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Iconic Barbie Fashion Comes Alive in Vintage Collaboration

In time for her 60th birthday, Barbie has a new collaborator bringing her wide-ranging style to life for humans. One of the largest sellers of vintage-inspired clothes, Unique Vintage, is working with Barbie parent Mattel on the first women's line to meticulously duplicate some of the doll's most iconic early looks. The company also has taken care of the one thing critics love to hate about Barbie — waist size.

— The Associated Press



Maestro Pasquale Valerio, right, conducts the orchestra during scene two of Messiah Part I.

Vocal cords and instrument strings mingled to create music as chillingly beautiful as the gentle fall of snow.

The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra opened the holiday season with the sacred music of George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" on Tuesday night at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

At the flutter of Maestro Pasquale Valerio's hands, bows slid across strings in unity to produce Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus" and "Laudate Dominum" in addition to "Messiah."

The show was peppered with talented soloists and loaded with a powerful choir that told the biblical story alongside the musicians.

"I love the collaboration between the orchestra and the choir," said Kevin Gallagher, a double bass player in the orchestra. "The sounds of strings and voice come together, and that's probably one of my favorite sounds."

"Messiah" was produced by Handel in the 1740s, and in its nearly 300 years of existence,

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A violinist performs with the orchestra during scene two as The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra opened the 2018-19 season with "Messiah" at The Sharon on Tuesday.

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Insights on stage, screen and beyond.

Philharmonic Orchestra's 'Messiah' Gets Holiday Season Off to a Rousing Start

By KRISTEN FIORE
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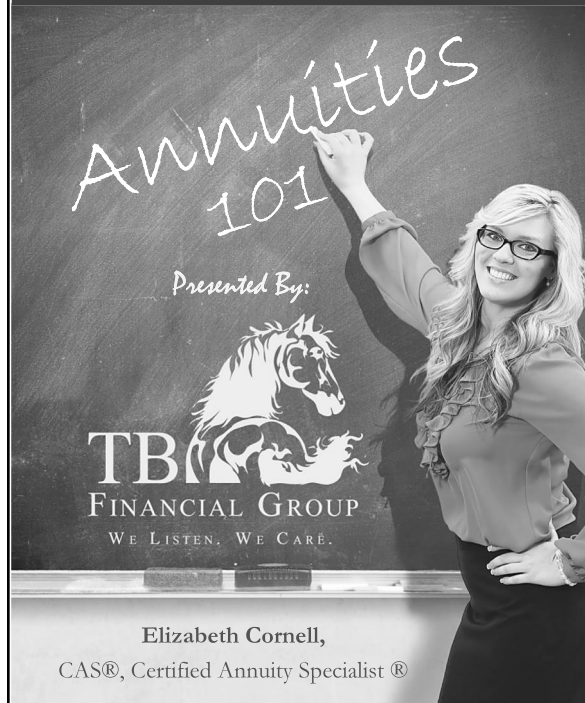
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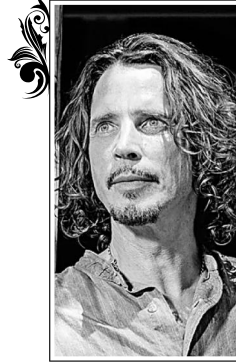
MICHAEL BUBLE

The singer is restarting his music career after taking a two-year break to spend time with his family. Buble's son Noah was diagnosed with cancer in 2016 and the stress of his condition contributed to his break with music.



JUDE LAW

Jude Law says the younger version of Albus Dumbledore is being built from the "ground up" starting with the "Fantastic Beasts" sequel. Law spent time with author J.K. Rowling to learn more about the character.



CHRIS CORNELL

The late Chris Cornell will be honored with a tribute concert called "I Am the Highway: A Tribute to Chris Cornell" in Los Angeles on Jan. 16 that will feature members of his former bands along with Metallica and the Foo Fighters.

NEW YORK

Cyrus, Hemsworth Give \$500K After Losing Home in Wildfire

Though Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth lost their home in a deadly California wildfire, they are donating \$500,000 to The Malibu Foundation through Cyrus' charity, The Happy Hippie Foundation. "Miley and Liam lost their home but are very grateful to be safe along with their animals!" a representative for Cyrus said Tuesday in a statement to The Associated Press.

— The Associated Press



Stephen Mumbert, middle, sings bass during scene two of Messiah Part I during the Villages Philharmonic Orchestra 2018-19 season opening performance at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center on Tuesday.

Michael Johnson, Daily Sun

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the musical selection hasn't lost its adoration and popularity.

Gallagher said he hoped the audience was able to experience the peacefulness of the music.

"It really is a wonderful story," he said. "There's a spirit to the piece. That's really what we try to get across."

The music was joyful, anxious and prophetic all at once.

It was a first-time VPO experience for Sandra Cifelli, of the Village of Amelia, and Barbara Wear, of the Village of Charlotte, and both said the show exceeded their expectations.

"I had expected a good amateur performance, and what I got was an awesome professional performance," Wear said. "Now I'm really sold on supporting these efforts."

Paula Singer, of the Village Santiago, comes to see the show every year.

"They're fantastic," she said. "I totally enjoy it."

Viola player Daniel Cortez said that a lot of the success of the orchestra has come from the camaraderie among members.

"It's really a family," Cortez said. "So many of these people have been together for 10, 15, 20 years. A lot of orchestras are pickup orchestras. You don't know who you'll see from time to time. But here you grow to expect the same faces, and you really get to know them on a personal level, and that's something special."

The VPO will perform another holiday concert at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 14 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$65 and can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

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KEVIN GALLAGHER
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