



WINTER WONDERFUL GALA IS MUSIC TO THE EARS OF FUTURE STUDENTS
Philanthropists Donate for Undergraduate Scholarships

[The University of Miami Frost School of Music](#) holiday dinner, *Winter Wonderful*, will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at the newly renovated Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach. The funds raised will go towards scholarships for undergraduate Frost School students. Tickets are still available for the Black Tie event by calling 305-284-6486.

The Frost School has received generous donations from several philanthropists in support of the holiday extravaganza featuring the nearly 200-member Frost Chorale Union, the Mancini Institute Orchestra, and Grammy-award winning vocalist Jon Secada.

Sanford and Dolores Ziff, Chairman of the University of Miami Board of Trustees Dr. Phillip T. George and wife Judith, UM Trustee Judi Prokop Newman and husband Dr. Robert C. Newman, and UM Trustee Marta S. Weeks and husband Karl Wulf have all committed donations for Winter Wonderful. Thanks to their charity, the exclusive evening to celebrate the Frost School will be closer to meeting the goal of making a difference in the lives of aspiring musicians.

As part of the event, the Frost School will present Marta S. Weeks with the Frost Legacy Award, an award given to one who has elevated the arts through personal devotion and philanthropy.

"The Frost School of Music is honored by the generosity of our caring friends," Dean Berg said. "Our community is enriched by of their dedication to education and culture."

Dr. Sanford Ziff is a retired optometrist who is founder and former chairman of Sunglass Hut of America. He and his wife, Dolores, are generous supporters of UM. They have provided funds for the Sanford and Dolores Ziff and Family Endowed Scholarship at the Frost School of Music, the Dolores and Sanford Ziff Playground at the Linda Ray Center, as well as the Ziff Family Art Gallery and the Sanford L. Ziff Career Service Center at the School of Business Administration. Dr. Ziff is also a former member of the UM Citizens Board. He is associated with Dr. Philip Frost, Chairman of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc., and is in strategic corporate relations.

Dr. Phillip T. George has served on the UM Board of Trustees since 1989. He is a UM alumnus, M.D. 1965.

Dr. George is a retired plastic surgeon and private investor. He was co-founder and vice chairman of Trivest Inc., a middle market private equity firm. He has also been involved in the formation of multiple public and private enterprises. Dr. George has served as Trustee on multiple institutions, including Trustee of Ransom Everglades, member of Collectors Committee of the National Gallery of Art and Miami Art Museum, and member of UM's Hospital Board of Governors.

Marta S. Weeks is a multi-faceted philanthropist and inspiring community leader. 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 and the University of Miami. Reverend Weeks served as Chairman of the University of Miami Board of Trustees, the first woman to hold this post, from 2007-2009.

Judi Prokop Newman is president of the Newman Family Foundation in Denver, Colorado. Her husband, Dr. Robert C. Newman, is vice president of the Newman Family Foundation and the owner of Greenwood Gulch Ventures in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado. He is also co-founder and former director of J.D. Edwards, a software development company purchased by PeopleSoft, Inc. in 2003.

She and her husband helped fund the establishment of the University of Miami's Robert and Judi Prokop Newman Alumni Center, which will be the permanent home for UM's Alumni Association. Additionally, she helped fund the Judi Prokop Newman Information Resource Center at UM's School of Business Administration. She also serves as a UM Trustee and funds the Judi Prokop Newman Endowed Scholarship Fund.