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## SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE AMELIA ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, INC.

This Sponsorship Agreement ("Agreement") is entered by and between the NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIOERS ("County") and THE AMELIA ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, INC. ("Organization") to organize and promote THE 2025/2026 AMELIA ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL ("Event"), overseen by the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau ("AICVB") on behalf of the County.

#### **SECTION 1. Organization's Responsibilities.**

- 1.1 The Organization shall hold the Event which shall consist of 10 chamber music concerts as outlined in the Request for Sponsorship (Exhibit "A"). The Event shall begin on October 12, 2025, and shall continue until July 30, 2026. AICVB may change the Event dates so long as the Organization and the AICVB agree in writing on such change at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Event.
- 1.2 The Organization shall include the destination Amelia Island logo, as supplied by the AICVB, on printed materials and shall reference the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council ("AITDC") as a sponsor in press releases and any other media materials. The AITDC and Organization have the right to approve all materials and releases produced by the other for promotional purposes.
- 1.3 The Organization shall promote at least one Amelia Island Hotel on the Organization's website, and the Organization shall encourage Event attendees to utilize Amelia Island hotel rooms or lodging.
- 1.4 The Organization shall agree to provide the AITDC with (30) complimentary tickets to the performance of the Event. Upon request by the AICVB, the organization will provide (10) complimentary tickets throughout the year to any other performances to which admission is charged. The AICVB will use said tickets in promoting the event.
- 1.5 The Organization shall obtain all necessary permits, approvals, and venues for the conducting of the Event and related activities.

- 1.6 The Organization shall provide all necessary equipment for the Event.
- 1.7 The Organization shall be responsible for all food and beverage sales. No alcohol shall be consumed or sold on property belonging to the County except where permitted by the County.
- 1.8 The Organization shall be responsible for all merchandise sales.
- 1.9 The Organization shall be responsible for all sponsorship sales.
- 1.10 The Organization shall be responsible for providing a safe environment for all participants and spectators.
- 1.11 The Organization shall provide all Event staff.
- 1.12 The Organization shall be responsible for implementing a parking system for the Event in a safe and efficient manner and in cooperation with the County, municipality, or appropriate authority.
- 1.13 The Organization shall provide on-site medical personnel or have a medical plan prepared.
- 1.14 The Organization understands that it is an independent contractor and has no authority or right to make obligations of any kind in the name of or for the account of the County, the AITDC or AICVB nor commit or bind the County, the AITDC or AICVB to any contract (other than this Agreement) by virtue of this Agreement.
- 1.15 If the Event is held on County-owned property or if the County is co-participating in the Event, as determined by the County in its sole discretion, then the Organization shall, upon written request by the County, provide the County a Certificate of Insurance including one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in general liability coverage and listing the County and the AICVB as "additional insured" for the Event no later than five (5) days after execution of this Agreement by all parties. Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies shall not be cancelled or allowed to expire unless at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the County and the AITDC. Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall also include a provision that policies, except Worker's Compensation, are primary and noncontributory to any insurance maintained by the AICVB. All insurers shall be authorized to transact insurance business in the State of Florida as provided by Section 624.09(1), Florida Statutes and the most recent Rating Classification/Financial Category of the insurer as published in the latest edition of "Best's Key Rating Guide" (property-Casualty) must be at least A- or above.
- 1.16 The Organization shall submit to the AICVB a Post Event Report within forty-five (45) days of the Event.

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#### **SECTION 2. AICVB's Responsibilities.**

- 2.1 The AICVB shall provide a link to the Event webpage on <a href="www.ameliaisland.com">www.ameliaisland.com</a>. The Event posting should include the Event schedule and details as they relate to parking, registration fees, sponsorship, merchandise sales, concessions, and all other activities relating directly or indirectly to the operation of the Event (as applicable).
- 2.2 The AICVB shall share responsibility with the Organization for the promotion of the Event outside of Nassau County, Florida.

