



NEWSLETTER Fall OF 2020

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Grant Sevdayan – Music Director

A Message from our Founder:

Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra's 12th season is starting with a lot of uncertainty related to Covid-19 restrictions. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Spring, Summer and Fall events. Our activities were limited basically to paying our bills (insurance, taxes, website and other administrative related) and hopeful predictions about when and how to continue the beautiful task of enriching our community with inspirational musical events, "crack the blues" in our lives and have a bit of... good time.

Our Board of Directors is planning a full schedule of events for the remainder of 2020-21 season: a Spring Concert (March), Soiree (May), and Summer Pops Concert (June), in a hope that things will "turn around" and we will be able to connect to our audiences again in person. With God's and your help we will succeed!

Please, consider signing up for membership in HBSO - our best and reliable source of revenue to fund our operations (rent, fees, musicians' expenses, etc.). Every one of the past seasons was possible because of the hard work and generosity of our members and volunteers.

Please, check our website, HBSymphony.org for updates and new information.

Thank you for everything!

Grant Sevdayan – Music Director/Acting President

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Saturday - Nov 7, 2020 at 4:00pm – Soirée / The Elegant Harp

Greenbrook Clubhouse 18222 Santa Joanana, FV, CA 92708

Internationally acclaimed harpist **Ellie Choate**

"Rarely do we hear the words "renaissance woman." In the world of music, ..."

...it could not be more accurately applied than to harpist Ellie Choate. Ellie's musical versatility has afforded her the opportunity to touch virtually every area of music making. She has worked "behind the scenes" on the musical scores of numerous major motion pictures and recordings (including Super 8, Spiderman II, X-Men II, Days of Our Lives, Josh Groban All That Echoes) but has also appeared on camera for movies and television shows (Days of Our Lives, American Daughter). She is an active soloist and chamber musician, playing for events and concerts all across Southern California.

The event was a smashing success. In spite of the fact that Covid-19 restrictions were in place we had a packed event with delightful music, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Ellie was funny, sociable with deep encyclopedic knowledge. Solo musical selections and duets with Grant Sevdayan on keyboard from different styles and periods were intermingled with technical information about the instrument and its development. Attendees had a delightful afternoon of tranquility and inspiration.





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Quote-worthy...

"I know that the most joy in my life has come to me from my violin." - Albert Einstein

"Where words fail, music speaks." - Hans Christian Andersen

Anecdote.../ A great wine connoisseur invited Brahms to dinner and in his honor brought out some of his choicest bottles. "This is the Brahms of my cellar," he announced to the company as wine from a venerable bottle was poured into the composer's glass. Brahms scrutinized the wine closely, inhaled its bouquet, took a sip, and then put down his glass without comment.

"How do you like it?" anxiously asked the host. "Better bring out your Beethoven," murmured Brahms.