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Stéphane Denève : Music Director

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Letter from the Music Director

Chers amis,

I want to thank you for your warm and unwavering support in my fourth year as The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director. Shaping new experiences with this orchestra and our Symphony and IN UNISON Choruses brings me great joy, and I am very proud of the work we do together. Your involvement in these efforts is tremendously important to me, and I am grateful for all the ways you engage with our institution.

The 2022/2023 season was a journey to reconnect with new and returning audiences in transformed ways. Your thunderous ovation at the *bon voyage* concert on March 16, 2023, before our European tour, remains one of the great experiences of my career in St. Louis—standing on the Powell Hall stage with our remarkable musicians, about to embark on an epic journey to play on the prestigious stages of Vienna, Brussels, Eindhoven, Amsterdam, and Madrid, serving as proud ambassadors of our beloved St. Louis.

Music is a universal language with the power to transport us, and my vision for this season was to carry you to special places: a landscape in Scotland, dances in India, mountains in Bohemia, and nature spirits in Peru. I am proud of the palette of composers we presented all season, adding to the tremendous new repertoire our orchestra has commissioned and nurtured in the past 50 years. As we stretch the boundaries of symphonic music, we remain committed to music of all times and to creating experiences that engage you in unexpected ways. I am proud of the SLSO's investment in education and

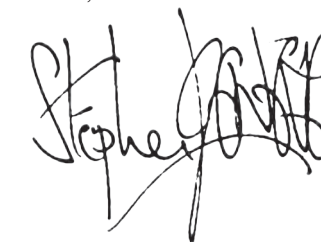
community, offering opportunities for all to learn and participate.

I would like to thank all the musicians for their talented contributions, generous playing, and dedicated work preparing such thrilling repertoire. The last two programs of our season together, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and Berlioz's *The Damnation of Faust*, were a testament to their remarkable virtuosity. I am indebted to our Board and the many supporters who sustain one of the finest orchestras here, in St. Louis, and to our administrative team and Symphony Volunteer Association, who work tirelessly to make the SLSO a space where everyone can belong. St. Louis has warmly welcomed me and my family as we established roots as first-time St. Louisans and embraced the many facets of this remarkable community. I particularly love attending concerts that I am not conducting—a unique opportunity not often given to a music director!

It is a great honor to celebrate music without boundaries and treasure its limitless power with you.

Merci de tout coeur,

Yours,



Stéphane Denève

*The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer
Music Director*



Stéphane Denève

Letter from the President and CEO

Dear Members and Friends of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra,

Thank you for being a valued part of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's musical family. Your generosity fuels our mission to enrich lives through the power of music. With your continued support during the 22/23 season, we served more than 153,000 people at live concerts, and more than one million through a combination of events, digital programs, education and community engagement, broadcasts, and tours.

From September until June, our superb musicians, under the energetic and visionary leadership of Stéphane Denève, The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director, shaped many remarkable experiences at our home in Powell Hall and throughout the region, joining with many of today's leading artists, composers, and conductors to make St. Louis a driving force in our music industry. Notable world and U.S. premieres, along with our ongoing collaborations with the Pulitzer Arts Foundation and Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, offered an unparalleled platform for our musicians to engage audiences in the discovery and enjoyment of new repertoire. Exceptional musical experiences didn't stop there however. In March 2023, the orchestra represented our city, state, and country on an international tour of several European cultural capitals with performances acclaimed by audiences and critics alike—an emphatic highlight of the season.

The long-awaited expansion and renovation of our beloved home began

in March. This project shapes the future of the SLSO—transforming the audience and artist experience, preserving Powell Hall as a civic asset, creating greater education and community partnership opportunities, and making music more accessible for all. I am deeply thankful to our Board leadership, major donors, and project team for their work in realizing this monumental undertaking.

Educational programming, and our evolving partnerships with teachers and their students, remains a cornerstone of the SLSO's mission. I am proud that more than 330,000 students and 1,500 teachers in our region, across the country, and globally, engaged with our robust portfolio of education programs and resources in the 22/23 season.

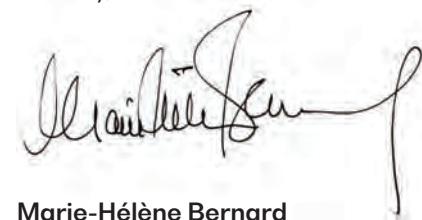
We continue to sharpen our focus on creating greater access for all to the art of symphonic music. The equity, diversity, and inclusion action plan adopted in 2023, after being identified as a key priority back in 2016, builds on long-held SLSO values to create a sense of belonging for SLSO audiences and constituents. Our new SLSO ACCESS program provided more than 3,000 complimentary tickets to clients of social service agencies in a bold strategic alliance. Our diverse programming—from classical favorites to films, to cross-genre collaborations with recording artists and observances of holidays like our inaugural celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—welcomed people from all walks of life to experience our orchestra.

For the fiscal year ending August 31, the SLSO reported a small operating loss of \$60,000, an extraordinary achievement given the continued challenges stemming from the pandemic. Audiences returning to the live concert experience, generous charitable giving, and strong expense management by the administration all contributed to lessening the projected deficit.

As I begin my ninth season at the helm of this institution, I am profoundly grateful to you, our community of supporters, for sustaining a leading American orchestra here in St. Louis. Our organization benefits greatly from the steadfast and inspiring leadership of our Board Chair Steve Finerty; the forward-thinking vision and thoughtful guidance of our Board and Advisory Council; and the remarkable artistry and dedication that Music Director Stéphane Denève, the musicians of the SLSO, and the St. Louis Symphony and IN UNISON Chorus members bring to our stages for you and for all who experience the power of music with the SLSO. With our talented staff and Symphony Volunteer Association, they make the SLSO one of the finest music organizations in the country.