#### **SECTION 3. Sponsorship Amount.**

- 3.1 Upon the recommendation of the AITDC and approval of the County and pursuant to the acceptance and fulfilment of the terms of this Agreement, the County shall provide to Organization a sponsorship in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) ("Sponsorship Amount"). The County's performance and obligation under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners for subsequent fiscal years and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.
- 3.2 The Sponsorship Amount may be paid in full to the Organization at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Event. Notwithstanding County's payment of the Sponsorship Amount prior to the Event, the Organization shall only be entitled to retain and shall have only been deemed to have earned the Sponsorship Amount after the conclusion of the Event and timely delivery of the completed and executed Post Event Report as required in Section 1.16 hereinabove and any required supporting documentation.
- 3.3 The Organization shall use and allocate the Sponsorship Amount solely for expenditures or obligations related to the Event as outlined in Exhibit "A".
- 3.4 The Organization shall be responsible for any and all Event costs and expenses in excess of the total Sponsorship Amount incurred due to Event.

#### **SECTION 4. Indemnification.**

4.1 The Organization shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers and employees, the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council, the Amelia Island Convention and Visitor's Bureau from any and all damages, losses, liabilities, and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Organization and other persons employed or utilized by the Organization in the performance of the Agreement.

#### **SECTION 5. Compliance with Laws & Regulations.**

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5.1 The Organization represents and warrants that it shall comply with all applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations relating to operation of the Event.

#### **SECTION 6. Waivers.**

6.1 No release or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be enforceable against or binding upon a party unless in writing and executed by the releasing or waiving party. The failure of any party to insist upon specific performance of any of the agreements, terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights or remedies that either party may have, or a waiver of any subsequent courses of actions or claims based upon breach or default of any of such agreements, terms, covenants, and conditions.

#### **SECTION 7. Relationship of Parties.**

7.1 The parties of this Agreement shall <u>not</u> be deemed joint venturers, agents, or partners of the other for any purpose because of this Agreement or for the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### **SECTION 8. Term.**

8.1 This Agreement shall commence when fully executed and shall remain in full force and effect until September 30, 2026, with an option to renew for the 2026/2027 Amelia Island Chamber Musical Festival in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). The Organization shall give in writing of the Organization's Request for Renewal to the County Ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement. If the County elects to renew this Agreement, the Parties shall execute an Amendment reflecting the same.

#### **SECTION 9. Amendments.**

9.1 No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived, or amended except by a written instrument duly executed by both parties.

#### SECTION 10. Cancellation; Rescheduling; Force Majeure.

10.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if the Event is canceled for any reason whatsoever, and the Event is not rescheduled as set forth in Section 10.2 below, then (a) this Agreement shall be automatically deemed terminated, (b) the Organization shall have no right to receive or otherwise direct the receipt of any portion of the Sponsorship Amount, and (c) the Organization must refund to the County all amounts paid by the County to the Organization pursuant to this Agreement within ten (10) business days following written request by the County. The Organization hereby waives and releases any and all claims it may have for breach of contract or otherwise arising out of such circumstances.

- 10.2 If the Event is canceled for any reason, within ten (10) business days of such cancellation, Organization shall notify County in writing whether the Organization intends to reschedule the Event to a date during County's current Fiscal Year (October 1 through September 30). If the Organization timely notifies County of its intent to reschedule the Event to a date within the current Fiscal Year, County and the Organization shall coordinate the replacement dates for the Event; provided, however, County shall not unreasonably withhold, condition, or delay its consent to dates requested by the Organization. If the Parties agree on rescheduled dates for the Event, such agreement shall be made in writing by the parties and treated as an amendment to this Agreement, with all references to Event herein to mean the new dates. If the Organization does not timely notify County that it intends to reschedule the Event within the time period stated in this section, the Event is deemed canceled and this Agreement is automatically deemed terminated as provided in Section 10.1 above.
- 10.3 Other than the Organization's obligations to refund the Sponsorship Amount as provided in Section 10.1 of this Agreement, which obligations are not waived by any event of Force Majeure (as defined in this paragraph), each Party's obligations under this Agreement shall be temporarily excused by acts of God, such as fires, storms, lightning, floods, confiscations or restraints of government (civil or military), war, terrorism, strikes or labor disputes, civil disturbances, or any other cause that is not within the reasonable control of a Party, and not otherwise due to any negligence or willful misconduct by that Party ("Force Majeure").

#### **SECTION 11. Third- Party Beneficiaries.**

11.1 Neither the Organization nor the County intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the Parties acknowledge that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a right or claim against either of them based upon this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 12. Notices.**

12.1 In order for a notice to a party to be effective under this Agreement, notice must be sent via U.S. first-class mail, hand delivery, or commercial overnight delivery, each with a contemporaneous copy via e-mail, to the addresses listed below and shall be effective upon mailing or hand delivery (provided the contemporaneous e-mail is also sent). The addresses for notice shall remain as set forth in this section unless and until changed by providing notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this section.

