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Dear Jacksonville Symphony Patron,

Greetings from the Board of Directors of ARIAS: Amelia Residents In Action for the Symphony. Our 501c3 charitable organization has a threefold mission: to increase exposure to the Jacksonville Symphony; encourage area residents to attend symphony concerts in Jacoby Symphony Hall and enhance music education in Nassau County Schools. Membership in our organization, attendance at our semi-annual fundraisers and donations ensure our ability to fulfill this mission each season.

ARIAS was thrilled to present *An Autumn Overture* by the Jacksonville Symphony String Quartet last season. Information is included in this mailing for *The Art of Strings: An Intimate Chamber Music Experience* by the Jacksonville Symphony Violin, Viola and Harp Trio at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on November 22.

ARIAS has teamed up with the Nassau Schools Foundation to provide grants for the 2026/27 academic year. Grants were awarded to Paul Arnold, Callahan Middle School for Music Theory and Music History materials; Asa Jernigan at Fernandina Beach Middle School for his Master Class program and Amanda Proffit at Hilliard Elementary and Summer Shelton and Carly Beckham of Yulee Primary for Heidi Songs materials. In addition, ARIAS brought the entire Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra Philharmonic to the Fernandina Beach Middle School Auditorium for a free concert in April for the community.

Our bus transportation program from Yulee and the Island is expanding this year with sincere thanks to our bus sponsors Richard Cullen & Robert Finnerty and Carl & Barbara Zacheis. This season includes all 11 Friday Night *Florida Blue Classical Series* Concerts PLUS the Rick Steves special event on Saturday night January 23rd. Over 200 patrons took advantage of this program last season for those who don't want to drive after dark or during inclement weather. This season includes:

September 25	Mozart & Tchaikovsky
October 16	Bernstein & Stravinsky
November 6	Mahler's Ninth
January 8	Elgar's Cello & Second Symphony
January 23	Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey
January 29	Tristan & Aida Suites
February 19	Beethoven's "Eroica"
March 19	Tchaikovsky & Brahms
April 9	Ravel & Shostakovich
April 30	Rachmaninoff's First Symphony
May 21	Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto
June 11	Beethoven's Ninth

Additional information on purchasing bus tickets, times and locations is on our website ariasnassau.org. We look forward to seeing you this season!

Best regards,

Sherilyn Van Orden, ARIAS President