

The mission of the Racine Symphony Orchestra is **To Enrich, Educate and Entertain** our communities through the power of music. I am proud to say that with support from many, we continue this mission for our 86th season! The RSO is going strong and looking to the future with no sign of slowing down!

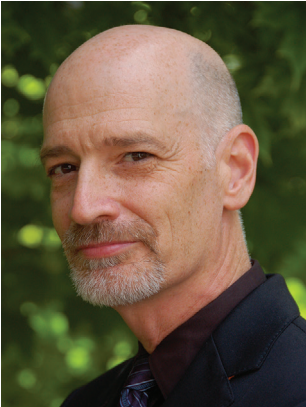


Your financial support is very important to the continued success of the RSO, but so is your outreach! Please share your wonderful concert experiences with your friends and family. Help us spread the word via social media, and other outlets. Let's let everyone know how lucky we are to have a gem like the Racine Symphony Orchestra in our community for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for supporting the Racine Symphony Orchestra.

Tammy Leverich
President, Board of Directors

86 years of
**Enrichment,
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Entertainment**



In 1932, 86 years ago, the Racine Symphony Orchestra was founded in the depths of the Great Depression. Community leaders, musicians and patrons rallied to create an ensemble so that great music could be experienced in our own hometown. It is rare for orchestras to reach this age, but with longevity, we have not become complacent. My artistic vision is to build on our foundation of quality programming so that the next generation can hear the glorious musical masterworks from classics to pops. What a legacy we have been accorded by those who could never have imagined life in the 21st century. As different as the world is now, a common element in our shared experience is our love of great music. Continuing this tradition is a great privilege and with it, a great responsibility. I am grateful for all our donors who have helped sustain this Orchestra, in good times and bad. As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to the future. Your support helps ensure that the music will go on and on.

Pasquale Laurino
Artistic Director and Conductor



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ENRICH



“Racine is extraordinarily fortunate in being able to enjoy an orchestra the caliber of the Racine Symphony. With authority and attention to musical detail, the director, Maestro Laurino has melded and shaped the orchestra’s players into a cohesive musical unit deserving of high praise. Additionally, he easily engages the audience with his commentary. The Racine Symphony Orchestra is passionate in its deep commitment to enhancing the musical culture of Southeastern Wisconsin. We would do well to invest ourselves in their continued success.”

Frances Bedford
Emeritus Professor of Music
University of Wisconsin - Parkside

“At a time when the arts are under assault for being irrelevant, there could not be a greater need for music to help still the mind and nourish the soul. There is a reason why it is called ‘classical music’ – it transcends the generations.”

Anonymous Long-Time Supporter
of the RSO

EDUCATE



“Being able to work and perform with an orchestra was an absolutely amazing experience, and I’m so glad that I was able to do it with a talented group like the Racine Symphony. I learned so much from working with Maestro Laurino and members of the orchestra, who were all extremely friendly and supportive. I’m incredibly thankful that they gave me the opportunity to do this.”

Matthew Udry
2017 Young Artist Competition Winner

“Performing with RSO in the side-by-side concert was one of the greatest opportunities I’ve had. The repertoire was challenging, and the rehearsals even more challenging. Being able to perform on stage with a professional orchestra is an experience I will not soon forget.”

Ellie Luttermann
2017 Side-by-Side Participant

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ENTERTAIN



“As patrons of the RSO for more than 25 years, my husband and I have been delighted to hear wonderfully talented and trained musicians under inspired direction play music that has been, in turn, thrilling, soothing, challenging, heart-breaking, heart-warming, and ultimately fulfilling. We look forward with great anticipation to RSO concerts, whether Masterworks or Pops.”

Andrea and Carl Bumpers
Long Time Patrons of the RSO

The *vision* of the Racine Symphony Orchestra is to provide outstanding music that touches the soul of the community.

The *mission* of the Racine Symphony Orchestra is to enrich, educate, and entertain our communities through the power of music.

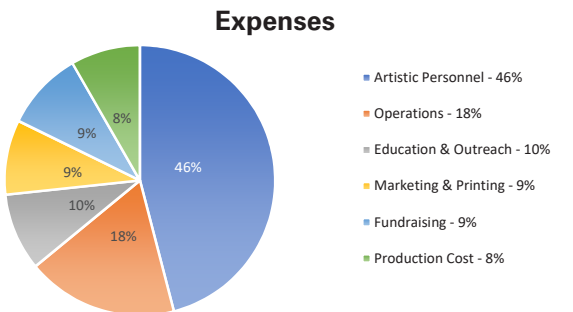
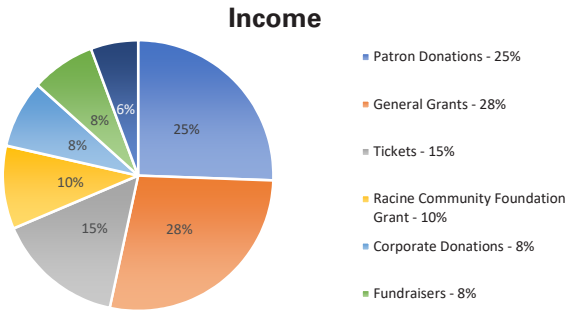
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For more information on these giving options please contact the RSO office at 262-636-9285 or info@racinesymphony.org.



2016 – 2017 Annual Budget: \$252,000