



FLORIDA INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

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“Mentoring Through Music” An Orchestra for All Ages in Boca Raton

Boca Raton, Florida – A community Orchestra, the Florida Intergenerational Orchestra of America (FLIOA) for ages 5-95 is open to musicians. Rehearsals will be held in Spanish River High School Band Room, located at the corner of Jog and Yamato Road in Boca Raton, beginning Thursday, September 3, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is an open call for all musicians, especially string and brass players. Interested musicians should contact **Lorraine Marks founder/conductor at 561-995-0950 or strings4all@aol.com**.

The FLIOA’s mission is to bridge the generations with music and performances through mentorship. “It’s a wonderful sight to see people from ages 5-95 playing together simply for the love of music. It is a mix of amateurs, professionals, beginners and experts- young and old -all playing music together Our unique environment encourages, nurtures and promotes closer relationships between the generations”

A brief program “A Taste of the Orchestra” will be held on Thursday, September 17th 8:00 p.m. at the South County Civic Center located at 16700 Jog Road This program is for venue operators, corporate sponsors, media, musicians and others with an interest in the orchestra. This short and informative concert will be followed by refreshments. Please call 561 482-8194 to reserve a seat.

The Florida Intergenerational Orchestra is divided into 2 orchestras. **No auditions** are required. The **Full Orchestra** is an ensemble of experienced players and those who have not been playing for a few years and want to refresh their playing skills. The **Chamber Orchestra** is a string ensemble composed of advanced musicians of all ages, professional and amateur who are ready for a challenging experience. The FLIOA has established an outreach program for professional musicians to contribute their experiences, knowledge and guidance to our musicians through master classes and rehearsal/performances. Founder and conductor Lorraine Marks, uses music as a universal language. The idea for this orchestra blossomed after Lorraine gave her father, a recent widower, a gift of cello lessons to help ease his grief. She also reflected back to her early childhood experience of having the opportunity to play the viola with her teacher in his quartet comprised of retired musicians. They became her mentors in the field of music performance and education. Ms Marks is also the founder of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra which has won numerous awards and recognition in the media including CBS, NBC and several magazines including Family Circle Magazine. The FLIOA will be featured this September in 2 national magazines, “Making Music” and the “International Musician Journal”. Lorraine has received awards for her work and performances through the United Nations Committee on Aging. Ms. Marks has 20 years of teaching experience. She is available as a speaker to community organizations on the topic “Healthy Aging through Music”.

Please visit our website at www.flioa.org for further information.

The FLIOA is a non-profit 501c(3) organization that bridges the generations with music.

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MEDIA NOTE: We would be happy to have you attend “A Taste of the Orchestra” on Thursday, September 17th or a rehearsal for a closer look at our group.