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USF and AHA sponsor charity Grand Prix events

USF and the American Heart Association, Suncoast Chapter, Inc. (AHA), are sponsoring charity events each year with the St. Petersburg Grand Prix Race scheduled November 1-3. Proceeds from the events will provide funding for scholarships and cardiovascular research.

A Grand Prix lunch and fashion show is planned for November 1-3, proceeds from the event will provide funding for scholarships and cardiovascular research. The event will include music, games and refreshments as well as a sold out audience. Tickets are available at the USF Theatre Box Office (974-2323). Tickets are also available at all A-State ticket outlets and at the Clearwater performance, at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Choral Masterworks Festival to feature Bach

The Choral Masterworks Festival, an annual event at USF, will take place November 9-13.

More than a week of activities including lectures, radio broadcasts, concerts, master classes and recitals at USF and other locations in Tampa and St. Petersburg will be climax by three performances of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" by the USF Master Chorale, a professional orchestra, and a selection of internationally prominent soloists under the direction of Robert Serry.

The Bach performances will be held on November 13, at McKay Auditorium, Tampa; on November 16 at the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg; and on November 18 at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Bach Master Chorale and Orchestra will select a highly select chorus of 120 of the finest singers in the Tampa Bay area, and is sponsored in part by the University of South Florida department of music.

The group was founded in 1976 by conductor Robert Summer (professor of music and director of choral activities at USF) and has been highly acclaimed for its fine performances.

The majority of its members hold degrees in music and many are music teachers in area schools from the elementary level through college.

Soloists for this year's presentation of the "St. Matthew Passion" are Sylvia McNair, soprano (who was also a soloist in last year's performance of Handel's "Messiah"); Giana Mauricio, mezzo-soprano; Glenn Siebert, tenor; Jan Opalach, bass; David Gordon, tenor (singing the role of the "Evangelist"); Doug Lawrence, bass (singing the role of "Jesus"); and Warren Jaworski, baritone (a member of the voice faculty at USF).

A schedule of some of the other activities taking place at USF and on WUSF-FM during the festival appears in the calendar in this issue of Arachno. A complete schedule of events (including choral and organ performances at area churches) and information for the concerts are available through the USF Theatre Box Office (974-2323). Tickets are also available at all A-State Seat outlets and at the Clearwater performance, at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

For more information contact the Grand Prix Office at 896-7773.

Faculty/Staff Softball & Picnic

Don't forget the third annual Faculty/Staff Picnic and Softball Tournament will be held Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the USF Intramural fields. All USF faculty, staff and their families are invited to attend this free event, sponsored by the Faculty Staff Program Committee.

The day's festivities will include food, music, games and refreshments as well as the softball tournament.