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Stéphane Denève : Music Director

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144th Season

Annual
Report

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Message from the Music Director

Mes chers amis,

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and engagement during our 144th season, my fifth year as The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director. The 23/24 season was a vibrant celebration of orchestral and choral music that explored the timeless beauty of classical masterpieces and innovative sounds of contemporary compositions. We remain committed to pushing musical boundaries, connecting with our audiences in new and meaningful ways, and fostering a sense of belonging within our community.

Last year, we were delighted to welcome an extraordinary lineup of guest artists who enriched our season with their exceptional talents. The brilliance of Hilary Hahn, the youthful exuberance of Randall Goosby, the virtuosity of Augustin Hadelich, the artistry of Tom Borrow, and the dynamic Aaron Diehl Trio left lasting impressions on us all. Our unforgettable collaboration with Yo-Yo Ma at our spring gala was a true bright spot—a moment of musical transcendence that will be cherished for years to come.

Our commitment to championing new music was evident in the U.S. premiere of Hannah Eisendle's *heliosis*, the world premiere of Jeff Beal's *Body in Motion*, and the first SLSO performances of Julia Wolfe's *Pretty*, a co-commission with the Berlin Philharmonic and Houston Symphony. These performances honored the rich traditions of orchestral music while celebrating the innovation and creativity of this generation's most talented musical voices.

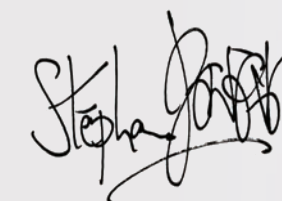
Of the many musical milestones last season, a considerable highlight was the introduction of our Live at The Sheldon chamber concert series,

curated by our very own musicians. This series, along with our Live at the Pulitzer series, which marked its 20th anniversary, allowed us to further showcase the intimate beauty of chamber music while deepening our connection with you, our audience. We also celebrated the release of our Bernstein and Williams album with Pentatone, featuring internationally acclaimed violinist James Ehnes—my first recording with the SLSO. Our partnership with St. Louis-based MorningStar Music now makes sheet music from the SLSO's IN UNISON Chorus available worldwide.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without our extraordinary musicians, choruses, staff, and Symphony Volunteer Association, whose unwavering dedication inspires me every day. I am very pleased to welcome Samuel Hollister, Assistant Conductor and The Fred M. Saigh Youth Orchestra Music Director, and Erin Freeman, Director of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, to our ranks. Their fresh energy and musical prowess will continue to elevate the artistic excellence of our talented organization.

Thank you once again for being a vital part of our musical family. Together, we will continue to celebrate the beauty and power of music.

Merci de tout coeur,



Stéphane Denève
The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director



Letter from the Board Chair and President and CEO

Dear members and friends of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra,

We are deeply honored to have shared so many extraordinary musical moments with you during our 2023/2024 season, and we are filled with immense pride in all that we have accomplished together. Our deepest gratitude goes out to you for your unwavering support of our mission—enriching lives through the power of music. It is your passion and dedication that fuels our ability to bring incredible musical experiences to life, and it has been an honor to have you with us every step of the way.

During our first year away from Powell Hall as our home is renovated and expanded, we have been continually amazed by the dedication and enthusiasm of our entire SLSO family and community. Under the artistic leadership of Music Director Stéphane Denève, our board has provided invaluable guidance and leadership, ensuring that our vision for the future remains steadfast. The resilience and resourcefulness of our staff and the outstanding artistry of our musicians have been nothing short of remarkable as they navigated the complexities of performing in new venues while eagerly preparing for the return to Powell Hall. We have cherished the opportunity to deepen our roots in

the community, and we look forward to continuing to foster these connections in the years to come.

We are now less than a year away from completing this ambitious project—a defining moment for our organization. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported this endeavor. Your generosity is shaping the future of music in St. Louis, creating a legacy that will inspire generations to come. In honor of our longtime supporter and philanthropic leader Jack C. Taylor, we are proud to name our music campus the Jack C. Taylor Music Center. This center will stand as a beacon of artistic excellence, community engagement, and educational impact—a place where music will continue to flourish and inspire.


As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement and anticipation. The grand reopening of Powell Hall in September 2025 will be a momentous occasion. We look forward to welcoming you to our newly renovated and expanded home to celebrate the bright future of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey. On behalf of the SLSO family, it is our great honor to share the joy of music with you.