We are entering an exciting new chapter in the history of the SLSO with you by our side. We are energized by your continued engagement in all we do and by your trust in our treasured institution. From all of us at your St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, thank you.

Warmly,



Marie-Hélène Bernard
President and CEO

“I am profoundly grateful to you, our community of supporters, for sustaining a leading American orchestra here in St. Louis.”

Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

This season, we were honored to share many extraordinary musical moments with you. Your support—through financial contributions, attendance at concerts and events, and volunteerism—sustained our institution's momentum. As we navigated the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for their clarity and leadership. I commend the entire SLSO team who make our concerts top cultural events in the region.

I congratulate our family of artists for a season of remarkable accomplishments. Our two choruses inspired audiences with their signature skill, and our orchestra remains a leading symphonic ensemble thanks to the dedication and remarkable talents of our musicians. I was especially proud of the overwhelming reception of our orchestra during their five-city

European tour. Our Symphony Volunteer Association selflessly supports all of these projects and more. I thank SVA President Kent McNeil for his great leadership during the past two years, which resulted in national recognition from the League of American Orchestras, and I welcome incoming SVA President Debbie Dillon.

It was with great anticipation that we began the renovation and expansion of Powell Hall this season. The SLSO already triggers \$100 million of economic activity each year, and this transformative project will fortify our position as an economic engine for the region. With your support, we are privileged to invest in making our home a cornerstone for music, innovation, and community in the region. I sincerely thank the donors who have supported this essential project so far, and I am especially grateful to Emily Rauh Pulitzer

for her vision as the chair of the Powell Hall Task Force. It has been an honor to work with Marie-Hélène and the entire team whose remarkable leadership, hard work, and dedication will make this ambitious effort a reality.

As we enter this exciting new era, I am also grateful to Stéphane Denève, The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director, whose collaborative spirit, warm and welcoming character, and deep artistic integrity will help guide our institution into the future.

Thank you again.



Steve Finerty
Chair, Board of Trustees



Steve Finerty, Marie-Hélène Bernard, Stéphane Denève

“Thank you for one of the most memorable live music experiences I’ve ever had.”
—SLSO patron



Our Impact



3,358 free tickets provided to partner organizations through SLSO ACCESS

7,000 people experienced the SLSO live in concerts at 5 European venues in 4 countries

329,000 students and 1,500 teachers directly impacted by SLSO education programming

49 states and 9 countries reached through SLSO education programming

84,680 students, teachers, and families in the region engaged with education and family programs

1 million+

people experienced the SLSO live, in education and community programs, on tour, and through digital programs and media broadcasts

100+

 live performances, including:

51 classical concerts

4 Live at the Pulitzer programs

37 film, holiday, and special concerts

5 European tour concerts

19 education and family concerts

3 Youth Orchestra concerts

19 community concerts

17 choral concerts



Musical Momentum

Artistic Highlights of the Season

Throughout the 22/23 season, SLSO musicians and guest artists reached across genres and generations to transcend boundaries and create a sense of harmony.



World and U.S. premieres

Continuing a long tradition of expanding the orchestral music landscape through the performance of new music, we gave three world premieres during the season—Pulitzer Prize-winner Kevin Puts' Concerto for Orchestra, inspired by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman's poetry; a piece by James Lee III depicting the Indigenous Mississippian culture of nearby Cahokia; and Guillaume Connesson's otherworldly space-themed *Astéria*. Violinist Leila Josefowicz brought her signature musical daring to the U.S. premiere of Helen Grime's Violin Concerto, a piece she said "isn't sorry to make a fuss."



Acclaimed guest artists

We collaborated with a roster of internationally acclaimed artists from the opening program through the unforgettable season finale. Vocalist and flutist Nathalie Joachim filled Powell Hall with the sounds of the women of Haiti. Pianists Kirill Gerstein, Stephen Hough, Hélène Grimaud, and Víkingur Ólafsson left audiences spellbound. Violinist James Ehnes recorded Leonard Bernstein's *Serenade* (after Plato's *Symposium*) with the orchestra. And Jeanine De Bique, one of opera's finest sopranos, made her SLSO debut with rarely performed Francis Poulenc works.



Forest Park

We kicked off our 143rd season with the annual Forest Park concert, in memory of Mary Ann Lee. Some 15,000 St. Louisans filled Art Hill for an evening of classical favorites, beloved movie themes, and fireworks—a celebratory night for the community.



Choruses shine

The artistry of our two resident choruses shined throughout the season, from the St. Louis Symphony Chorus' dramatic and heartrending performances of Francis Poulenc's *Stabat Mater* and Felix Mendelssohn's *The First Walpurgis Night*, to the IN UNISON Chorus' uplifting Gospel Christmas (with Sheléa) and Lift Every Voice (featuring Kennedy Holmes) concerts.



Music across genres

Musicians displayed their versatility through unique collaborations with artists across multiple genres. Singer-songwriter Gabriel Kahane joined us for a Crafted concert that paired his original music with Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. A partnership with The Muny produced a touching tribute to the prolific composer Stephen Sondheim. And concerts with the Indigo Girls and Natalie Merchant brought audiences to their feet.



Music of today

SLSO musicians performed more than 40 pieces by living composers throughout the season, underscoring our commitment to the future of the orchestral artform. From full symphonic works by Reena Esmail and Mason Bates to solo and chamber performances in collaboration with the Pulitzer Arts Foundation, 33 living composers had their music performed.



The Damnation of Faust

"The SLSO musicians and chorus delivered it all," said music critic Chuck Lavazzi of the final classical performances of the season, Hector Berlioz's *The Damnation of Faust*. Stéphane assembled a dream cast for these monumental performances, including the SLSO debut of opera superstar Isabel Leonard, Missouri native Michael Spyres, and celebrated basses John Relyea and Patrick Guetti.



