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## Gulf Coast Symphony honors Jacob Goldberger, Lydia Black



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The Gulf Coast Symphony will honor longtime symphony musician and area physician Jacob Goldberger and Alliance for the Arts Executive Director Lydia Black at its Gatsby Gala on Saturday, April 2, at the Gateway Golf and Country Club.

Each year the Gulf Coast Symphony chooses honorees whose work has a positive effect on the arts, and who serve as inspirational leaders and role models in the community. Proceeds from the annual gala benefit Gulf Coast Symphony music education and community initiatives.

“We are honored to recognize two members of our community who have consistently worked to make Southwest Florida a better and stronger region,” said Gulf Coast Symphony Music and Executive Director Andrew M. Kurtz.

“Both Lydia and Jake embody the ideal community member, actively giving of themselves to help make Lee County a

wonderful place to be.”

Jacob Goldberger has been a member of the Gulf Coast Symphony since 2000. He began playing clarinet at age 10 when he lived in Israel, and continued playing and studying in New York City. He currently studies with Scot Ellington, and also performs Klezmer music. Mr. Goldberger is a doctor in active surgical practice who specializes in thyroid and breast disease. He is a part of 21st Century Oncology group. Outside of work, music is his top artistic passion. He also enjoys gardening and water sports such as sailing and kayaking, and loves spending time on the beach with his wife, Margarita.

Lydia Antunes Black serves as the executive director at Lee County Alliance for the Arts. A self-described “nonprofit junkie,” Ms. Black believes the arts are essential to the quality of life and

economic prosperity in Lee County. She has a master's degree in nonprofit management, and more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She is an active community volunteer and a member of Rotary Club of Fort Myers, Women's Community Club and the SWFL Planned Giving Council. She has a daughter, Emerson, 10, and is married to attorney Chris Black.



The Gulf Coast Symphony Gatsby Gala features a live and silent auction hosted by Stacey Deffenbaugh, a special musical performance by the Buzz

Katz, dancing, and chocolates from Norman Love Confections.



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Attire representing the 1920s or black tie is welcome. The event begins at 6 p.m. The Gateway Golf and Country Club is at 12091 Gateway Greens Drive in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$150, and may be reserved by calling 277-1700 or online at [GulfCoastSymphony.org](http://GulfCoastSymphony.org). |

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