Warmly,



Steven L. Finerty
Chair, Board of Trustees



Marie-Hélène Bernard
President and CEO



Steven Finerty, Marie-Hélène Bernard



“Bravo, all musicians! Thank you for a glorious evening.

– SLSO patron

Featured 23/24 Performance Locations Soundscape

From concerts with community partners to performances at our “home away from home” venues, the SLSO reached audiences throughout the region. This map reflects just some of those spaces.

370 Lakeside Park



Shalom Church
(City of Peace)



St. Joseph
Catholic Church
Cottleville

Lindenwood University's
J. Scheidegger Center
for the Arts



Touhill Performing
Arts Center at UMSL



St. Louis Kaplan
Feldman
Holocaust
Museum



Manchester United
Methodist Church

World Wide
Technology
Raceway

Washington
University in
St. Louis

Cathedral
Basilica of
St. Louis

The Hub

Stifel
Theatre

Forest Park

Contemporary
Art Museum
St. Louis /
The Sheldon /
Pulitzer Arts
Foundation



Missouri Eastern
Correctional Center



“When the music began [my students] squealed with delight. After the concert ended, children talked excitedly about how big the sounds were and how the music made them feel.

– Dorie R., teacher, Atlas Public School

Our Impact



100,000+ social media followers were reached and 1 TikTok account was launched

306,000+ people reached through radio broadcasts

6,200+ education concert tickets provided to schools demonstrating financial need

930,000+

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

226,000+

people experienced the SLSO in person at venues across the region

230+ concerts, free events, and education programs

22,000+ guests attended the Forest Park Community Concert

3,757 free tickets were requested by clients of SLSO's 18 ACCESS partner organizations

350+ SVA members performed 6,500+ volunteer hours



449,000+

students and 1,300+ teachers were engaged with SLSO education programs

49 states and 13 countries reached through SLSO education programming

110+ Youth Orchestra musicians were mentored by SLSO musicians

130+ community partners

Musical Dedication

Celebrating Our Artists

The SLSO's family of musicians grew this year, deepening and expanding our artistry.

New Faces in Leadership

The SLSO welcomed two new members to the artistic leadership team in summer 2024. Samuel Hollister and Erin Freeman will shape the sounds of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra and the St. Louis Symphony Chorus.



Samuel Hollister

Assistant Conductor and The Fred M. Saigh Youth Orchestra Music Director

A multitalented musician, Samuel Hollister's career includes a variety of experiences, including Music Director of the Civic Orchestra of New Haven (Connecticut) and founder of Aurora Collaborative, a multi-disciplinary non-profit. "In Samuel," Stéphane Denève said, "I believe that we have found an exceptional young conductor who will follow our impressive lineage of talented and promising assistants." Hollister will conduct a variety of SLSO concerts, assist Denève, and guide the artistic vision of the Youth Orchestra, the region's premier training ensemble for talented young musicians.

Erin Freeman

Director of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus

Erin Freeman, a versatile artist, brings exceptional experience in conducting orchestras, choruses, ballet, and opera. As the third director of the Symphony Chorus since its founding in 1976, she succeeds Amy Kaiser. In her position, Freeman will lead the preparation of the Chorus for concerts with the SLSO, collaborating with Denève and a roster of international guest conductors. "When she worked with the Chorus in September, Erin's chemistry with the ensemble was palpable," said Denève.



Welcome New Musicians

In his largest slate of appointments to date, Denève named eight new musicians to the orchestra for the 23/24 season. Each musician's extraordinary artistry shined throughout the season. Additionally, the musicians immersed

themselves in the breadth of SLSO programming, joining chamber music performances, visiting schools, and sharing music throughout the community.



Blaine Dodson

Second Horn



Steven Franklin

Principal Trumpet
Symphony Volunteer
Association Chair



Peter Henderson

Principal Keyboard
Florence G. and
Morton J. May Chair



Seul Lee

Second Violin



Nathan Lowry

Second Violin



Jonathan Randazzo

Principal Trombone
Mr. and Mrs. William R.
Orthwein, Jr. Chair



Siyu Zhang

Second Violin

Leaving a Legacy

One musician retired at the end of the season, leaving a remarkable legacy following her years of service to the community. Ling Ling Guan, a member of the second violin section for 30 years, demonstrated a deep commitment to the orchestra and St. Louis throughout her tenure, serving as a soloist and performing in chamber ensembles. We wish Ling Ling a happy retirement.