Film favorites

Powell Hall transformed into an exciting venue for presentations of beloved films, including *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Black Panther* as the orchestra performed the scores, connecting generations to the power of live music.



Opera Theatre

Our enduring partnership with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis continued for a 45th season, as the SLSO served as the resident orchestra for four operatic productions, including a reimagining of Scott Joplin's *Treemonisha* and Carlisle Floyd's *Susannah*, led by former Resident Conductor Gemma New.

European Tour

Serving as Musical Ambassadors

“We are an international orchestra. With this tour, we became great ambassadors, showing Europe what St. Louis is all about.”

—Music Director Stéphane Denève

For the first time since 2017, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra musicians packed their instruments and took their talents on an international tour. Led by Stéphane, the orchestra embarked on a four-country, five-city tour of Europe March 23–31, representing St. Louis at some of the world’s top concert venues.

The tour—the SLSO’s first European visit with Stéphane—included stops at some of the continent’s most-celebrated concert halls and cities famous for their historic ties to classical music. In addition to performing at the Vienna Konzerthaus in Vienna, Austria, the orchestra visited Brussels, Belgium, where they played

the concluding concert of the annual Klara Festival. The SLSO also traveled to Eindhoven, the Netherlands; Amsterdam, where they performed at the renowned Concertgebouw, one of the world’s top symphonic venues; and Madrid, Spain.

Víkingur Ólafsson, one of the world’s most sought-after pianists, joined the orchestra on the tour, performing Edvard Grieg’s timeless Piano Concerto. The orchestra shined in performances of virtuosic music by Sergei Prokofiev and Sergei Rachmaninoff, plus rousing encores by Leonard Bernstein and Georges Bizet.



The SLSO’s European tour was made possible by the generous support of the William T. Kemper Foundation, Steve and Linda Finerty, Isabelle and Jean-Paul Montupet, Kathleen Clucas, Mr. and Mrs. Barry H. Beracha, Ms. Phoebe Dent Weil, and Marjorie M. Ivey.

Stéphane Denève leads the orchestra in Madrid, Spain



“There was a great excitement and pride within the orchestra to showcase what St. Louis offers in terms of its cultural assets—the warm, generous sound of our orchestra, elevated on the world stage.”

—David Halen, Concertmaster

Thursday, March 16
Powell Hall, St. Louis

Sunday, March 26
Final concert of the Klara Festival, BOZAR, Centre of Fine Arts, Brussels

Tuesday, March 28
Concertgebouw, Amsterdam

Thursday, March 23
Konzerthaus, Vienna

Monday, March 27
Muziekgebouw, Eindhoven, the Netherlands

Thursday, March 30
Auditorio Nacional de Música, Madrid

Musical Dedication

Celebrating Our Musicians

The dedication and creativity of the SLSO's orchestra and choruses captivate and transport audiences.

Welcome, new musicians

Music Director Stéphane Denève appointed four new, skilled musicians for the 22/23 season. In addition to lending their artistry to symphonic programs, each musician contributed to the orchestra's many education and outreach events.



Julia Paine



Kevin Ritenauer



Matthew Roitstein



Alejandro Valdepeñas

Julia Paine

Second Bassoon

Julia, a graduate of the University of Miami and the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, filled the seat of long-time second bassoonist Felicia Foland. She quickly became involved in the SLSO's longstanding education programs, recording with colleagues a new digital education program slated for release in fall 2023.

Kevin Ritenauer

Associate Principal Timpani/ Section Percussion

Kevin joined the SLSO following four seasons as a percussion fellow at the New World Symphony. In addition to performing across all parts of the percussion section, Kevin performed at a Live at the Pulitzer concert, SLSO Celebrates, and presented to the Board of Trustees. He filled the position held by Tom Stubbs for 51 years.

Matthew Roitstein

Principal Flute

Coming to the SLSO from the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Matthew was appointed to the seat held by one of his mentors—long-time SLSO Principal Flutist Mark Sparks. In addition to his “brilliantly shining” playing (KDHX), Matthew performed at a Live at the Pulitzer concert and joined the IN UNISON Chorus for a moving tribute to Dr. Robert Ray.

Alejandro Valdepeñas

Associate Principal Viola

Originally from Toronto, Alejandro has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as a chamber and orchestral musician, performing with many orchestras, opera companies, and summer festivals. In addition to serving as Principal Viola during the SLSO's European tour, he also joined colleagues at a Live at the Pulitzer performance. He filled the seat held by long-time Associate Principal Violist Kathleen Mattis.

Thank you, retiring musicians

One of the many things that makes the SLSO special is the long tenure and personal dedication of its musicians. Two musicians retired at the end of the season following decades of service to our orchestra and community.

Christopher Carson

Assistant Principal Double Bass

Chris joined the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in 1974 and performed under the baton of six Music Directors. During his 49-year tenure, he served on various committees, including the Orchestra Council. Chris was the only current musician on the 2023 European tour who attended the orchestra's first international tour in 1976.

Thomas Drake

Associate Principal Trumpet

Tom served as Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, and Acting Principal Trumpet with the SLSO since he joined the orchestra in 1987. Tom was an active committee participant in his 36 years with the SLSO and helped produce and edit the orchestra's National Public Radio broadcasts in the late 1990s.



Christopher Carson



Tom Drake

The SLSO also congratulates **Barbara Berner** on her retirement after 25 years as Artistic Director of The St. Louis Children's Choirs. Barbara prepared SLCC's singers for more than 95 SLSO performances with 17 different conductors. Her collaboration with the SLSO and Stéphane Denève on *The Damnation of Faust* marked her final performance with the SLSO.