#### **FOR AICVB:**

#### **ATTENTION:**

Executive Director 1750 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

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(904) 277-4369

#### **FOR ORGANIZATION:**

#### **ATTENTION:**

Robyn Lamp 1405 Park Ave, Suite 101 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (904) 261-1779

All notices for the Organization shall be provided to the Organization through the contact person named on the Event or Project Sponsorship Funding Application ("Application") at the address listed on the Application.

#### **SECTION 13. Public Records.**

13.1 The Organization acknowledges that the County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and that the information and data the Organization manages under this Agreement may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the Organization is a "contractor" for purposes of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, then the Organization shall comply with all requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Failure to comply with this section shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement and enforceable as set forth in Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

IF THE ORGANIZATION HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE ORGANIZATION'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6090, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 6, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097.

#### **SECTION 14. Assignment.**

14.1 The Organization may not assign all or part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. Any assignment, transfer, or encumbrance in violation of this section shall be void and ineffective. If the Organization violates this provision, any portion of the Sponsorship Amount already provided to the Organization shall be immediately refunded to County upon demand and, in addition to any other rights and remedies County may have, County may immediately terminate this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 15. Governing Law and Venue.**

15.1 This Agreement shall be deemed to have been executed and entered into within the State of Florida and any dispute arising hereunder, shall be governed, interpreted and construed according to the laws of the State of Florida, the Ordinances of Nassau County, and any applicable federal statutes, rules and regulations. Any and all litigation arising under this Agreement shall be brought in Nassau County, Florida, and any trial shall be non-jury. Any mediation, pursuant to litigation, shall occur in Nassau County, Florida.

#### **SECTION 16. Entire Agreement; Severability.**

16.1 This Agreement sets forth the final and complete understanding of the parties. It is understood and agreed that there are no other representations with respect to this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes all prior discussions, agreements and understandings relating to this subject matter hereof. In the event any part of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, that part shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the balance of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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Please indicate your acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions by signing and dating the space below and returning one fully executed copy of this Agreement to the County.

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	THE AMELIA ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, INC.
And my	Marsha Joyner
Signature	Signature
A.M. "Hupp" Huppman	Marsha Joyner
Printed Name	Printed Name
Chairman	EXERNITIVE NICE President
	Title
9/8/2025	8/7/2025
Date	Date
Attest to the Chairman's signature:	Approved as to from and legality by the Nassau County Attorney:
Illan S	Denise C. May, Esq., BCS
Mitch L. Keiter	Denise C. May, County Attorney
Its: Ex-officio Clerk	
Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau	
Gil langley	
Signature	
Gil Langley	
Printed Name	
President/CEO	
Title	
8/5/2025	
Date	



#### **Event/Project/Program Sponsorship Funding Application**

Please complete the following to be considered for event/project/program sponsorship funding. Attach additional documentation if needed. Be sure to review the requirements before submitting your application.

Each event/project/program host/organizer applying for sponsorship will be required to submit this Special Event/project/program Sponsorship Application. The annual sponsorship application process shall close on June 30 for consideration of support in the next fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). The application must be submitted to the TDC Managing Director by e-mail (billing@ameliaisland.com) or mailed/hand delivered to 1750 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Amelia Island, FL 32034.

For questions related to completing the application, please email Mariela Murphy at <a href="mmurphy@ameliaisland.com">mmurphy@ameliaisland.com</a> or call 904-277-4369.

Name of Event/Project/Program: Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival

Event/Project/Program Date(s): October 2025 - July 2026

Event/Project/Program Location(s): 405 Park Ave Ste 101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 -1904

Funding Amount Requesting: \$50,000 with Optional 2027 Renewal for \$50,000.

Event/Project/Program Host/Organizer/Applicant: Robyn Lamp

Event/Project/Program Host/Organizer/Applicant Address: Robyn Lamp

Contact Person: Robyn Lamp

Address: 1405 Park Ave Ste 101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 -1904

Phone: 561-315-7702

Email: r.lamp@aicmf.org

#### **Event/Project/Program Information**

Provide names and contact information of all persons, firms, and corporations with a financial interest in the Special Event/project/program or participating in the control of the event/project/program.

