Marta S. Weeks to Receive Frost Legacy Award

The evening will begin with a VIP cocktail reception inside the “LIV” Nightclub at 6:30 p.m. The dinner and performance portion of the evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the spectacular Fontaine Ballroom. The “After-Dance” will begin at 10 p.m. in the Lounge.

Dean Berg said, “WinterWonderful! is undoubtedly the most beautiful and enchanting holiday event in South Florida. I hear all the time from attendees who tell me they never want to miss this evening. It is truly a night of goose bumps and beauty, as the warmth of the season fills the room, expressed as only music can express it. This year, we are thrilled to honor Jon Secada and Marta Weeks for their indelible contributions to our world.”

The Frost Choral Union, approximately 200 members strong, will perform as a unified choir and also as members of smaller ensembles including the Frost University Chorale (the premiere ensemble), Chamber Singers, Collegium Musicum, Women’s Chamber Ensemble, Women’s Chamber Chorale, and Malestrom. Joshua Habermann and Donald Oglesby will lead the choirs with additional assistance from choral conducting graduate teaching assistants. Director of Choral Studies Joshua Habermann said, “We are thrilled to showcase the Frost Choral Union and support the cause of raising funds for undergraduate scholarships for students at the Frost School of Music.”

Jon Secada is a multi-Grammy-winning vocalist, inspiring performer, songwriter, producer, and the engaging host of Latin American Idol. He graduated from the Frost School in 1983 and recently released a new CD titled Expressions that explores his jazz roots.

Reverend Marta S. Weeks is near and dear to the Frost School of Music. She is a multifaceted philanthropist and inspiring community leader. Reverend Weeks and her late husband, L. Austin Weeks, have provided significant philanthropic support for the University of Miami in many areas, including naming gifts for the Marta and Austin Weeks Music Library and Technology Center, the L. Austin Weeks Center for Recording and Performance, and many scholarships for music majors. Reverend Weeks served as Chairman of the University of Miami Board of Trustees, the first woman to hold this post, from 2007-2009.

Patti and Allan Herbert are the WinterWonderful! dinner chairs. Mr. Herbert said, “Patti and I are honored to serve as dinner chairs for WinterWonderful! We are thrilled to partner with the Frost School to help raise money for undergraduate scholarships through WinterWonderful! We are enthusiastic about Dean Berg’s vision for the Frost School of Music, knowing that an exciting future lies ahead.”

The Fontainebleau Hotel is located at 4441 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach. WinterWonderful! is a black-tie event. To order tickets, please call 305-284-6486.

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