Stephanie Childress

Bon voyage, Stephanie Childress

Over the past two seasons, Assistant Conductor Stephanie Childress strengthened her reputation as a musician with the highest standards; an empathetic leader; and a conductor with poise, grace, and a deep connection to the music. In 2023 she concluded her tenure as SLSO Assistant Conductor and Music Director of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. Audiences got to know Stephanie through the wide variety of programs she led, including classical concerts of audience favorites like Antonín Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 and Edward Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, introduction of new works like Jessie Montgomery's *Rounds* and Oswald Huynh's *Gia Dinh*, film concerts, collaborations with artists including Ben Folds, Crafted concerts, the annual New Year's Eve Celebration, and more.

On working with Music Director Stéphane Denève:

“He's truly one of the biggest influences in my life. He's such a generous mentor, and I know that will continue.”

On touring with the orchestra:

“It was such a special experience—seeing the orchestra I love so much in my home territory. I got to show them off, and audiences across Europe saw why I love them so much.”

On her favorite film to conduct:

“I conducted *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *Star Wars*, and *Up*, but *Raiders of the Lost Ark* was my favorite.”

On what she'll miss about St. Louis:

“I loved it when audience members would come up and talk to me or just say hello. It was such a joy hearing from you and getting to know you all. I had the best burger of my life at O'Connell's.”

On what's next:

“Next season is a good mixture of symphonic and operatic work on both sides of the Atlantic. I want to continue working in the United States since it's given me so much. I feel like my career truly started here, in St. Louis.”

Education and Community Achievements

Grounded in our commitment to education, the SLSO cultivates meaningful relationships throughout the region and beyond.



Tiny Tunes for Pre-K students

Educational impact

Advancing a strategic priority of educational impact, we engaged with more than 330,000 students and teachers in 49 states and eight countries, a 33 percent increase over the previous season. Placed squarely at the center of our education model, more than 1,500 teachers benefitted from our robust and growing portfolio of programs, resources, and training.



Tiny Tunes for Pre-K students



James MacMillan



Massamba Diop

Guest artist engagement

Guest artists ventured beyond the concert stage to share their expertise with students in the community. Composer and conductor James MacMillan's visit included an engaging composition workshop at Ladue High School, home to many members of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. Massamba Diop, who performed the talking drum at performances of *Black Panther*, visited Sumner High School to demonstrate the sound world of Wakanda.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. tribute

Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In a poignant celebration, singers from the St. Louis Symphony and IN UNISON Choruses united with the orchestra, Music Director Stéphane Denève, and IN UNISON Chorus Director Kevin McBeth for a tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The concert featured a powerful performance of local composer Adam Maness' *Divides that Bind* overlaid with the words of Dr. King.

Celebration of Dr. Robert Ray

More than 200 singers from several choruses, including our IN UNISON Chorus, lifted their voices in song and celebration of Dr. Robert Ray, the founding director of the IN UNISON Chorus and an influential composer, devoted musician, and mentor to many. The touching tribute included music championed by Ray and music he composed.



Stephanie Childress and the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Youth Orchestra

More than 100 young musicians from 40 schools were selected for the 22/23 St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. Led by YO Music Director Stephanie Childress, the orchestra impacted more than 5,700 people through three free concerts at Powell Hall, including performances of Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* and Antonín Dvořák's *Symphony No. 9*. YO Founder and SLSO Conductor Laureate Leonard Slatkin also led the musicians in a special master class.



IN UNISON Chorus at FBCC

Juneteenth

We collaborated with First Baptist Church of Chesterfield (FBCC), one of our longtime IN UNISON partner churches, and Saint Louis County Parks to create a comprehensive day of learning and exploration in celebration of Juneteenth. Our third annual collaborative concert commemorated the holiday through performances of music by Black composers. In addition, tours were offered of African Schoolhouse No. 4, a one-room schoolhouse restored in Faust Park, and the FBCC Memorial Cemetery, a final resting place for former enslaved people.

“A huge thank you to all your staff, as well as your musicians, for making a very special, very memorable night for me and for all of my students. For many of them, it was their first time hearing a live symphony performance—and I want to believe strongly that it won't be their last. Thank you for keeping this incredible art form alive and making it accessible to new audiences.”

—Casey Buck, music educator, Conway, Arkansas

Cultural connections

Expanding the boundaries of orchestral repertoire, programming included musical styles and voices from around the world. Countries represented included Haiti, China, Peru, and more with performances featuring the Chinese stringed instrument the erhu, the accordion in music from the Balkans, West African drums, and Kathak dance from India.



SLSO Manager of Inclusion and Learning Tai Oney

EDI commitment

Adopting a two-year Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan, we took another step forward on our strategic priority of long-term EDI integration. The 2023–2025 plan focuses on three key areas: people, programming, and partnerships. In August 2023, the SLSO welcomed Tai Oney as the Manager of Inclusion and Learning.



Cellist Jennifer Humphreys with Jennings High School musicians

Arts intensives

We partnered with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis for a pair of unique experiences that used music and storytelling as a tool for students to explore creative expression, social emotional learning, and music. These arts intensives at Normandy Schools Collaborative and Jennings Junior High School resulted in empowering community performances of original musical productions centered on student voices.

SLSO ACCESS

In a strategic alliance with social services agencies and other music education non-profits, we launched the ACCESS ticketing program with assistance from a federal appropriation secured in 2022. The program expanded our audience tent by providing more than 3,300 complimentary tickets to concerts through agencies including Beyond Housing, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Pianos for People, and more.

Our People

Celebrating the SLSO Family

The SLSO thrives because of a joyful and engaged family of constituents, from staff and musicians to Board members, volunteers, and generous supporters.