### See attached proposal description.

Provide a detailed description of the event/project/program and how it promotes Amelia Island tourism, the proposed goals, objectives, and economic impact of the event/project/program to include dates of the event/project/program (including set up and tear down); anticipated attendance; audience demographic and projected overnight visitation.

We are requesting \$50,000 to cover performer fees for at least 10 chamber music concerts.

See attached proposal description for more information.

Provide a logistics outline (including but not limited to location/site plan, parking/shuttle and traffic plan, security plan, sanitation plan, health and safety plan, and special needs requirements) for your event/project/program.

See attached proposal description.

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Describe in detail how the special event/project/program sponsorship funds will be used including media plan with advertising schedule; public relations activities; proposed creative materials (including but not limited to display ads, banner ads, websites, flyers, posters); promotional activities to support the event/project/program and the related expense budgets for the marketing activities.

See attached proposal description.

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#### **Budget**

An event/project/program budget should accompany this application, and contain such items as available:

- amount being invested by the event/project/program host/organizer.
- an expense budget for producing the event/project/program.
- amount of support requested from the TDC and its intended use.
- additional sponsorship revenues.
- anticipated revenue from ticket/ancillary sales.
- any other revenue expected to be generated by the event/project/program.

Event/Project/Program Host/Organizer/Applicant Signature: Robyn Lamp

Date: <u>5/9/25</u>

Internal Use Only:

Date Received: **05/09/2025** 

Approved: \_\_X\_Yes / \_\_\_\_No

Amount: \_**\$50,000**\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Event/Project/Program Sponsorship Funding Requirements:**

- 1. Only one request per event/project/program.
- 2. Requests cannot be for more than fifty percent (50%) of total event/project/program budget.
- 3. Approval of sponsorships shall be considered as one-time approvals and applicant should not assume that funding is pre-approved for subsequent years or amounts.
- 4. A Post Event Summary Report must be submitted to the TDC forty-five (45) days after completion of the event/project/program.
- 5. All sponsorship funds must go toward the event/project/program itself and must not be used to pay commissions, bonuses, or other incentives for fund-raising efforts by staff, volunteers, or other parties.
- 6. If, for any reason you are unable to purchase an item or service as approved in your application, you must notify the TDC and request to substitute another item or service.
- 7. Any applicant found guilty of violating, misleading, neglecting or refusing to comply with the application requirements shall be disqualified from submitting any future requests.
- 8. Sponsorship funds may not be used for political campaigns, political parties, or for lobbying.
- 9. All events/projects/programs funded shall be conducted in a nondiscriminatory manner and in accordance with local, state, and federal laws, rules and regulations related to nondiscrimination and equal opportunity. Applicant and its event/project/program shall not discriminate on the grounds of race color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other protected category designated by local, state, or federal law. All events/projects/programs funded shall be accessible to persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and related regulations.
- 10. If awarded funding, applicant agrees that it will include the Amelia Island logo in advertising, flyers, posters, literature, film/video credits, news releases, printed programs, public broadcasts, promotion, and publicity if requested to do so. Both parties have the right to approve all materials and releases produced by the other for promotional purposes.
- 11. Any funds granted shall be subject to an audit by the Nassau County Clerk of Court and Comptroller or their authorized representative.



Amelia Island Tourist Development Council Managing Director 1750 South 14th Street Suite 200 Amelia Island, FL 32034

Dear Tourist Development Council,

On behalf of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc., I would like to extend our sincere thanks for the support the Tourist Development Council has provided in past years. That support has been instrumental in helping us bring world-class music to Amelia Island.

For our 25th Anniversary Season (2025–2026), we are requesting a grant of \$50,000 to help underwrite performer fees for at least ten chamber music concerts. This milestone season will feature a stellar lineup, including Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, David Finckel, Zuill Bailey, Khatia Buniatishvili, and Emmylou Harris, along with several free community performances. In total, we plan to present at least twelve concerts during the anniversary year.

Founded in 2001 by Christopher Rex—principal cellist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra—the Festival has grown into one of the most prestigious events of its kind in the country, attracting visitors from across Florida and beyond.

In addition to this cover letter and our application, we have attached a document named "AICMF TDC Proposal 2025\_2026 Description" which answers all application questions and includes our budget.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to partnering with the TDC to make our 25th Anniversary Season a memorable and impactful celebration for the entire community.

