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Felix Hell, organ

Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m.



A native of Germany, Felix Hell is one of the most sought after concert organists in the world. He has been featured as a recitalist and concerto soloist in more than 850 concerts throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. *The American Organist* raved that he “sets standards that older and honored players would struggle to equal.”

Felix Hell is known for his diverse and innovative programming, drawing upon a repertoire encompassing five centuries.

The Solace Quartet

Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m.



Hailed for its innovative programming, the Solace Piano Quartet performs rarely heard masterpieces of the chamber music repertoire. The nationally recognized group will play Beethoven’s 1797 revolutionary Op. 16a, displaying his electrifying iconoclastic virtuosity. They will also introduce the audience to a new work by Manhattan School of Music composer David Macdonald. And finally, Solace will play the beloved and rarely heard Dvorak piano quartet Op. 23 in D major, the piece that launched his career.

Spirit of the Gulf

February 6, 2022

4 p.m.

Concert Program

Spirit Of The Gulf chorus will perform songs from many styles of music...all in rich, four part harmony, a cappella. Their repertoire includes gospel music like "When I Lift Up My Head He Lifts Up My Heart," show tunes like "Tonight" from West Side Story, and old favorites like "It's A Great Day."

This year their repertoire also includes Carole King classics like "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "So Far Away." You will find yourself smiling, tapping your toes, feeling nostalgic, and happy.



Karen Breidert, Director

Karen is a popular coach and teacher within Sweet Adelines International. She has achieved the level of "Master Faculty" and "Master Director."

Karen has directed three choruses, ranking in the finals six times. During her first tenure with Spirit, she directed the chorus to win the coveted "Most Entertaining Chorus Award" three times – an international chorus record.

She has won 9 international quartet medals - including the championship with Jubilation in 1985 and with "the BUZZ" in 2005. Karen was International President of Sweet Adelines from 1998 - 1999. Karen has a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Foreign Language and a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. She lives in Jacksonville FL on the beautiful St. John's River with her husband Bob - also a barbershop quartet finalist. Since she began singing at age four with her family's professional singing group, The Drummond Family Singers, music has truly been in Karen's heart and soul for all of her life.

About Spirit of the Gulf

Spirit of the Gulf Chorus is a very active and visible local chapter of Sweet Adelines International. We are a 100+ member a cappella women's chorus, based in Fort Myers, performing both original and popular music in the unique and exciting genre of Barbershop singing!

Spirit performs throughout Southwest Florida and competes in regular regional and international competitions, consistently winning 1st Place in the Coastal Harmony Region each time and placing among the top 10 international finalists. SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL is a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, performance and competition. This independent, nonprofit music education association is one of the world's largest singing organizations for women, boasting nearly 22,000 members performing in over 500 choruses in 24 regions of the world!

The chorus is an active community supporter through our performances at Veteran's and Memorial Day services, senior and elder care facilities, tree lighting ceremonies and openings of local Spring Training and other sporting events and fundraisers.

Spirit is active in promoting a cappella harmony and music education to middle and high school students in the schools. We host a scholarship program for young women to attend a vocal education convention in the summer, and each year, we invite local female singers to perform with us on our shows and receive the best vocal coaching and education. We also support activities benefiting young singers through Sweet Adelines' official charity, the Young Singers Foundation.

We've learned (and research has proven) that singing makes us feel good! It's been proven to increase circulation, improve muscle tone, reduce stress, ease pain, boost immune systems, improve memory, and reduce anxiety, anger and depression. Singing and performing also improves balance and increases confidence. It truly is the miracle it claims to be, and we invite all women to come share that miracle with us!