David and Miran Halen and Janet and Jimmy Williams, Co-Chairs of SLSO Celebrates



SVA President Kent McNeil with Picture the Music winners



SLSO Celebrates attendees Nick Ragone, Tyan Tan, Tim Drury, and Cindy Drury



SLSO Celebrates attendees Princewill Okorie and Jacob Wierson



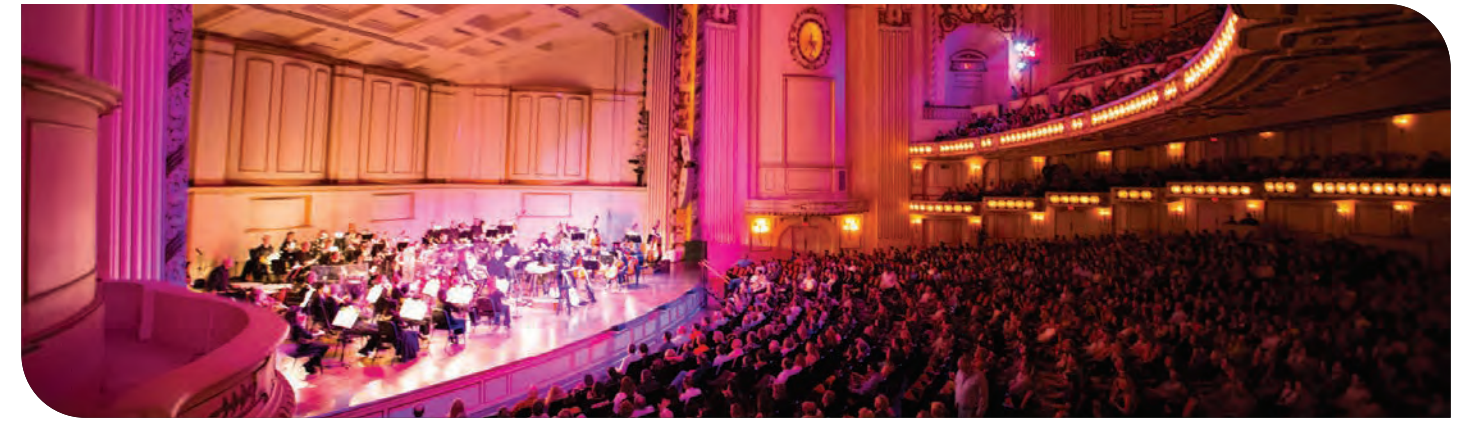
Board of Trustees member Thelma and Vice Chair David Steward



Board Secretary Emily Rauh Pulitzer and President and CEO and Board Chair Steve Finerty



Board Vice Chair Kathy Osborn and President and CEO Marie-Hélène Bernard



SLSO Celebrates

More than 650 supporters gathered for *SLSO Celebrates*—a special evening in support of artistic and educational programs that included performances by Music Director Stéphane Denève, SLSO musicians, and chorus members, as well as testimonials from young musicians. Miran and David Halen and Janet and Jimmy Williams co-chaired this unforgettable event.

National award

For its longstanding efforts to spark creativity through visual arts and music, our dedicated Symphony Volunteer Association received a prestigious Gold Award from The Volunteer Council of the League of American Orchestras (LAO) for Picture the Music, a cross-curricular music initiative that harnesses the power of creative expression through visual art. SVA President Kent McNeil accepted the award at the LAO's annual conference in Pittsburgh.

Breaking new ground

This March, BSI Constructors broke ground on the Powell Hall expansion and renovation. Staff moved out of the building over the next two months, protecting and preserving historical items. May saw the final performances of the season, and in June, the Laying the Foundation event honored the leadership and generosity responsible for bringing this project to life.

Steward Family Challenge

David and Thelma Steward became involved with the SLSO in 1996. Over the past 27 years, their Board leadership and charitable giving have been transformative. In summer 2023, David and Thelma established the Steward Family Challenge, which raised more than \$195,000 for the SLSO's Annual Fund. More than 51 percent of those donations were gifts from new donors.

New executive appointment

In April, Paul Pietrowski was appointed the SLSO's Chief Operating Officer, working closely with President and CEO Marie-Hélène Bernard, Music Director Stéphane Denève, and the orchestra and choruses on artistic planning and execution. Paul joined the SLSO from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra where he served as Vice President of Orchestra and Production.

SVA leadership

The Symphony Volunteer Association supports a robust portfolio of projects, devoting thousands of volunteer hours to the institution. After serving as president of the Symphony Volunteer Association for the past year, Kent McNeil passed the baton to new SVA President Debbie Dillon, another long-time volunteer.

Leadership endowment

Thanks to a generous gift by Emily Rauh Pulitzer, the SLSO's Music Director position was endowed in perpetuity, bolstering our ability to retain and attract the highest level of artistic leadership. Now named The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director, the title celebrates a lifetime of devoted support, service, and leadership by Emily Rauh Pulitzer and the late Joseph Pulitzer, Jr. spanning more than 80 years.

Pershing Fellow

Washington University in St. Louis student Madeline Kish spent summer 2023 at the SLSO as part of the inaugural cohort of the Pershing Fellowship in Nonprofit Leadership. This innovative internship program, funded by the Pershing Charitable Trust, introduces college students to career paths within the St. Louis non-profit community.



“We will preserve the history of Powell Hall while creating a state-of-the-art center for community, innovation, and powerful music experiences.”

—Marie-Hélène Bernard,
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Setting the Stage for **A New Music Center**

The future of Powell Hall is here. After years of planning with an international design team of experts, led by acclaimed architecture firm Snøhetta, the expansion and renovation of Powell Hall began in March.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Powell Hall has been home to the SLSO since 1968. The expansion and renovation will add 65,000 square feet, protecting the building’s historic character and celebrated acoustics while creating new, accessible, and welcoming spaces designed to foster connections and collaboration. Significant progress has been made on the project since spring, paving the way for the new state-of-the-art center.