Artistic Highlights

Exciting collaborations with guest artists and connections with new art forms helped define this exciting season.



Stéphane Denève and Hilary Hahn



Randall Goosby

Acclaimed Guest Artists

Once again, St. Louis proved to be an international performance destination as our orchestra performed alongside some of the world's greatest artists. Hilary Hahn, appearing with the orchestra for the first time in 20 years, opened the season with stunning passion. Five acclaimed pianists joined the orchestra to traverse all five of Beethoven's Piano Concertos. Electrifying young violinist Randall Goosby charmed audiences, and Augustin Hadelich showcased his signature virtuosity. Wintley Phipps and BeBe Winans raised their powerful voices alongside our IN UNISON Chorus. The Aaron Diehl Trio dazzled as part of a three-concert celebration of jazz conducted by Conductor Laureate Leonard Slatkin.



Yo-Yo Ma

Yo-Yo Ma

The season culminated in spectacular fashion with a gala event and concert featuring internationally acclaimed cellist and philanthropist Yo-Yo Ma. The humanitarian and music ambassador brought a full house to its feet with his heartfelt performance of Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto and contemplative encore by Pablo Casals. A highlight of the season for audiences and musicians alike, the collaboration was called "breathtakingly stellar" by critics.



Julia Wolfe and Stéphane Denève

World and U.S. Premieres

New works by living composers shined bright, expanding how we think of classical music and what it can say to us. Julia Wolfe drew inspiration from folk, classical, and rock music for her powerful work *Pretty* (commissioned by the SLSO with the Berlin Philharmonic and Houston Symphony). Emmy Award-winning composer Jeff Beal's violin concerto *Body in Motion*, written for soloist Kelly Hall-Tompkins, suggests, as Beal put it, "an embracing of life." The U.S. premiere of Viennese-born Hannah Eisendle's *heliosis* evoked a relentless heat and cinematic energy.

Our First Recording Release with Denève

The SLSO's storied recording catalog expanded with a new release on the Pentatone label of works by Leonard Bernstein and John Williams. The album features violinist James Ehnes, a frequent collaborator of the SLSO, performing Bernstein's Serenade after Plato's *Symposium* and Williams' Violin Concerto No. 1, conducted by Stéphane Denève.

“The added layer of movement lent itself perfectly to the moment of artistic intersectionality offered by the SLSO...”

— Kenya Vaughn,
The St. Louis American



Steve Hackman



St. Louis Dance Theatre

Artistic Collaborations

Distinct art forms elevated each other in unique collaborations this year. For the SLSO's first performances of Adam Schoenberg's *Picture Studies*, the orchestra was joined by St. Louis Dance Theatre (formerly the Big Muddy Dance Company), which performed modern dance choreographed by Artistic Director Kirven Douthit-Boyd. A collaboration with composer Steve Hackman brought together the music of Johannes Brahms and the rock band Radiohead to the delight of audiences.



Live at the Pulitzer

Pulitzer Series at 20

The SLSO's Live at the Pulitzer series—presenting bold contemporary chamber music—marked its 20th anniversary this year. Notable composer Christopher Stark curated the series for the first time, featuring works by thirteen living composers, including Pulitzer Prize-winner Raven Chacon. In this series known for pushing boundaries, audiences experience the connections between music and the artwork on view at the Pulitzer Arts Foundation.



Live at The Sheldon

Spotlight on SLSO Musicians

Curated and performed by SLSO musicians, a new chamber music series in partnership with The Sheldon debuted this season. The Live at The Sheldon series shines a spotlight on the musicians and the instruments they play. Programming spans the entire chamber music library, from celebrated favorites to new works by emerging composers, including four works by students at the University of Missouri.



Wintley Phipps with the IN UNISON Chorus

IN UNISON and MorningStar Partnership

In collaboration with St. Louis-based MorningStar Music Publishers, the SLSO began publishing sheet music of pieces performed and commissioned by our IN UNISON Chorus, making these works available worldwide for the first time. This exciting project broadens the reach of the chorus' mission to perform and preserve music from the African diaspora and elevates Black composers and arrangers.