Sincerely,

Robyn Lamp

**Executive Director** 

Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc.

r.lamp@aicmf.org

904-261-1779

1405 Park Ave.

Suite 101

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

## Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc. To the Tourist Development Council For

### **Event/Project/Program Sponsorship Funding Application**

#### **EVENT/PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Our Request:** We are requesting \$50,000 to cover performer fees for at least 10 chamber music concerts to take place during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season of the Festival. One of the highlights of our next season will be a concert by Emmylou Harris on March 28, 2026.

Names and addresses of all persons, firms, and corporations with a financial interest in the event or participating in the control of the event/project/program.

- State of Florida: Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council
- Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc., Robyn Lamp, Executive Director
- Local City and County Police Departments
- Local Performance Venues (Amelia Plantation Chapel, Memorial United Methodist Church, Ritz-Carlton, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Amelia Island, Mocama Beer Company, First Baptist Church, etc.)
- Local vendors (Event Craft, Piano Tuners, Piano Transport Services, Invisible Audio, etc.)
- Local schools (Emma Love Hardee Elementary, Fernandina Beach Middle School, Fernandina Beach High School)

Detailed description of the event/project/program that includes: a narrative of the proposed goals, objectives, and economic impact; to include dates of the event/project/program including set up and tear down (if applicable); anticipated attendance; audience demographic; and projected overnight visitation or overnight visitor engagement.

#### Proposed goals and objectives:

It is the mission of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival to:

- 1. Present the world's greatest musical artists in chamber music concerts of classical and alternative genres for diverse audiences.
- 2. Offer music education to concert attendees, students, and aspiring young musicians.
- 3. Promote local businesses and tourism by attracting music lovers from Nassau County, northeast Florida, and beyond.

**Our Organization:** The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival was founded in 2001 by Christopher Rex, a vacationer on Amelia Island and principal cellist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Now entering its 25<sup>th</sup> season, the Festival has

developed into one of the most prestigious events of its kind in the nation. Grants from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, National Endowment for the Arts, generous contributions from sponsors and donors, and a dedicated corps of hard-working volunteers help support the Festival.

Music education for concert audiences, students, and aspiring young musicians has been a core mission of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival since its founding. Every season, our Festival artists perform in local schools, offering young students the opportunity to experience world-class music-making on Amelia Island. We also ask certain artists to teach masterclasses to local high school and college-aged children, giving them a chance to further their technique under the guidance of a master teacher.

Other educational and civic engagement plans for our 25th Anniversary season include Meet the Musician (in-depth conversations led by the Festival Artistic Director, William Ransom, and Festival Artists), a multi-generational strings program which rehearses once a week, and our Christopher Rex String Seminar, an immersive week where two rising-star student quartets are taught and coached on Amelia Island.

The array of internationally acclaimed artists who have headlined the Festival over the years is impressive, including Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Hilary Hahn, Pinchas Zukerman, Joshua Bell, Chick Corea, Bela Fleck, Chris Thile, Emanuel Ax, Valentina Lisitsa, and Wynton Marsalis. The Festival's list of star-studded headliners also includes GRAMMY-winning violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, bluegrass singer Ricky Skaggs, and soprano Renée Fleming. The acclaimed Dover Quartet was named the organization's first quartet-in-residence. Just a few of the artists coming to the Island for the Festival's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season are:

- Khatia Buniatishvili, piano
- Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
- Imani Winds
- Anne Akiko Meyers
- David Finckel, cello, and Wu Han, piano
- Viano Quartet with Zuill Bailey, cello
- Miró Quartet
- Emmylou Harris

#### Economic impact, attendance, audience demographic, overnight visitation:

This year we plan to host 12 concerts, four master classes, and four in-school performances with a total expected audience of over 4,000 persons. From data collected via post-concert surveys, we know that in the first half of our 2024/2025 season, approximately 13.7% of our audiences are attending a Festival concert for the first time. 11.2% of our attendees stayed in hotels or VRBOs on the island during the concert, and we have had visitors not only from all parts of Florida, but

from a variety of other states such as Wisconsin, New Jersey, New York, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Maine, South Carolina.

The Festival also hosts many of its artists in hotel rooms. In the 2024/2025 season, we secured 57 hotel room nights for artists and staff. Next year, during our 25th Anniversary Season, we will use hotels rooms for at least 82 nights, as we are presenting several larger chamber groups. We are proud to announce Residence Inn as our official housing partner for the 25th Anniversary Season.

