Pasquale Laurino, Artistic Director

Dear Racine Symphony Orchestra Patron

Why do we celebrate birthdays as we get older? Perhaps it is because we know things can improve with age or we believe surviving and thriving deserve appropriate acknowledgement. Whatever the reason, we hope that you will join us as we celebrate turning 85 years young! Over the decades we have counted on patron and community support to fund our programs – this year is no different. Please, consider a donation to the Racine Symphony Orchestra today.

# Our Wish List

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Like a person with so many years under their belt, we don't need things. What we do need are experiences! Your donations fund concert and educational program experiences for thousands in Southeastern Wisconsin. While we rely on income from six diverse streams, patron donations comprise a significant portion at over 30%. We need ongoing patron support to sustain the high caliber of our concerts and educational programs.

#### Fruit of the Month Club

Okay, so we are not asking for ripe tropical fruit deliveries in the middle of winter. But, in a similar vein, for those who prefer to spread out their donations, we offer monthly giving programs. Other options include directed donations to a specific program or instrumental chair, music purchases and estate donations.

### Let Them Eat Cake

Did you know that the Symphony reaches music consumers from preschool age up through senior citizens? Our musicians are honored to deliver Pops and Masterworks programs, as well as seven distinct music education programs to Racine residents. Of our seven music education programs — Young Artists' Competition, Side-by-Side Youth Invitational, Artist-in-Residence, All County Holiday Chorus, Concert for Fifth Grade Students, PreConcert Conversations and the Middle School Mentorship Program – six are offered to participants completely free of charge! To sustain these enriching and worthwhile programs, we rely substantially on the generosity of you, our patrons.

### Blow Out the Candles and Make a Wish

Your donation does not go to the Symphony per se, but to the deliverance and execution of our culturally-enriching concerts and fantastic music education programs. We are asking you for a gift, on this, our 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, not to us, but to the entire Racine community. Please, support our wish of continuing to bring concerts and educational programs to thousands in the Racine community.

## And the Symphony Played On

We at the Racine Symphony Orchestra are thrilled to be celebrating our 85 Anniversary Season with you, our patrons and the entire Racine Community. We look to you to help sustain the concert music that Entertains, music education programs that Educate and the Symphony programs that Enrich the fine communities in which we live and serve. Join us as we strive for another 85 years!

Sincerely

Donna Lyons **Executive Director**  Tammy Leverich President, Board of Directors