A Center for Music and Learning

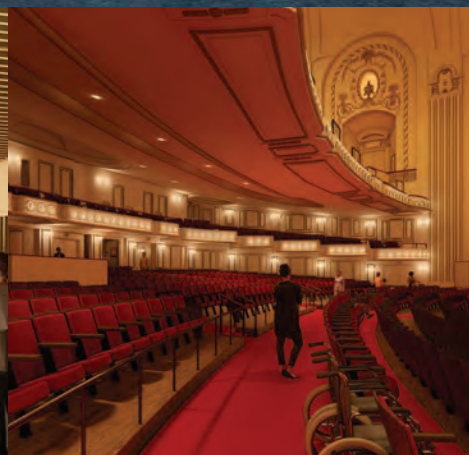
The construction team has excavated and poured the basement floor for the expansion that will encompass a new backstage area as well as a new education and learning center. The backstage will include a new music library, practice rooms, media suites, and instrument storage facilities—supporting the SLSO’s great artistry.

The new Education and Learning Center will feature space for the SLSO choruses and youth orchestra rehearsals, as well as for educational programs serving thousands of students and teachers every year. Public lectures, immersive performances, and community gatherings will also be hosted here.

More Welcoming and Comfortable

As renovations continue, the auditorium’s seats have been removed to make way for larger, more comfortable seats and numerous other updates to the hall. In the renovated hall, visitors will find more and better entrances; additional amenities; greater accessibility with more flexible seating, added handrails, and elevators; reduced external noise through soundproofing measures; as well as enhanced lighting and acoustics.

To find out more about the expansion and renovation and to see our progress, visit powellhall.slso.org. The revitalized Powell Hall will open in 2025 to coincide with the building’s centennial. We look forward to celebrating with you.

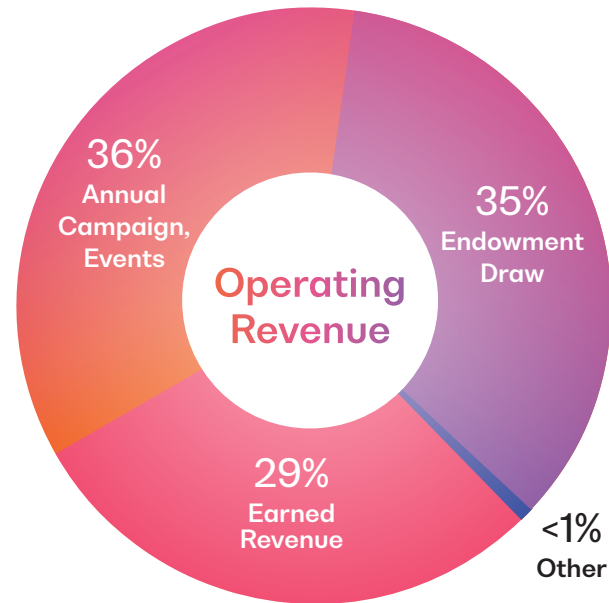


September 1, 2022–August 31, 2023

Financial Summary

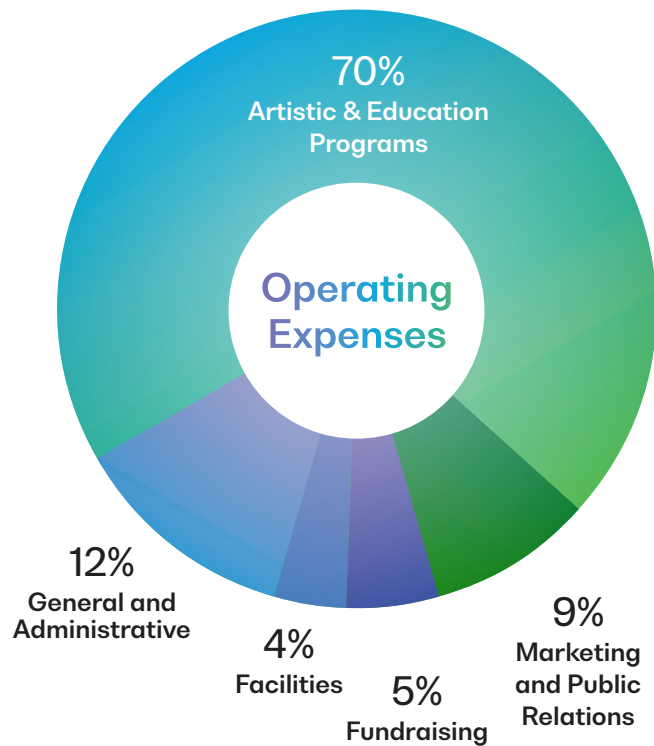
Revenue (\$ in thousands)

Earned Revenue	\$9,071
Contributed Revenue	\$11,343
Endowment Draw	\$10,824
Other	\$81
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$31,319



Expenses (\$ in thousands)

Artistic and Education Programming	\$22,100
Marketing and Public Relations	\$2,815
Fundraising	\$1,603
Facilities	\$1,153
General and Administrative	\$3,708
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$31,379



Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2023* (\$ in thousands)

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$21,306
Investments held by the Symphony	\$93,005
Investments held by the Endowment Trust	\$237,816
Receivables	\$47,852
Other assets	\$660
Property and Equipment (net)	\$25,986
TOTAL ASSETS	\$426,625

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$2,857
Deferred Revenue	\$2,207
Notes Payable	\$50,000
NPV of Annuity Obligations	\$268
Net Pension Liability	\$309
Total Liabilities	\$55,641

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$97,164
Temporarily Restricted	\$94,778
Permanently Restricted	\$179,042
Total Net Assets	\$370,985

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$426,625

“Literally, it was magic.”
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*Preliminary and unaudited results. Excludes depreciation.

