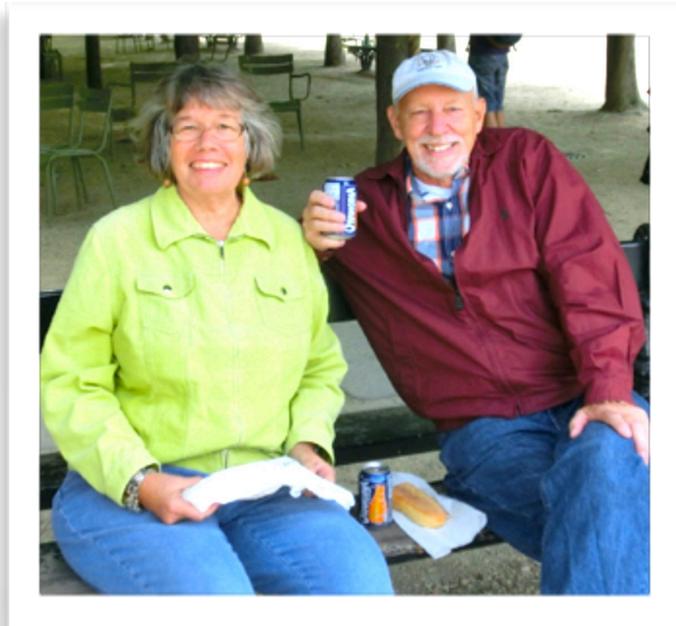




A Memorial Concert  
In Loving Memory of  
**DAVID FERRÉ**  
1942-2020



Kathy and David at Luxembourg Gardens in Paris

David Ferré was born on August 18, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts and passed away at age 78 on September 6, 2020, at home in Oro Valley, Arizona, attended by his wife Kathy Childs and daughter Corinna Ferré.

With a degree in electrical engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology, David worked for many years as a technical writer. But his real love was music. Although trained as a pilot, he spent part of his service in the Navy as piano accompanist to the Navy Choir. Rather than being a performer himself, he chose to serve in

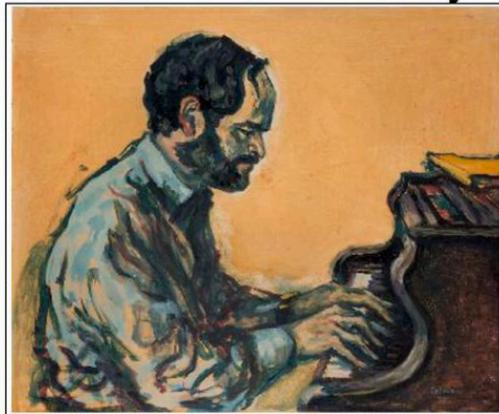
a number of capacities ranging from organ builder to volunteer at piano festivals to journalist documenting every participant in the Chopin Competition in Warsaw.

An avid concert goer, in 1980 David heard the talented but relatively unknown pianist André Tchaikowsky in concert in Rochester, New York. Two years later, he read that Tchaikowsky had died and bequeathed his skull to the Royal Shakespeare Company for use in performing Hamlet (which they accepted and used). Intrigued, David began what was to be a 38-year journey into the world of Andre Tchaikowsky, including writing a 300-page book, *The Other Tchaikowsky*, and establishing an extensive website. For a free copy of the book, see: <http://andretchaikowsky.com/biography/book/index.htm>.

David's pioneering research on behalf of Tchaikowsky as a composer and concert pianist was the spark that inspired others to pick up the torch of recognition leading to more books and several world premier's of Tchaikowsky's music.

It is fitting that we are organizing a memorial concert in David's honor featuring music by André Tchaikowsky and others. It is to be held in Sweden on October 15, 2022, as part of the Karlskrona International Piano Festival, organized by impresario Anastasia Belina, a dear friend of David's. Additional events may also take place if funding is available. (David's father immigrated to the United States from Sweden in 1922.)