According to the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV Calculator, a free and simple tool on the Americans for the Arts website that makes it possible for us to estimate the economic impact of any arts and culture organization, The Festival's economic contributions to our community include:

- \$401,115 The total dollars spent by The Festival and our audiences; event-related spending by arts and culture audiences is estimated using the average dollars spent per person by arts event attendees in similarly populated communities.
- \$270,362 The total dollars paid to community residents as a result of the expenditures made by The Festival and/or our audiences.
- \$33,386 The total dollars received by local and state governments (e.g., license fees, taxes) as a result of the expenditures made by The Festival and/or our audiences.

# Dates of the event/project/program including set up and tear down (if applicable) We plan to have at least 12 concerts during our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. Dates and other information for each concert are shown below. We also add one day before and one day after the dates shown in the table for set up and tear down.

1. Season Preview Concert	10/12/25
2. Time for Three	12/17/25
3. Anne Akiko Meyers	01/18/25
4. Imani Winds	01/27/26
5. David Finckel & Wu Han	02/12/26
6. Florida All-Stars	02/22/26
7. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra	03/03/26
8. Viano Quartet with Zuill Bailey	03/13/26
9. Emmylou Harris	03/28/26
10.Free Family Concert	04/18/26
11.Khatia Buniatishvili	04/21/26
12. Marasco Young Artist Concert	05/09/26
13. Beethoven & Beer	06/10/26
14.Festival Finale	06/13/26

Logistics outline, including but not limited to location/site plan; parking/shuttle and traffic plan; security; sanitation; health and safety plans; special needs requirements; and any other logistical information.

- Location/site plan: Our concerts next year will take place at a variety of venues, including local churches, wedding venues, convention centers, hotels, parks, and schools.
- Parking/shuttle and traffic plan: Nassau County and/or Fernandina Beach City police will provide traffic management at most Festival Concerts.
- **Security plan:** Nassau County and/or Fernandina Beach police will also provide security for the performers.
- **Sanitation plan:** All of our venues have several restrooms and multiple trash cans. All trash containers are managed by the Facilities Manager of the venue, and trash is placed in the venue's containers.
- Health and safety plan: Emergency exits in all Festival venues provide a safe evacuation process. Security will contact the local EMT service for any medical emergencies.
- Special needs requirements: The Festival will continue working to ensure that all of its programs are accessible to all members of the community, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, religion, language, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. Patrons who use working animals (seeing eye dogs, comfort animals) are given free use of facilities with their assistance animals. Festival concert programs are available in electronic and large print formats, and sign language interpreters and assisted listening devices for amplified sound can be provided upon reasonable timely request. The following statement is listed on the bottom of every marketing email we send:

It is the policy of Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival complies with all requirements of The Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any accommodation to participate in our programs and performances, please contact Robyn Lamp, Executive Director, at r.lamp@aicmf.org or (904) 261-1779 at least 10 days in advance to initiate your request.

 Any other logistical information: Our concerts typically take place on Amelia Island at a variety of venues. This means that Our logistical plans are well established and proven, which will be critical for our 25th Anniversary Season.

Proposed media plan for the event/project/program that includes: an advertising schedule; public relations activities; proposed creative materials (including but not limited to display ads, banner ads, websites, fliers, posters); promotional activities to support the event/project/program and the related expense budgets for the marketing activities.

Media plan with advertising schedule: Our media plan is shown below.

- 9 months in advance:
  - o Finalize logistics and other details of contract with performers
  - Finalize venue details
- 6 months in advance:

- Create draft of our Season Ticket Brochure
- Begin planning logistics for the season
- 4 months in advance:
  - o Begin advertising, including display ads, TV, print, and radio ads
  - Update social media, including our website, Facebook, and Instagram page
- 1 − 3 months in advance
  - Print Season Ticket Brochure and mail to our supporters
  - o Create newspaper, magazine, TV, radio, and other social media ads
  - Begin to sell tickets
  - Finalize all other details

**Public relations activities** Advertising materials include social media posts, newspaper and magazine ads, and TV and radio spots. We advertise in at least local and city newspapers, local magazines, and local TV stations, and national Public TV stations. We use our Google Grant to advertise in online platforms.