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**Patricia Rice and George
 Hellmuth's marriage**
 Kevin and Carolyn Farrell
Paul and Becky Rueckert
 Brian Rueckert
Peter Henderson
 Kenneth and Marjorie Smith
Rachel Compton
 Elizabeth Ann Kammin
Rainki Li
 Ying Song
**Renée and Bruce Michelson's
 60th wedding anniversary**
 Burton and Ilene Follman
Samantha Sachtleben
 Maureen Byrne

Sarah Ruddy
 Maureen Byrne
**Scott and Rhonda Schmid's
 daughter's wedding**
 Sherman and Joan Silber
Scott C. Gusman
 Keith Welsh
Shane and Kelli Blank
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Shirley A. Rapp
 Jeffrey Rapp
**SLSO musicians who played
 at Michael Neidorff's
 memorial**
 Noémi Neidorff

**Stéphane and soloists for
 Rite of Spring**
 Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Jr.
Stéphane Denève
 Michael Cone
Stephanie Childress
 Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Jr.
**Stephen Chicurel-Stein's
 65th Birthday**
 Lara Rachlin Steinel and
 Dan Steinel
**Stephen Skrainka's special
 birthday**
 Sara Epstein
Steve and Linda Finerty
 Robert and Tamara Frazee

Steve Finerty
 W. Dudley and Elizabeth
 McCarter
Tage Larsen
 Susan Slaughter
**Terri Polacheck's recovery
 from surgery**
 Gary and Phyllis Traub
Tom Drake's retirement
 Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Jr.
 Susan Slaughter
Wedding of Molly and Alik
 Olga Karpova
Wilson Jaroch
 Fred and Carol Kramer
Xiaoxiao Qiang
 Kenneth and Marjorie Smith

In Honor Of

Amy Kaiser
 Robert and Jane Feibel
**Ann Ruwitch and John Fox
 Arnold - Happy Holidays**
 Paul and Judy Putzel
Ann Sullins
 Anne Hetlage
Art Litz
 Kenneth and Maxine Goldstein
Ben Uchitelle's special birthday
 Paul and Judy Putzel
Bjorn Ranheim
 Kenneth and Marjorie Smith
Carla Baum's birthday
 Joan Pace
Carolyn Henges
 Judith W. Levy
Chris Carson's retirement
 Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Jr.
David Kim
 Grace Mandigo
Debbie Dillon
 Phyllis Traub
**Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruwitch —
 Happy Holidays**
 Paul and Judy Putzel
Dr. Elliot Abbey's birthday
 Loren and Ken Ludmerer
Elaine R. Gernstein
 Susan Weinberg
Eliot Sherman's birthday
 Patty and Jeff Kaplan
 Samuel and Rae Ann Mandell
Ellen White - Happy Holidays
 Paul and Judy Putzel
Erin Schreiber
 Eric and Linda Schreiber
**Felicia Foland's birthday
 and retirement**
 Gretchen Vander Meulen and
 Elsbeth Brugger

Gary A. Smith
 Susan Slaughter
Gary Sacks' birthday
 Ken and Maxine Goldstein
George Markus
 Paul and Judy Putzel
Hannah Ji
 Kenneth and Marjorie Smith
Hava Polinsky
 Joseph and Beverly Schraibman
Hiroko Yoshida
 Deanna Kuhlmann
**In Honor Of James Wilson and
 In Memory Of Wilma Wilson**
 Carol Wilson
**Isabelle and Jean-Paul
 Montupet's special
 anniversary**
 Carolyn Henges
James Woods
 Linda Woods
**Jean-Paul and Isabelle
 Montupet**
 Spencer and Phoebe Burke
Jessica Ingraham
 Maureen Byrne
Joseph Bacino's birthday
 Harriette Arkin
Joseph Hendricks
 Maureen Byrne
Josh MacCluer
 Susan Slaughter
Judge Arthur Litz
 Robert Litz
**Judith Garfinkel 2023 Women
 of Achievement honoree**
 Loren and Ken Ludmerer
Judy and Paul Putzel
 Charles and Barbara Cook

Julie Plax - Happy Holidays
 Paul and Judy Putzel
**Ken and Marjorie Smith's
 house concert**
 Elizabeth Crosby
Ken Langsdorf
 Michael Freund
 Loren and Ken Ludmerer
 F. Paul and Christine Goelz
Kent McNeil
 James Pace III
 Phyllis Traub
 F. Paul and Christine Goelz
Kristin Ahlstrom
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Lee Kaufman
 Kenneth and Phyllis Langsdorf
Leonard Slatkin
 Paul and Jane Robinson
Malcolm McDuffee
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 Lehr-Ramos**
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**Marie-Hélène Bernard, David
 Halen and the SLSO**
 James Mann
Marjorie and Ken Smith
 Peter Henderson
Marjorie M. Ivey
 James and Donna Jeffe
Marjorie Smith's Birthday
 George and Jean Saunders

Marlita Weiss' 90th birthday
 Harvey and Leanne Schneider
 Lois Friedman
**Marriage of Gary Meltz and
 Katherine McDaniel**
 Terry Murphy
Marriage of Jack & BJ
 Dr. Gary and Mrs. Phyllis Traub
**Mary Balmer, Anne Marie
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 Happy Holidays**
 Paul and Judy Putzel
**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook—
 Happy Holidays**
 Paul and Judy Putzel
**Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pass—
 Happy Holidays**
 Paul and Judy Putzel
**Mr. and Mrs. Terry Franc—
 Happy Holidays**
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**Nicholas Kouchoukos'
 birthday**
 Carol Carlson

In Memory Of

Edwin Abbett
 Christina Hansen
Victoria Mayer Altvater
 Anita New
 Barbara Barenholtz
 Becky A. Brown
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 Lois Monte
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 Michael Beugg
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 Noémi Neidorff
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 Nancy Tice
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 Steve and Anita Naert
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 Roger Altvater**
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 Alfred Bowles Sr.
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 John Bencivenga
 L. Dean Bye
 Lisa Lockett
 Sara Noonan
Margaret Blades
 Steven and Avi Rosenzweig
Robert Bodine
 William and Jean Ruhe

We regret that an error was made in this section of the Annual Report. Please see the correct listing below.