St. Louis Symphony Chorus

Symphony Chorus

This spring saw the Symphony Chorus soaring with performances of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem, both conducted by Stéphane Denève. Joined by all-star casts of renowned vocalists, the SLSO captivated audiences with the emotion and intensity of these beloved choral-orchestral works.

Expanding Reach, Fostering Connections

Education & Community Highlights

Grounded in our commitment to education and access, the SLSO expanded its programs to reach deeper into our community and beyond.

SLSO ACCESS Expands Reach

Now in its second season, SLSO ACCESS broadens access to music by removing financial barriers to concert attendance. SLSO ACCESS provided more than 3,700 complimentary tickets this season in a bold alliance with social service organizations including Better Family Life, Beyond Housing, Pianos for People, the Urban League, the Little Bit Foundation, and ArchCity Defenders.



Community Concerts

Along with our beloved annual Forest Park concert, the SLSO performed dozens of free community concerts at museums, universities, libraries, houses of worship, and beyond. Highlights included the return of the annual IN UNISON Chorus Community Concert at Shalom Church (City of Peace), the newest IN UNISON partner church. A performance at 370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters attracted more than 3,000 people, hundreds of whom played and sang along to *Ode to Joy*. A powerful new program held in collaboration with the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum—Holocaust Composer Stories—highlighted the lives and legacies of composers whose music and stories were forever shaped by the Holocaust.



Sensory-conscious Concerts

Recognizing the varying needs of audience members, the SLSO introduced adaptations to select family and education programming to create a safe and welcoming environment for people with sensory differences. From concert guides to noise-cancelling headphones and a quiet room, these concerts now provide accommodations so that everyone may enjoy the experience of live orchestral music.



Tiny Tunes for Families

Designed for our youngest audiences—children aged 3–6—Tiny Tunes is an interactive concert experience that blends music and children’s literature. A longtime staple of our education concerts, Tiny Tunes is now available as a public concert for families. Performances capture children’s imagination with engaging pre-concert activities and audience participation.



Online Reach Expands

Digital offerings for teachers and students continued to expand this year. The newly added *Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra*, designed for grades 1–5, reached more than 98,000 students and teachers in Missouri, Illinois, across the U.S., and around the world. The program includes a performance of the classic work as well as a fun backstage tour showcasing the teamwork that brings concerts to life.



Library Partnership

The SLSO launched an innovative initiative with the St. Louis Public and County Libraries to provide complimentary tickets for first-time SLSO attendees. More than 900 SLPL and SLCL patrons accessed complimentary vouchers to select classical concerts during the 23/24 season.

“It was the best field trip they had ever been on!”

– Denise G., music teacher,
St. Joseph Cathedral School



Lunar New Year Celebration

Among the season’s many collaborations, the February Lunar New Year performance stands out as an energy-filled crowd favorite. Presented in partnership with the Chinese Education and Culture Center in St. Louis and the Asian American Chamber of Commerce St. Louis, the concert featured SLSO musicians; conductor Norman Huynh, who shared stories of his family’s celebrations; soloist Rulin Olivia Zhang, who dazzled on the erhu; and the CECC dragon dance team and Thunder Drum team.



Guest Artist Lunch & Learn

In a special collaboration with the E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative at UMSL, the SLSO hosted a Lunch & Learn with star violinist Randall Goosby. Students from Hazelwood West High School, Hazelwood Northwest Middle School, and Brittany Woods Middle School asked Goosby for advice about cultivating good practice habits and handling nerves before a performance. Following this rare opportunity to converse with an acclaimed artist, one young musician said, “I valued the opportunity to see an example of Black excellence in the orchestra.”

Our People

Celebrating the SLSO Family

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



Steven Finerty and Stéphane Denève with gala co-chairs Jo Ann Taylor Kindle, Penny Pennington and Mike Fidler, and CEO Marie-Hélène Bernard



Stéphane Denève, Isabelle and Jean-Paul Montupet



Stéphane Denève, Penny Pennington

New Executive Appointment

In February, Alex Shapiro joined the SLSO as the institution's Chief Philanthropy Officer. Shapiro most recently served as Vice President of Philanthropy with the Kansas City Symphony. He brings a deep knowledge of the orchestra industry and an impressive track record in fundraising at arts institutions across the country.



