

GoFundMe Campaign for a Memorial Concert Commemorating the Life of David Ferré

Link to contribute to David's GoFundMe campaign: <https://gf.me/u/y7qcah>

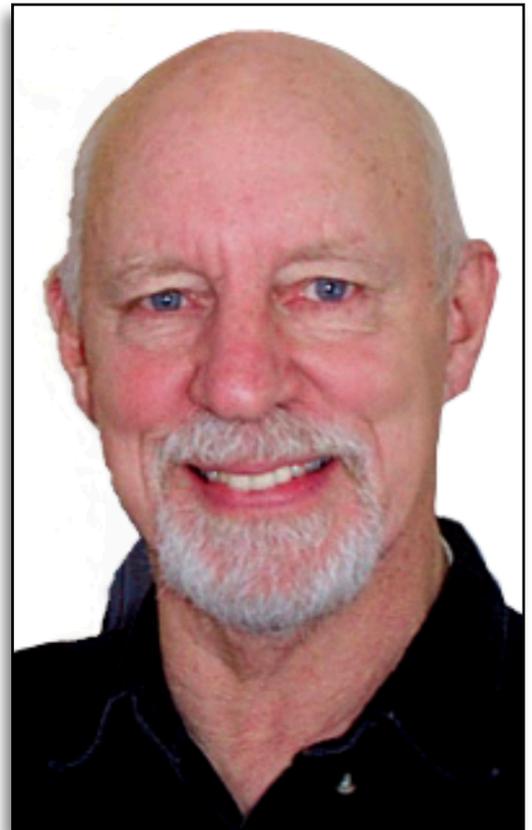
David Ferré passed from this plane in September, 2020, from complications of heart surgery. His sudden and premature demise was a shock and loss to all who knew him.

How do you give back to a selfless person who never asked any recognition for himself? David spent half of his 78 years researching and promoting a forgotten and controversial musical genius named André Tchaikowsky (Andrzej Czajkowski). David was one of the moving forces that inspired others to rediscover and appreciate André's music and talent.

David spent tens of thousands of dollars of his own money traveling to interview relatives and friends of André which led to writing a 300-page book and creating an amazingly extensive website as a resource to promote public awareness of André. This website will continue to be maintained in honor of David's work. See: www.andretchaikowsky.com.

David heard André Tchaikowsky play a concert at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, in the early 1980s. When André died in 1982, he bequeathed his skull to the Royal Shakespeare Company in England to be used in Hamlet. They accepted, using his real skull, at least for a while until it became a *cause célèbre*. This unusual act caught David's attention.

Selflessly working in almost total obscurity simply because of his fascination and respect for Tchaikowsky, David made a difference in many lives. Others took up the cause, leading to books, movies, and world premiers of André's works. Just as David brought a deserving artist to light, so do we want to recognize David for his pioneering work by holding concerts in his memory. One will be at the Karlskrona International Piano Festival in Karlskrona, Sweden, on



October 15, 2022, in the lovely performance venue at the Marine Museum. This will involve five or six musicians from various countries in Europe. The second will be a performance of André's piano concerto with a major orchestra, probably in Sweden, commemorating both David and André. (David's father immigrated to the United States in 1922 from Sweden, hence the Swedish connection.)

More information about the concert, see:
www.andretchaikowsky.com/concertpdf.pdf

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Goal: \$30,000 U.S., which breaks down (approximately) as follows:
\$15,000 for artist fees
\$5,000 for venues and publicity
\$10,000 for travel, lodging, and other expenses

A number of people are working on organizing and promoting the concerts, especially Anastasia Belina in Sweden, a dear friend of David, along with Eve Harrison in Great Britain. For information about the Karlskrona International Piano Festival see:
<https://www.anastasiabelina.com/karlskrona-international-piano-fest>

For all friends and relatives of David, for those who appreciate the musical genius of André Tchaikowsky, and for everyone who supports those who are due proper recognition, this GoFundMe campaign gives a chance to help make these concerts a reality. The worldwide pandemic has limited opportunities for performance musicians to ply their craft. Therefore, our intention is to pay all musicians at the usual scale for their performances (and the cost of travel, lodging, and meals). Thus, besides memorializing David, we will also be helping the musicians.

Please give to this fund rather than sending any other gift or memorial. Many thanks. Please note that this is a team effort. If you would like to be a team member to help promote this campaign, please contact Robert Ferré (robert@robertferre.com). Current team members:

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**Memorial
Concert**



David Ferré (1942-2020)
André Tchaikowsky (1935-1982)

**KARLSKRONA
INTERNATIONAL
PIANO FESTIVAL**

**Marine Museum
Karlskrona, Sweden**
15 October, 2022

www.andretchaikowsky.com

DAVID FERRÉ spent 38 of his 78 years championing André Tchaikowsky. A memorial concert is a well-deserved tribute for David's intrepid efforts.

Details: www.anastasiabelina.com



Contributions: www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-concerts-david-ferre-amp-andre-tchaikowsky

These illustrations are from a commemorative coaster to be given to all donors to the campaign.



About Karlskrona

Karlskrona is a Baroque city with wide streets and parade buildings. In 1998 UNESCO designated it as a World Heritage City. To wit: "Karlskrona is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a planned European war city. . . . Karlskrona is the best-preserved and most complete of those that remain. . . ."

Karlskrona is built on a number of islands. The center of the city is located on the island of Trossö, six kilometers out in the archipelago, whereas the entire city occupies some thirty islands. The Marine Museum is located on the island of Stumholmen.

Lonely Planet has good coverage for Karlskrona and all of Sweden. See: <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/sweden/smaland/karlskrona/top-things-to-do>. About the Marine Museum they say this:

The striking Marinmuseum is the national naval museum. Dive in for reconstructions of a battle deck in wartime, a hall full of fantastic figureheads, piles of model boats, and even some of the real thing – such as a minesweeper, the HMS Västervik and Sweden's royal sloop. There is also a pleasant restaurant. . . .



The concert venue is just behind the glass wall.

The following photos are from the Marine Museum website:



For a video of the Marine Museum, see:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptBioLv-3zM&feature=emb_logo



Karlskrona can also be reached by ferry from Poland and Germany. Gdynia in Poland, for example, has a choice of up to 17 ferry crossings per week taking a little more than ten hours. You can also take ferries to nearby cities. For more information, see:

https://www.directferries.com/ferry_to_karlskrona.htm

Driving: Karlskrona is 154 miles from Copenhagen, about a three hour drive. It can also be easily reached by train.

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For information about the Karlskrona International Piano Festival see:

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To leave or read written remembrances of David, see:
www.andrechaikowsky.com/remembrances.html



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