Bettye Branom
 John Novatny
Nicholas Joseph Branstetter
 Gail Presswood
Richard Brasington
 Marjorie M. Ivey
Donna Brookman
 Alex Cloninger
 Faye Brookman
 Michael and Katherine Sanders
 Ruth Pennington
Adam M. Burkemper
 Avi and Steve Rosenzweig
Mark Burkhart
 Marieta Scherer
Susan Cooper
 Barbara Schwartz
Tena McCoy Dorroh
 Lawrence Dorroh
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 D'arcy Elsperman
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 Anonymous
 Anthony Hoy
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 Charles and Suzanne Seibel
 Dale and April Dietrich
 Elizabeth Crosby
 Ellen and Dennis Brommelhorst
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 Gary and Carolyne Candrl
 George and Jean Saunders
 Gerry Frankenfeld
 Janet Bassel
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 Jenny Shifrin
 Jerry Dewille
 Joan Tschannen
 Kent McNeil
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 Lawrence Essmann
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 Marjorie M. Ivey

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 Patricia Cannon
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 Tim and Susan Scully
 Tim Shackelford
 Todd and Debbie Dillon
 Tracy Ritter
 William and Robbie Engel
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 Helen Feuerhahn
Jerry Fleminger
 Lawrence Dorroh
Teenuh Foster
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 Ann McReynolds
 Joel and Susan Kirkpatrick
 Karla Harris
 Liza Streett
 Patricia Phillipe
 Robert and Schuyler Andrews
 Thomas and Dorel Canty
 William and Barbara Van Luven
Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Gaebe
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**Jeri Hancock who
 inspired me to play**
 Michael Hancock
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 Mimi DiAntonio
 Mitchell and Lynda Baris
 Paul and Susan Sauer

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 Patricia Phillipe
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 Patricia Loiko
Bradley Loudenback
 Gwyneth Williams
George Markus
 Bernard Tischler and
 Jean Schneider
 Carolyn White
 Daniel and Gloria Kveskin
 Eugene Kornblum
Virginia McCann
 Charles and Dorene McKenna
 Christian and Leah Stanza
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 Association
 Georgia Streett
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 Ms. Carole Campbell
 Rachelle Hilaire
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 Virginia Fister
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 Craig Palubiak and
 Barbara Landesman
 Debra Houry
 Lawrence and Nancy Gelb
 Mary Hinz
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 Sandy Wool
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Vincent Morris
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 Cheryl Elmore
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 Susie Kintz and Tom Skryd
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 Vickie Hankammer
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 Mr. David C. Farrell
 Richard Murphy
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 Carol, Michelle and Rachel**
 Sharon Gorman
Denny Wedemeyer
 Kenneth and Phyllis Langsdorf
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 Robin Harber
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In Memoriam

We honor the extended members of our family who have passed away this year. They all shared and supported the SLSO through their leadership, dedication, and generosity.



Vicki Mayer Altvater

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Vicki Mayer Altvater was passionate about community service. In addition to being a longtime SLSO patron and donor, she lent her charm, work ethic, and organization skills to many St. Louis area nonprofits, including decades of service to the SLSO as SVA President and Trustee.



Emily Burch

Emily Burch

Emily Hunter Burch was known for her dedication to public service, serving on numerous boards and co-chairing capital campaigns in the decade she lived in St. Louis. As an Advisory Council member since 2019, she contributed greatly to the organization during this critical time.



Bruce Coppock

Bruce Coppock

Bruce Coppock was an innovative and visionary orchestra administrator who served as executive director of the SLSO 1992-1997. Under his leadership, the SLSO developed a comprehensive portfolio of community engagement programs.



David C. Farrell

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David C. Farrell was committed to supporting the St. Louis community. He was as well known for his civic and charitable efforts as his accomplishments as Chairman of May Department Stores. Farrell served as trustee on the SLSO Board 1975-2001 before being appointed a Life Trustee.



Margaret Gilleo

Margaret Gilleo

Margaret Gilleo was a longtime SLSO supporter and volunteer. While she was best known for her successful U.S. Supreme Court case on behalf of free speech, she was also a philosophy professor at Fontbonne University who enjoyed playing her Steinway.



Sanford Neuman

Sanford Neuman

Sanford Neuman, or Sandy or San as he was known by friends, served the SLSO as a Trustee and advisor for many years. His tireless community service included support of the Jewish Community Center, the Psychoanalytic Institute, and Jewish Federation.



George Paz

George Paz

Visionary business leader George Paz had a deep love for classical music and a profound understanding of the importance of philanthropy. His long-time support of the SLSO reflected both passions, and as an alumnus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, he was excited about the orchestra performing at Touhill Performing Arts Center in the 23/24 season.



Dr. Robert Ray

Dr. Robert Ray

Dr. Robert Ray was the founding director of the SLSO's IN UNISON Chorus, leading the ensemble from its formation in 1994 through 2010, shaping its distinct sound and elevating it as an essential choral group. Ray was a gifted composer and teacher, guiding many young musicians into their careers.



Gerhardt Zimmermann

Gerhardt Zimmermann

Gerhardt Zimmermann served as Assistant and Associate Conductor of the SLSO 1974-1982, and he was the second Music Director of the Youth Orchestra 1975-1982. Always a music educator at heart, Zimmermann led the combined youth orchestras of St. Louis and Kansas City in his final engagement with the SLSO.



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