Alex Shapiro



Youth Orchestra musicians

Gala Celebration

St. Louis arts supporters proved once again how engaged and generous they are at the SLSO's major fundraising event this spring. Under the leadership of co-chairs Jo Ann Taylor Kindle and Penny Pennington and Mike Fidler, the gala was a festive celebration that raised \$1.135 million for the SLSO's artistic, education, and community programs. The highlight of the event was a sold-out performance by the internationally acclaimed musician and philanthropist Yo-Yo Ma.

Berges Family Challenge

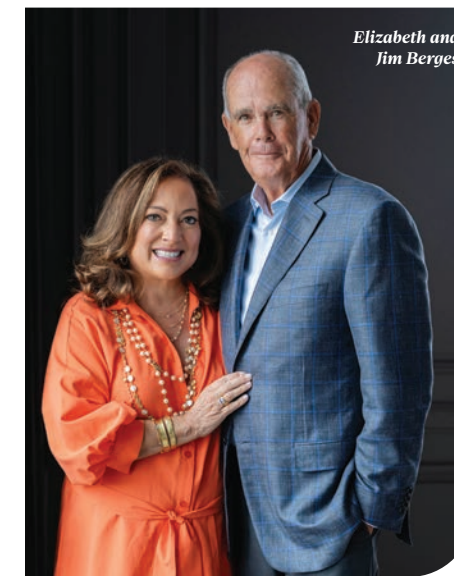
"Music begins where words end... it transports you in a way," says longtime SLSO supporter Elizabeth Mannen Berges. Inspired by their love of the SLSO, Elizabeth and her husband, Jim, issued a \$2.5 million Berges Family Challenge in support of Music for All: The Campaign for the SLSO. The Berges Family Foundation is matching any gift or pledge in support of the Powell Hall renovation and expansion, making a critical investment in this legacy project.

YO Music Directorship Endowed

The SLSO's Youth Orchestra Music Director plays a key role in mentoring and inspiring some of the most accomplished young musicians in the St. Louis region. Thanks to a generous gift from The Saigh Foundation, named after the late Fred M. Saigh—a champion of St. Louis institutions and former owner of the St. Louis Cardinals—the position has been endowed in perpetuity as The Fred M. Saigh Youth Orchestra Music Director.

Thank You, SVA!

From greeting guests at new venues and guiding school groups to creating care packages for musicians, the work of the Symphony Volunteer Association has been essential to the SLSO's accomplishments this past year. SVA President Debbie Dillon said, "What impresses me most is how so many people have joined together with a shared goal of making this season successful." The SVA exhibited their deep dedication to the SLSO's future through a combined gift for the Music for All campaign.



Elizabeth and Jim Berges

Pershing Fellow

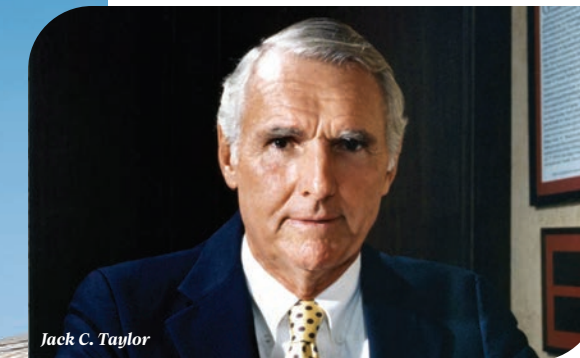
The Pershing Fellowship in Nonprofit Leadership introduces rising juniors and seniors to careers within the nonprofit community. This summer, Kaitlyn Buss, an International Business and Finance student at Saint Louis University's Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, joined the SLSO as a Pershing Fellow. In her role, Kaitlyn assisted with and learned about arts administration, philanthropy, and marketing. Kaitlyn has many fond memories of attending SLSO concerts with her family and was a valuable addition to the team.

A Once-in-a-Generation Initiative

Music for All

Powell Hall, renowned for its acoustics and historical grandeur, is almost synonymous with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Thanks to the extensive renovation and expansion project now underway, the nearly 100-year-old civic treasure will become a state-of-the-art music center and continue to be a beacon of inspiration, education, and transformative musical experiences for generations to come.

