

VAN WEZEL FOUNDATION

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH
THE PERFORMING ARTS

LEADERSHIP UPDATE - Spring/Summer 2014

Where Inspiration Takes Center Stage

FOUNDERS SOCIETY - For those who dare to dream about making a difference, our newest campaign "Where Inspiration Takes Center Stage" grants initiation into the Founders Society in perpetuity. This elite level of giving, at \$25,000 or above, rewards generous donors with membership benefits and recognition in many ways. To name a few: a professional photograph and name plate in our Founders Lounge, complimentary show tickets, dinner buffet passes, recognition at Schooltime Performances and in printed materials at our annual Gala. Renew or begin your Annual Insider Program membership at this level of giving and enjoy knowing that your donation will go a long way for Van Wezel Foundation initiatives to Inspire A Child, Enrich A Life and Support Arts Education.

ASPIRE TO BE A LEADER AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Would you care to be included in this elite group of Founders Society Members and receive recognition on the Wall of Inspiration in the Founders Lounge?



Maryann Armour



Ali & Gloria Bahaj



Sam & Rosalyn Brott



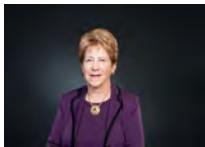
Herta Cuneo



Charlie Huisking



John & Rachel Jakes



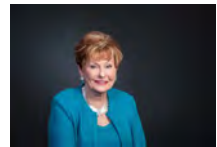
Joan Lieberman



Michael & Kathy Martella



Marty & Iris Rappaport



Mary Ann Robinson



Martin & Antoinette
Sullivan



Leigh & Sharyn Weiner



Edie Winston

Call 941-366-5578 to learn about all of the rewarding benefits you will receive at this level of giving.

2014 GIVING PARTNER CHALLENGE

The Foundation just wrapped up our second year of involvement in this noteworthy annual fund-raiser and significantly surpassed last year with over \$60,000 raised in donations between in-house, marketing and online campaigns!

We hope to win grant money and matching funds by meeting some extra challenges and have just been notified by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County that we earned an extra \$1000 by being one of the first 30 participants to have over 50 donors who gave \$50 or more.

The Van Wezel Foundation Staff had a blast marketing for the Challenge by highlighting the Schooltime Performance Program with photos and videos of children attending the performances. We also got a little bit silly posting photos with funny captions of the Van Wezel Hall mascot, Petunia Van Grazel, on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube and through a series of e-blasts.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to this campaign. It ultimately benefits the children, as well as funding some of the needed improvements to the Van Wezel.



BECOME AN ANNUAL INSIDER PROGRAM MEMBER AND RECEIVE SPECIAL BENEFITS!

Making an annual contribution of \$2,500 or more to the Van Wezel Foundation rewards our Annual Insider Program Members (aka Friends) with exclusive benefits as our way of saying "Thank you". Some of the many benefits include:

- ◆ Best Seats: Special notice to purchase two tickets to any of the Van Wezel sponsored programs
- ◆ Participation in the ticket return program and the ticket donation program
- ◆ Reserved parking area
- ◆ Special Event invitations
- ◆ Van Wezel program book listing, approximately 100,000 distributed each season!
- ◆ Access to the Founders Lounge one hour prior to curtain and during intermission for all Van Wezel sponsored programs.

If you're not an Insider already, why not join this year? With all the fabulous upcoming shows and the insider perks - it's a great year to be a donor!

A WARM WELCOME

Thank you to the newest members of our

Annual Insider Program:

- Beverly & Jeffrey Berger
- Kelly & Anthony Cocca
- Mary Lou & Dave Decker
- Mary & Nick Napoli
- Tom Wilson
- Joan & John Wissing



KEY CHORALE LUNCHEON - This past January, the Van Wezel Foundation happily partnered with the Key Chorale Chamber Chorus to present a lovely luncheon and performance extraordinaire, ***Voices Over the Bay***.

Joseph Caulkins, Key Chorale Artistic Director, led the chorus in a beautiful interpretation of American poet Langston Hughes' "New Moon". The very talented chorus was joined by Russian Circus Artist and Contortionist, Elena Tsarkova, who choreographed exquisite moves to the music. The dynamic event captured hearts and souls with sounds from contemporary to Broadway and even a little gospel.



Please contact the Foundation at 941-366-5578 to ensure you are on our mailing list and watch for the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Bayfront Van Wezel Grand Foyer at our next community event.



SAVE THE DATES! FRIDAY FEST SHOWS ANNOUNCED!

There is no better way to spend a summer evening than out of doors. Kick it up a notch and join fellow music lovers at the Van Wezel for a free concert series! Pack up the family, invite a few friends and jump start your weekend with these fabulous shows:

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| Friday, June 27, 2014 | Yesterdayze (Oldies) |
| Friday, July 25, 2014 | Come Back Alice (Rock) |
| Friday, August 22, 2014 | SoulRcoaster (Variety/Popular) |
| Friday, September 26, 2014 | Adrian Ray (Country) |



Contact the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall at 941-363-2021 for more information.

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SCHOOLTIME PERFORMANCES - The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and the Van Wezel Foundation are excited to present the 2014/2015 School Time Performance schedule, posted right. The Foundation is an integral financial piece to the success of these shows. Without the help of our valuable donors, we could not bring over 25,000 children to our theater each year!

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