



Dear ROPA Delegates and Guests,

It is both a pleasure and an honor to welcome you all to San Francisco for the 2024 Conference of the Regional Orchestra Players Association! We're thrilled to have you join us here in our vibrant city for what promises to be an enriching and inspiring experience.

This conference is an important occasion for us to focus on enhancing the working lives of our fellow musicians. Your dedication to this mission is truly appreciated, and the relationships you build and insights you gain here will be instrumental in strengthening AFM Locals across the nation.

As a fellow orchestral musician, I understand the vital importance of the work you do in representing your colleagues as delegates and committee members. As we work together to face the challenges in our industry, we are going to become more and more dependent on your informed and dedicated efforts. We hope this will be a place to learn new things, be encouraged by your colleagues, meet old friends and make some new ones.

San Francisco in July is usually pleasant, with mild temperatures and plenty of sunshine. However, it's always good to dress in layers and be prepared for the occasional cool breeze or fog. The Parc 55 Hotel is ideally located just a short walk from a wealth of interesting and historic sites. While you're here, consider exploring:

- **Union Square:** A lively area filled with shops, theaters, and public art.
- **Chinatown:** One of the oldest and most storied neighborhoods in the city, offering great dining and cultural experiences.
- **The Embarcadero:** A picturesque waterfront area with stunning views of the Bay Bridge and the Ferry Building Marketplace.
- **The Golden Gate Park:** Home to the California Academy of Sciences and the de Young Museum.
- **The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA):** An impressive collection of contemporary art right in the heart of downtown.

For a broader look at what San Francisco has to offer, check out www.sftravel.com.

If you're in the mood for some live music, check out local venues for a chance to catch some great performances. Additionally, the San Francisco Giants will be hosting games at Oracle Park, which is a great way to enjoy some local sports action.

Once again, welcome to San Francisco! I hope you find the conference both productive and enjoyable, and I look forward to the impactful discussions and collaborations that lie ahead.

Kale Cumings, President
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