2009, he established the Chandler Academy for the Performing Arts, a three-week summer music program for orchestra, band, choir, and theatre, serving the students of Chandler Unified School District and the southeast Valley community.

An accomplished cellist, Patel has performed with many of the community and professional orchestras in Arizona. He has served as a substitute section cellist for the Arizona Opera, guest principal cellist for the Chandler Symphony Orchestra, and the assistant principal cellist of the Arizona Pro Arte Orchestra. He has also performed with the Symphony of the Southwest, MusicaNova Orchestra, and the Scottsdale Philharmonic. In the winter of 2011, Patel was the principal cellist of the American Festival Orchestra under the direction of Lawrence Golan. The American Festival Orchestra toured 14 cities in China over a span of two weeks as part of an international cultural exchange.

Patel studied cello with Takayori Atsumi and Thomas Landschoot at Arizona State University. His conducting studies were guided by Dr. Timothy Russell and Dr. Gary Hill at Arizona State University.

## VISION

Our vision is to enhance the cultural environment of Scottsdale with an orchestra of professional musicians where everyone can attend classical symphony concerts. Founded in 2012, the Scottsdale Philharmonic is a nonprofit corporation that is funded by contributions from the general public and business community.



**JOHN MASSARO**  
**RESIDENT CONDUCTOR**

John Massaro is the principal conductor for Phoenix Opera and the Southwest Vocal Competition, where he has conducted main stage opera productions and galas with world-renowned opera superstars Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Jonas Kaufmann. Massaro served as an assistant to Leonard Bernstein

during the creation of his opera *A Quiet Place* and to Zubin Mehta for the Israel Philharmonic's production of *Madama Butterfly*. He worked extensively with the great German soprano Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, with whom he coached both opera and art song repertoire. Massaro made his Carnegie Hall debut conducting the Mozart Requiem, which led to a distinguished European tour to Budapest, Krakow, Prague, Salzburg, and Vienna, where he conducted several additional Mozart masterpieces in a 250th anniversary celebration of the composer's birth. He debuted with The Phoenix Symphony in 2002, conducting a 9/11 memorial concert, which included his own arrangement of the National Anthem.



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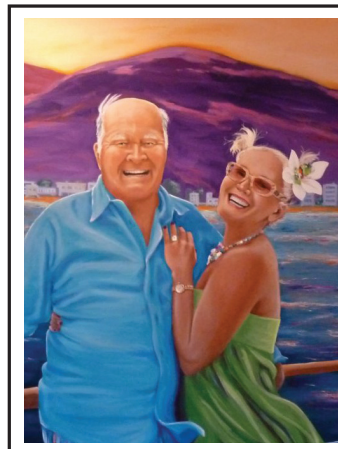
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**Judd and Billie Jo Herberger**

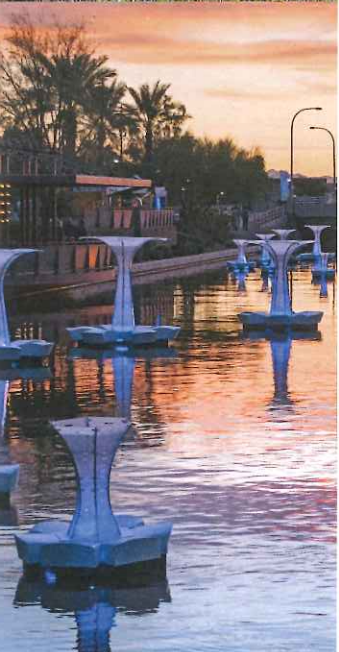
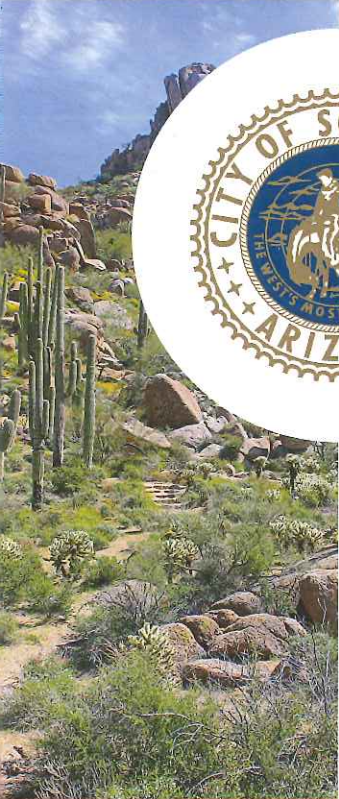
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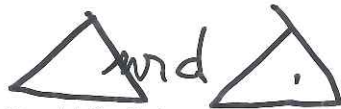
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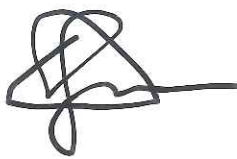
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Scottsdale Philharmonic is a community treasure. Since their inception they've strengthened bonds within the arts community while becoming an important contributor Scottsdale's renowned art culture. I thank them for their collaborative and creative efforts and I look forward to these sensational concerts for many years to come.

Thank you for joining us today and enjoy the concert!

Sincerely,

  
David D. Ortega  
Mayor of Scottsdale



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