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## Orchestra

As Lee County's only professional orchestra, the musicians represent a diverse group of individuals, tied together by their talent, dedication and love of music. They bring to the stage extraordinary skill, commitment and pure joy as they present concerts and participate in a variety of community events. Founded as a community orchestra in 1961, the **Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra** today is made up of 64 professional musicians from throughout South Florida. The Orchestra performs in eight Classical Series concerts and eight Pops Series concerts.

Several musicians have been with the Symphony for over 20 years, Concertmaster Reiko Niiya celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary last season. Bass player Alex Albanese and Principal Flute Bill Larsen celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this season.

The **Chamber Orchestra** is a highly select ensemble from within the Symphony Orchestra, which performs four Symphony on Sanibel Series concerts, with the chorus during Stained Glass Series concerts and for the new Symphony Around Town Series that will take classical concerts to the communities of Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs and Estero.

### Key Orchestra Personnel

*Reiko Niiya*, Concertmaster  
*Hannah Cho*, Assistant Concertmaster  
*Danut Muresan*, Second Violin  
*James Fawcett*, Principal Viola  
*Susannah Kelly*, Assistant Principal Cello (Acting Principal)  
*Joseph Trunk*, Principal Bass  
*William Larsen*, Principal Flute  
*Dione Chandler*, Principal Oboe  
*Michael Forte*, Principal Clarinet  
*Michael Ellert*, Principal Bassoon  
*Gene Berger*, Principal Horn  
*Kristofer Marshall*, Principal Trumpet  
*Richard Harris*, Principal Trombone  
*Tom Kracmer*, Principal Tuba  
*Todd Betz*, Principal Percussion  
*Tom Suta*, Principal Timpani  
*Kay Kemper*, Principal Harp

*Charles Heard*, Principal Keyboard