## The Other Tchaikowsky



A biographical sketch of André Tchaikowsky

David A. Ferré

**Memorial  
Concert**



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

**KARLSKRONA  
INTERNATIONAL  
PIANO FESTIVAL**

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

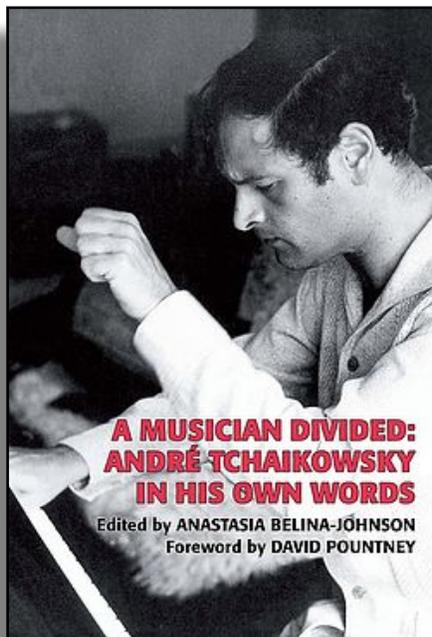
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**DAVID FERRÉ spent 38 of his 78 years championing André Tchaikowsky. A memorial concert is a well-deserved tribute for David's intrepid efforts.**

**Details: [www.anastasiabelina.com](http://www.anastasiabelina.com)**



**Contributions: [www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-concerts-david-ferre-amp-andre-tchaikowsky](http://www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-concerts-david-ferre-amp-andre-tchaikowsky)**



The above two illustrations are the front and back of a commemorative coaster that shows Anastasia Belina in the concert venue at the Marine Museum, where David's memorial concert will be held. During a concert it is not uncommon to watch ships pass by. Along the windows are figureheads from the bows of ancient ships.

A close friend of David, Anastasia has made a significant effort in the revival of interest in André Tchaikowsky. She has written two books about André and appeared in the documentary film *Rebel of the Keys*. For more information about her, André and the festival, see: [www.anastasiabelina.com](http://www.anastasiabelina.com).

Below is Karlskrona, Sweden. The festival concert will be held in the Marine Museum, which is the long white building in the lower left of this photo. This is fitting, as the Naval area of Karlskrona is a World Heritage Site, a classification given to the world's greatest architectural treasures. The Naval Port of Karlskrona, situated on a Baltic Sea archipelago in south-eastern Sweden, is an extremely well-preserved example of a naval city. Founded in 1680 by King Karl XI (the name means Karl's Crown) and planned from the outset as a naval city, Karlskrona was built as a new base for the fleet of Sweden, a major sea power at that time. For more photos of the city and the museum see: [www.andretchaikowsky.com/GoFundMepdf.pdf](http://www.andretchaikowsky.com/GoFundMepdf.pdf).



One of the performers will be Anastasia's husband Peter Jablonski, an award-winning internationally acclaimed Swedish pianist. Peter began his recording career on Decca at age seventeen. Anastasia and Peter founded the Karlskrona International Piano Festival in 2019. Listen to his performance on YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7cna5EhtN8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7cna5EhtN8&feature=emb_logo).



Above: Anastasia Belina and Peter Jablonski.



David and his wife Kathy Childs participated in numerous world premier events featuring compositions of André Tchaikowsky. Above is a panel at the premier of André's opera, *The Merchant of Venice*. It seems like it was just yesterday, but it was in July of 2013. In the photo above, from left to right: Martin Anderson, the publisher of books about André and the director of Toccata Classics and Toccata Press; Anastasia Belina, author of two books about André and organizer of the memorial concert; Aleksader Laskowsky, who works for the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw; and David Ferré.



Left: David and Kathy in their front row seats at the world premier of André's opera, *The Merchant of Venice* in Switzerland (2013).

## IMPORTANT LINKS

You can help make this memorial concert possible. We are raising funds to cover the cost of performers, travel, venue, and other expenses. Please contribute generously in David's honor to this event.

Donation link: <https://gf.me/u/y7qcah>

More information: [www.andretchaikowsky.com/GoFundMepdf.pdf](http://www.andretchaikowsky.com/GoFundMepdf.pdf)

David's musical legacy includes his extensive website about André Tchaikowsky where you can listen to recordings, download his book, and read about this musician who so inspired David. See: [www.andretchaikowsky.com](http://www.andretchaikowsky.com)

David organized a second website in which he documented his life with his wife Kathy. For information about the family, their activities and travels, see: [www.davidandkathy.com](http://www.davidandkathy.com)

We are posting commemorative offerings by David's friends, relatives, colleagues, and acquaintances at the following link. To see these loving memories, go to:

[www.andretchaikowsky.com/remembrances.html](http://www.andretchaikowsky.com/remembrances.html)

To be included in the remembrance pages, please send your message and/or photos to me, Robert Ferré, at:

[robert@robertferre.com](mailto:robert@robertferre.com).

For details about the concert and the festival, see:

[www.anastasiabelina.com](http://www.anastasiabelina.com)

For more information about Karlskrona, see:

<http://www.visitkarlskrona.se/sv>

Thank you for your interest and support in remembering David Ferré.

Kathy Childs (wife)

Robert Ferré (brother)