Proposed creative materials (including but not limited to display ads, banner ads, websites, flyers, posters): Our creative materials include display ads, our website, our Facebook and Instagram page, our annual Ticket Brochure, rack cards, and posters. We rarely use any banner ads. Links to our website, Instagram, Season Brochure, YouTube, and Facebook pages are shown below:

- https://aicmf.org
- https://www.instagram.com/aicmfestival/
- https://www.facebook.com/AICMF
- https://aicmf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/24 25-AICMF-Brochure.pdf
- https://www.youtube.com/@AICMF

**Promotional activities to support the event or project:** Promotional activities include social media posts, newspaper and magazine ads, professional video clips, and TV and radio spots.

**Related expense budgets for the marketing activities:** We have allocated \$20,000 for marketing activities for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET:

- Amount being invested by the event or project host/organizer. \$500,000
- An expense budget for producing the event or project: We expect our total
  costs for this season to be \$500,000. This includes artist salaries and fees,
  production, marketing, security, and venue rental expenses. We are requesting
  funds to support a portion of our performer fees only since these represent the
  majority of our concert expenses.

#### POST EVENT/PROJECT/PROGRAM SUMMARY REPORT

1. Describe how you used the TDC Sponsorship funds. If approved funds exceed the actual cost of the service or item, you must document the variance.

TDC Sponsorship Funds were used to help pay artist fees for our headliner concert, Sharon Isbin and the Pacifica Quartet, which totaled \$18,000. \$5,471 was spent on housing (11 total nights at local on-island hotels), travel, marketing, sound engineering, venue rental, security, etc.

#### **Expenses**

Venue rental 650.00

Concert Sound 695.00

Concert Security 148.50

Concert Program, Poster, and Rack Card Printing 361.79

Performance Licenses 284.91

Artists Salaries & Fees 18,000.00

**Artist Travel - Air and Ground** 185.00

**Artist Lodging** 1,393.88

**Artistic Director Lodging 288.00** 

**Artistic Director Travel** 400.00

**Bank Fees-Checking/Wire Fees/Stop Pays** 64.00

Masterclass Artist Fees 1,000.00

**Total for Sharon Isbin/Pacifica Quartet EXPENSES 23,471.08** 

The remaining \$1,529 in Sponsorship Funding was used to help pay the artist fee for The Kruger Brothers concert on February 28, 2025.

2. Describe estimated attendance and method used to calculate.

We issued (sold or comped) 407 tickets to this event. Of the 407 tickets issued, we checked in 376 patrons.

Summarize advertising placed to promote the event/project/program (include all placed, trade, and in-kind.) Promotion for the Sharon Isbin / Pacifica Quartet headliner concert included inclusion in our 24<sup>th</sup> Season brochure, which was mailed to over 3000 homes and businesses and passed out at multiple marketing events (non-profit fairs, performances, etc.) Our Executive Director, Robyn Lamp, mentioned the concert on several TV and Podcast interviews, including Jacksonville Business Journal, News4Jax, and First Coast News. Sharon Isbin was the cover story for The Amelia Islander Magazine in December 2024 and the concert was mentioned in The Observer, Amelia Island Living, Jacksonville Free Press, Jaxmusic.org, jaxtoday.org, and other online and print media. The Festival also hung posters in local businesses promoting the concert.

 Describe your general assessment of the event/project/program including strengths and weaknesses; and address any concerns or recommendations for changes.

The event was a huge success, with tremendous enthusiasm from both the audience and our concert patrons. The audience was fully engaged and leapt to their feet for a standing ovation at the end of the concert. The performers expressed their gratitude for being on the island and shared that they would be delighted to return and perform for our enthusiastic audiences.

Thanks to the support of AICVB and our out-of-town ticketing special—offering a 50% discount on Festival tickets to visitors who present a valid confirmation from any lodging establishment on Amelia Island—15.4% of our survey respondents reported staying in hotels on the island. This marks a notable increase compared to the 10% average for typical Festival concerts. With the continued support of AICVB, we are able to bring high-caliber, meaningful performing artists to our community.

We are also thrilled to have established a new partnership with the Residence Inn Amelia Island, which will serve as our official housing partner for the 2025–2026 season. Most visiting artists and staff will stay at the Residence Inn, and we will continue to offer discounted Festival tickets to tourists who book a room to attend one of our concerts. We estimate that our artists and staff will book at least 93 hotel room nights on the island next season—a significant increase from the 59 room nights booked this season.