

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 85th season! The RSO is going strong and looking to the future with no sign of slowing down!



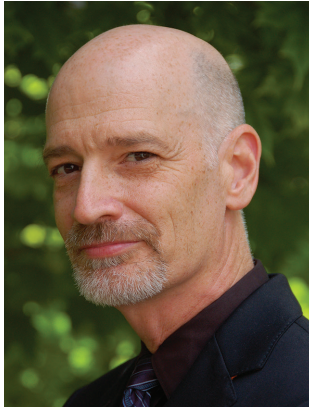
As part of our 85th Anniversary celebration, a very generous anonymous donor has challenged us to match their donation of \$42,500 for a total of \$85,000, a thousand for each of our 85 years! This is an incredible opportunity for you to be a part of our celebration by contributing to our match challenge!

No matter which component of the RSO you love most, the educational outreach programs, the Pops or Masterworks concerts, or guest performances – they are all possible due to the amazing support of our donors.

The RSO has many ways for you to give including the option to designate your donation to a specific program such as the Middle School Mentorship Program, which brings RSO musicians Racine County middle schools for individualized and small group instrumental music instruction. Whether you contribute annually or are a first time donor, the RSO has several options from which to choose. Donations are also accepted online by visiting our website www.racinesymphony.org

Thank you for supporting the Racine Symphony Orchestra. We are proud to call Racine our home and heart and we look forward to sharing 85 more years of beautiful music with all of you.

Tammy Leverich
President, Board of Directors



In 1932, 85 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 milestone, 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



Flash back to over forty years ago.... I am in the process of moving to start a career. I have trained to be an arts teacher, and it is important that my new community support the arts. Specifically, I believe the art of music can enhance and enrich our lives. I want to live and work in a community which believes that music helps us thrive.

I consider, look into and research various locations. Through a friend I learn that Racine has one of the oldest continuously operating symphonies in Wisconsin, a Theatre Guild and a wonderful Art Museum. I come for a music position in an innovative school, but my life is richer because organizations like the Racine Symphony exist in my town. My students' lives are better because the Orchestra reaches out to them through student concerts and the fact that musicians live and teach in their community. My neighbors' lives are enhanced because they can choose from an array of Chamber, Pops or Masterworks concerts to fill their cultural yearnings. My community's life is magical because the Orchestra represents it when the tall ships appear, when festival halls need dedicating, when summer downtown nights need that mix of fog horns and pops to be festive, when significant events need that emphatic musical exclamation point!

Whether you are 3 or 93, music stays in your soul forever. The Racine Symphony Orchestra can stir old tunes or play new songs. Continuously. For 85 years and counting the music has never stopped. The Racine Symphony Orchestra awaits - right now - to give you musical wealth and touch all of our souls. Doesn't that deserve a fanfare of support and an encore from us all?

Pat Badger
Principal Trumpet – Racine Symphony Orchestra

EDUCATE



Each year the Racine Symphony Orchestra finds new ways to continue to support music education throughout the greater Racine community. The goal is to provide additional resources to local schools in support of quality music education programs which enhance the classroom experience. Indeed, deliverance of music education programs for “students” of all ages, a key component of the RSO’s mission statement, is accomplished through seven distinct music education programs. This year I am thrilled to be a part of the Middle School Mentorship Program. My role, which I happily volunteered for, involves working with instrumental music students individually or in small groups on skill development, competition preparation, confidence building and motivation to continue instrumental music study.

The annual Concert for Fifth Grade Students has provided outstanding interactive orchestral experiences for the students of Racine County for over five decades! The Artist-in Residence program brings professional musicians into schools and other facilities to share their knowledge and talent. The guest artist tailors each performance to meet the needs of the audience which ranges from preschoolers to residents of nursing homes. Additional programs the RSO offers include the Young Artists’ Competition, Side-by-Side Youth Invitational, High School Holiday Chorus and Pre-Concert Conversations. Financial support for all of the educational programming of the Racine Symphony Orchestra provides a wealth of return in the education of students throughout OUR Racine community. Please give generously to this important mission.

Darlene Rivest
Violin – Racine Symphony Orchestra

ENTERTAIN



Attending the Racine Symphony Pops Concerts in the summer and at Christmas time always makes for a perfect evening of fantastic music and relaxing time with friends. We have been enjoying these beautiful events for years now, and we are never disappointed. Festival Hall is a great venue and parking is so convenient. Whether we purchase food there, or bring it in “potluck” style, we always make an evening of memories with our friends. How fortunate we are to have this thriving organization right here in Racine! We donate annually to ensure that our Orchestra will continue to provide beautiful music for years to come, grateful that our lives are so much richer for the experience.

Mary Sue and Gary Langendorf

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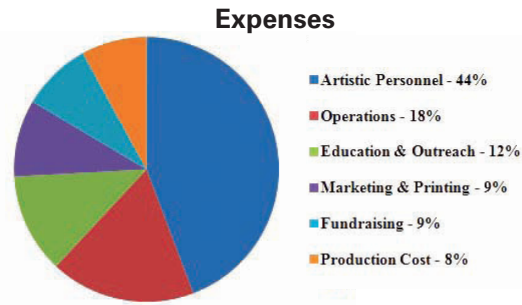
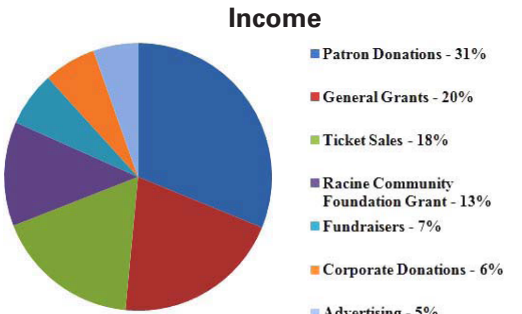
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Honor a loved one with a gift to the RSO. Your name and theirs will be noted under the appropriate category in program inserts and in the season program book.

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Make your dollars go further by asking your employer to match your donation to the RSO. Many companies offer this option since the RSO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Wills & Estates
Keep your legacy alive by including the RSO in your estate plans and will.

Monthly Pledges
Spread out your gift-giving over the year with this new option. Contact the RSO office to set up monthly pledges.

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



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