

~ Celebrating five years of ~

# SYMPHONY REDEFINED



AS OUR REGION'S ONLY FULLY PROFESSIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Sinfonia has become one of the leading cultural institutions along the Gulf Coast, providing concerts, bravo! events, educational outreach and collaborations with numerous other organizations throughout the community.

Sinfonia has presented headliners such as Broadway legend **Bernadette Peters**, **Grammy Award-winning songstress**



**Roberta Flack**, Gospel vocal trio *D'Vine*, Irish instrumental sensation *Mithril*, and innovative symphonic productions such as *Cirque Symphonique*, *Too Hot to Handel* the Gospel/R&B *Messiah*, and Sinfonia Space Odyssey with NASA video. During the 2009-2010 season, Sinfonia welcomed back **Grammy-nominated violinist Caroline Goulding**, performed with **Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Nanci Griffith** and presented the



concert event of the season "An Evening in Vintage Hollywood featuring iconic big band **Pink Martini**."

Sinfonia's Classical Connections and Music in the Schools program have provided live symphonic music and guest artists into the schools in Okaloosa and Walton Counties; serving more than 15,000 school children since inception, and the program continues to strengthen each season.

By collaborating with our region's top corporate partners and other community-based organizations, and led by a strong and distinguished board of directors and Music Director Demetrius Fuller, Sinfonia continues to infuse music and vitality into the community.

The final touches of Sinfonia's exciting 2010-2011 fifth anniversary season are underway. For more information, please click on to [www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org](http://www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org) or call (850) 269-7129

MISSION STATEMENT: Sinfonia Gulf Coast is committed to entertaining, educating and inspiring the community through imaginative and innovative musical programming. Our goal is to enrich and expand the traditional orchestral experience through unique artistic disciplines and collaborations, enhancing our region's cultural vitality. ♻️

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*"It was a stunning premiere... Sinfonia raised the baton for other groups as well as for the rest of its own season. I would call it symphony re-imagined."*

— Brenda Shoffner,  
Northwest Florida Daily News



**M**OVING INTO ITS FIFTH SEASON, Sinfonia Gulf Coast has quickly become the Emerald Coast's premiere orchestra, offering innovative, world-class musical programming – but it is bravo! that sets the tempo for this growing cultural arts organization.

Breaking the borders of the traditional orchestral association, bravo! is a redefined blend of exclusive membership privileges and seasonal fund raising efforts. With six donor categories, starting at \$50, Sinfonia supporters can select their contribution and member benefits.

“As a donor component, bravo! is designed to help Sinfonia continue its mission to entertain, educate and inspire our community through our performances. But bravo! is also a community of our patrons, and they help us shape and create each season with unique events that are beyond our yearly concerts,” said Demetrius Fuller, music director and founder of Sinfonia Gulf Coast.

The 2010-2011 bravo! season offers a variety of special events, engineered to entertain everyone from the diehard classical music lover to those who, well, don't know Bach.

“I think you will agree, this season's bravo! lineup is stellar,” said Stacey Brady, Sinfonia Gulf Coast board president. “We've broadened our scope of events in order to attract people who may not know about Sinfonia or who may have been on the fence about attending a concert or buying season tickets. There is something for everyone – fashion

shows, floral arrangement classes in time for the holidays, wine dinners, music in the schools and even a 5K run,” added Brady, who is director of communications for Grand Boulevard at Sandestin.

While music feeds the soul, the 2010-2011 bravo! schedule is also geared toward satisfying the appetite for fine food and wine in fantastic settings with three dining events.

On October 21, Seagar's Prime Steaks & Seafood, located at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, will toast Sinfonia with a season kick-off wine dinner, featuring Mary Wilson of the famed girl group, the Supremes.

Couture clothes, culinary delights and classic jazz, take center stage at the Sinfonia Jazz Brunch & Fashion Show on September 25 at 10:00 a.m. the Santa Rosa Beach Club. Local favorite musician Sean Dietrich and his trio will perform, while models strut down the catwalk in clothing from The Village Boutique and jewelry from Maharaja's.

And Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin will host a special Sinfonia fifth anniversary celebration with food, wine and special guests violinist Nick Kendall and composer Chris Brubeck on February 2.

Kendall and Brubeck, along with dancers from the Northwest Florida Ballet will also perform at Sinfonia's Gala Event: Celebrating Five Years of Sinfonia on February 4. The gala, which will be held at

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the Emerald Coast Conference Center in Fort Walton Beach at 7:00 p.m., will also offer a new bravo! feature, the ArtStrings Painted

**Violin Auction.**

For the holidays, bravo! will present a Floral showcase with Kirby Holt, an inductee of the American Institute of Floral Designers on October 25 and 26. Holt will demonstrate festive seasonal home décor techniques and tips at Silver Sands Factory Stores.

And bravo! is doing its best to ensure the season will be present perfect with Sinfonia Wraps for the Holidays Charity Gift Wrap at Silver

Sands Factory Stores, December 4 through 24. Every Friday during the event, Carrabba's Italian Grill will host "Wrap Up and Wine Down," a complimentary reception for Charity Gift Wrap patrons.

