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2021  
*interlude*  
*gala*

EVENT  
GUIDE

**LIVESTREAM EVENT**

April 29 @ 7 pm

ASO YouTube Page

Free Admission

**ONLINE AUCTION**

April 23 - May 7

# EVENT INFORMATION

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## **2021 INTERLUDE GALA**

We designed the 2020-21 Interlude Season as our gift to you, in appreciation for the decades of support the Northeast Ohio community has provided to us. To allow for the greatest level of accessibility for all, every Interlude Season experience is provided free of charge.

All Gala proceeds directly support our Interlude Season programming while also helping us continue planning for a safe return to live symphonic events.

## **COME PARTY WITH US!**

**Livestream event date: Thursday, April 29, 7 pm**

**Where: Your living room via the [ASO YouTube page](#)**

Put on your favorite party clothes and your fanciest slippers. Raise a glass to the Akron Symphony and join the livestream fun.

Theresa Carter, President of Synthomer Foundation, will be the Emcee for the evening, which will feature musical performances, interviews with key members of the ASO, updates on the online auction and more!

## **ONLINE AUCTION: APRIL 23 - MAY 7**

Our online auction will feature terrific items donated by local businesses and patrons, and flexible donation packages, all available via mobile bidding.

To view our online auction catalog, please visit our event website at [rsabid.com](https://rsabid.com) and enter code 44308.

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## VIP PACKAGE

Make your Gala celebration even more spectacular with your very own VIP Party Package! Two Akron Symphony wine glasses, a bottle of wine and an assortment of sweet and salty treats for two will help set the stage for a festive evening!

VIP Packages are available for \$100 each. Supplies are limited, so purchase your package early. A portion of your purchase is tax deductible.

To purchase a VIP Package, go to our Auction Catalog and search "VIP," or find the VIP Party Package in the "Featured" category. Once you have placed your order, you will receive information about when and where to pick up your package.



**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR MAKING  
THE VIP PACKAGE POSSIBLE:**



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## WIN A \$500 BEST BUY GIFT CARD

What would you do with \$500 to spend at Best Buy? Here's your chance to find out!

Raffle tickets for a \$500 Best Buy Gift Card are available for purchase on our auction website beginning on April 16.



To purchase a Raffle Ticket beginning April 16, go to our Auction Catalog at [rsabid.com](https://rsabid.com) and search "Raffle" or find the Best Buy Gift Card in the "Featured" Category.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each and the winner will be announced after the auction closes on May 7 at 8 pm.

## INTERLUDE GALA CO-CHAIRS

**Pat Nilsestuen and Julie Weagraff**

## EVENT HASHTAG

**#2021InterludeGala**



## THERESA CARTER LIVESTREAM EMCEE

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Theresa Carter is the President of the Synthomer Foundation (fka OMNOVA Solutions) a \$25 million endowment supporting local communities throughout Synthomer's footprint in the USA. Her passion for bringing communities together and creating tomorrow's leaders is reflected in her role in the Foundation, which in 2020 provided nearly \$1.2 million in support to educational initiatives, civic investments, health and human services, and the arts. Theresa's purpose-driven mission is to inspire volunteerism and empower others to give back to the community. She is active in her church, and serves on a number of non-profit community boards, advisory councils, and committees throughout Northeast Ohio.

# PERFORMING MUSICIANS

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## TALLIE BRUNFELT, CONCERTMASTER

Violinist Tallie Brunfelt has been Concertmaster of the Akron Symphony Orchestra since 2017. Based in New York, she enjoys a busy freelance career, performing frequently on Broadway and in major concert venues including Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, and Radio City Music Hall. She can be heard in many recent motion picture and television soundtracks, including Joker, The Greatest Showman, and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.



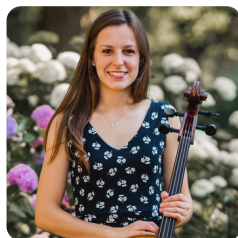
## ROBERT KISTLER, PRINCIPAL PERCUSSIONIST

Originally from New Jersey, Robert Kistler is the Principal Percussionist with the Akron Symphony and Section Percussionist with the Canton Symphony. As a freelance percussionist, he frequently plays with The Cleveland Orchestra, National Symphony, Detroit Symphony, and Cincinnati Symphony as well as various regional orchestras. He holds a master's degree from The Juilliard School, bachelor's degree from SUNY Purchase College Conservatory of Music, and a post-master's certificate from DePaul University.



## SARAH MILLER, CELLO

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., cellist Sarah Miller has been playing with the Akron Symphony since 2018. Sarah is a recent graduate from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is building her career as a performing cellist. Sarah especially enjoys recording and producing original arrangements of hymns with other musicians from her church, and is releasing an album of instrumental hymns in the coming months.



## BRIAN DEL BIANCO, BASS

Pittsburgh native Brian Del Bianco has been a member of the bass sections of the Akron and Canton Symphonies since 2001. He has performed regularly in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Michigan, as well as in Europe and the Cayman Islands in settings ranging from big band to rock to opera, with an emphasis on orchestral and musical theater ensembles. He also enjoys playing guitar and electric bass, and plays contrabass balalaika with the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church's balalaika orchestra.



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## **You can support our 2021 Interlude Gala in several ways:**

- Make an online donation on our event website: [rsabid.com](https://rsabid.com) and enter code 44308  
Sign in using your existing account information, or click the link to Request an Account  
*OR*
- Make an online donation at [akronsymphony.org/support-us/](https://akronsymphony.org/support-us/) and let us know you are donating to our Gala in the comment box
- Visit our auction catalog on our event website and bid on packages donated by local organizations, including restaurants, hotels, and experiences
- Become a Gala sponsor by purchasing a sponsorship on our event website or by contacting Development Manager Kimia Ghaderi by email at [kimia@akronsymphony.org](mailto:kimia@akronsymphony.org)
- Purchase a VIP Gift Bag from our online auction catalog to enjoy while you watch our livestream event on April 29.
- Share the news about our online auction and livestream event with your friends, colleagues and family

# HOW TO REGISTER AND BID IN THE ONLINE AUCTION

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**This bidding tips sheet describes everything you need to know about bidding in our auction, from registration through check-out:**

- Visit our event website at [rsabid.com](https://rsabid.com) and enter code 44308
- Sign in with your credentials for existing users, or click “Request an Account” to begin registration. You will be emailed a link to complete the registration process.
- From the event website, click “Check out the Catalog”
- You have the option to participate in standard bidding with manual entry, or using the automatic bidding robot that will continue to bid for you automatically up to the limit you specify
- When you’ve won or purchased an item, a **“\$” button** appears at the top of the eCatalog. Tap it to view your invoice and choose how you want to pay. You may pay as you win or purchase each item, or wait until the event’s end to pay for everything at once.
- Each time you pay an invoice, you’ll automatically receive an emailed receipt.

For help with our online auction, contact Development Manager Kimia Ghaderi at [kimia@akronsymphony.org](mailto:kimia@akronsymphony.org)



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