



# The Delius Association of Florida, Inc.

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Dear Members and long-time Friends of Delius,

On March 7th, 2004 at 3:00 pm, at the Times Union Performing Arts Center's Jacoby Hall you will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear the Jacksonville Symphony under the baton of David Lloyd-Jones, renowned English conductor and chairman of the Delius Trust, perform the Florida Suite as well as the world premier of two recently discovered songs by Delius.

This performance will be the culmination of this year's Festival, the 44th Annual Delius Festival. But this year's Festival will have many other wonderful events for you enjoyment and edification,

Thursday     4:00 pm Boat Trip on the Jacksonville Princess  
March 4th     down the St. Johns to experience the beauty of sunset on the river which was the inspiration for the third movement of the Florida Suite. This same sunset experience is the inspiration for the Winslow Homer painting, Rowing Home, which is the poster image for the Festival. Heavy hors d'ouvres will be served and there will be a cash bar. The Princess will depart from the Adams Mark Hotel and return at approximately 8:00 pm.

Friday,     11:00 am Concert at Friday Musicale featuring  
March 5th     the Solano Singers conducted by Brenda McNeiland. It will feature works by Delius and his contemporaries. It will be followed by a reception.

1:00 pm Young Florida Composers Concert also at the Friday Musicale, featuring the work of the best young composers chosen by the Florida State Music Teachers Association.

4:00 pm Festival Cocktail Party at the Delius House at Jacksonville University.

5:30 pm Festival Dinner Party at the Kinne Center at Jacksonville University.

8:00 pm the movie, Discovering Delius, at the Phillips Fine Arts Small Hall. Note that the Jacksonville Symphony will also be performing that night.

Saturday,  
March 6th

11:00 am Luncheon at the Ritz Theatre and LaVilla Museum prior to the Fenby Lecture.

1:00 pm Lecture by Jeff Driggers on the introduction to the German translation of James Weldon Johnson's "Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man."

1:30 pm Concert by the J. W. Honeysucker Community Choir and the H. Alvin Green Memorial Alumni Chorale featuring classic African American choral music.

2:00 pm the Fenby Lecture by Derek Healy on the influence of African American music on Delius.

Sunday,  
March 7th

8:30 am Trip to Solano Grove with box lunch.

3:00 pm Festival Concert at the Times Union Performing Art's Center's Jacoby Hall featuring the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra under the baton of David Lloyd-Jones.

- \* Marche Joyeux by Chabrier
- \* American Rhapsody by Delius
- \* Two Negro Songs by Delius  
performed by the Edward Waters Choir
- \* Florida-Tropical Scenes for Orchestra  
(The Florida Suite) by Delius
- \* Piano Concerto by Grieg  
Scott Watkins, piano.

4:30 Festival Closing Reception at the Center overlooking the St. Johns.

Enclosed please find the registration form for the Festival and its various events. Note that many events are limited to specific numbers, so please get your reservations in as soon as possible. The Sunday Festival Concert is \$18 for Delius Association Members. Seating will be first come, first serve. For reservations, call 904 354 5547.

This year's Festival is the culmination of much planning and preparation. It promises to be both entertaining and memorable. If you have not renewed your membership please do so now. My fellow board members and I will be delighted to see you at the 44th Annual Delius Festival.

Sincerely,



Jesse G. Wright, Jr.