"The bravo! events are a reflection of our goal to be a multifaceted partner in the community, bringing the Emerald Coast events that are beyond the orchestra pit. And the donations from our bravo! membership allow us to not only create these events, but also helps us fund season after season of great music," said Fuller.

To learn more about Sinfonia Gulf Coast's bravo!, or to become a member, please go to [www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org](http://www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org) or call (850) 269-7129.

**SUPREME SEAGAR'S**

SINFONIA GULF COAST WILL KICK OFF ITS FIFTH SEASON in a supremely sensational way with a bravo! wine dinner, presented by Seagar's Prime Steaks & Seafood at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa. The exclusive event, which will be held on October 21, will feature musical entertainment by Mary Wilson, a member of the famed 1960s girl group, the Supremes.

This original Dreamgirl – who sang with the Supremes when the trio topped the charts with hits such as "Come See About Me," "Stop in the Name of Love," "Baby Love" and "Back in My Arms Again" – will perform during the evening, in an intimate cabaret setting.



*Prime Steaks and Seafood*

with wines expertly chosen by Kevin Moran, the restaurant's general manager and one of the region's only certified sommeliers.

This exceptional event isn't the first time Seagar's and the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa have stepped up to the plate for Sinfonia. The resort is a founding partner of the orchestra.

Seagar's award-winning executive chef, Bruce McAdoo, known for his innovative culinary creations, will serve a special menu that will be paired

"The Hilton Sandestin Beach has been a strong supporter of and believer in Sinfonia since its inception," said Mike Chouri, general manager of the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa. "As corporate members of bravo!, we are committed to assisting Sinfonia in furthering its mission of enhancing our region's cultural vitality, and we enjoy the tremendous work they do. We believe that Sinfonia is an integral member of our community here in Northwest Florida and an asset to locals as well as to all of those loyal visitors who come see us year after year."

For more information on the Seagar's Sinfonia wine dinner with Mary Wilson, please go to [www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org](http://www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org) or call (850) 269-7129. Seating is limited and early reservations are recommended.



**PULLING ARTSTRINGS**

SINFONIA GULF COAST WILL STRING along the creative energy of its 2010-2011 season with a special exhibit and auction from November 11 to April 30.

*Sinfonia ArtStrings:* A Painted Violin Exhibit will combine visual and performing arts to raise funds and awareness for the Emerald Coast orchestra. Up to 20 artists will be presented unfinished violins to use as canvases with any art medium they choose. Their final works will be on display at many of the Sinfonia concerts during this season and at a storefront on the west end of Grand Boulevard at Sandestin.

On February 4 during the Sinfonia's Gala Event: Celebrating Five Years of Sinfonia, the works of art will be sold during a live auction. Winners of the violins will be honored at a special reception at the conclusion of the ArtStrings exhibit.





Funds raised will benefit the James A. Fuller Memorial Fund for Music Education, supporting Sinfonia's outreach initiatives. The memorial fund was created in honor of the late father of Demetrius Fuller, who is music and artistic director of the orchestra.

"Last year, amazingly talented musicians from around the world, who performed in Sinfonia's Classical Connections series, visited 18 different area schools and played and taught music to 7,500 students. "Music enriches lives and quality of life. Music education is an important part of Sinfonia's overall objective and the James A. Fuller Memorial Fund supports this in a meaningful way," said Stacey Brady, Sinfonia Gulf Coast board president and director of communications for Grand Boulevard at Sandestin.

*ArtStrings is presented by Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, the Cultural Arts Association, North Light Yacht Club and Mitchell's Fish Market.* ☺

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## ~ Sinfonia Guest Artist Visits over 2,000 School Children

Violinist Nicolas Kendall made his way through Okaloosa and Walton Counties during his week-long residency with Sinfonia Gulf Coast, visiting more than 2,000 school children in addition to sessions at the Coastal Library Branch and Maestro Fuller's popular Coffee's with the Conductor at Barnes & Noble.



As part of Sinfonia's Classical Connections concert series, guest artists are required to visit area schools and other venues for music education outreach. Further, the Sinfonia Board of Directors offers complimentary tickets to students. For each paid adult ticket, two students are able to attend concerts for free. More than 400 students, teachers and youth orchestra members and their families have attended Sinfonia concerts this season. "With the ever-increasing budget cuts in our schools, it is critical to keep the arts alive. By exposing these children to live musicians and performances, Sinfonia is doing its part to make a difference and to fulfill our mission within the community," stated Music Director Demetrius Fuller.

The sold out crowd in January experienced a fiery combo of Vivaldi's classic "The Four Seasons" as well as the regional premiere of Tango-King Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires." Nick Kendall, Maestro Fuller and Sinfonia received four standing ovations throughout the performance while more than 200 patrons crowded the lobby for signed CDs. Sinfonia's 2009-2010 season presenting sponsor is Regus Grand Boulevard and The Boeing Company Charitable Trust is the presenting sponsor for the Classical Connections series.

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