Join us for the grand opening of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center in September 2025—in time for Powell Hall's centennial and the start of the SLSO's 146th season—and experience firsthand this vibrant music center designed to serve the community and help shape the orchestra of the future.



Jack C. Taylor

Honoring a Legacy

The Jack C. Taylor Music Center—named in honor of the longtime orchestra patron, philanthropist, founder of Enterprise Mobility, and champion of St. Louis—will encompass Powell Hall as well as the 64,000-square-foot expansion, transforming the audience and artistic experience while protecting the hall's beloved character.

"No individual patron in the long and illustrious history of the SLSO has had a greater impact on the success of the orchestra as Jack Taylor, and it is fitting that our new music center will bear his name," says SLSO Board Chair Steven L. Finerty.

Through Taylor's historic \$40 million gift establishing the St. Louis Symphony Endowment Trust in 2000 and many subsequent gifts over nearly 25 years, the SLSO today is positioned for an exciting new era. The Jack C. Taylor Music Center will make music more accessible for all, deepening our impact far into the future.

Music for All Campaign

Thanks to the incredible generosity of so many donors and friends, we are nearing completion of our \$155 million goal for the renovation and expansion. Help us reach the finish line!

Gifts and pledges at all levels are appreciated and play a critical part in the SLSO's ability to create meaningful musical experiences for decades to come. We invite you to join us in this exciting initiative at slo.org/musicforall.

Looking Forward



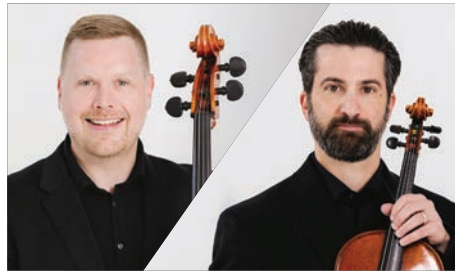
“Powell Hall has a soul. It adds a certain glow to the sound with its distinct character. I am so happy that this renovation will add to Powell Hall’s poetic sound.”
 – **Stéphane Denève, The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director**



“There’s gospel, there’s Bach, and everything in between. The variety elevates the whole shared experience, and I’m so looking forward to the renovated space, which will support all of that and more.”
 – **Annie Marshall, audience member**



“For many of my students, a visit to Powell Hall is their first exposure to live music. I love that the SLSO is dedicating a new space to enriching the musical experience of students and their teachers.”
 – **James McKay, teacher in the Hazelwood School District and music director at Gateway Music Outreach, on the new Education and Learning Center**



“The SLSO musicians are beyond excited to return to our beloved home. The added practice and rehearsal spaces, coupled with a beautiful musicians’ lounge, will make for a much more comfortable and productive environment.”
 – **Bjorn Ranheim and Chris Tantillo, co-chairs of the SLSO Musicians’ Council**



“A dedicated rehearsal space will give singers the space they need to hone their craft, create wonderful musical memories, and strengthen the social fabric of St. Louis.”
 – **Kwamina Walker-Williams, member of the St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus, on the new Education and Learning Center**

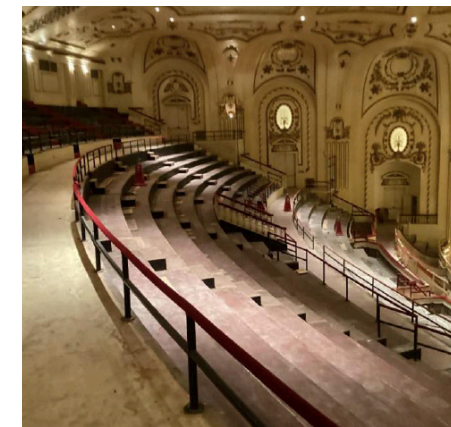


“Powell Hall is an extraordinarily beautiful space. When I bring people in from out of town, they are speechless because it’s so beautiful. And I’m so glad that will remain when the building reopens.”
 – **Leslie Caplan, member of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus**

Construction Highlights



AUGUST 2023
 Crews pour and finish the basement floor of the new backstage wing.



OCTOBER 2023
 Mechanical work begins following seat and carpet removal in the auditorium.



FEBRUARY 2024
 The Education and Learning Center rises to three stories tall.



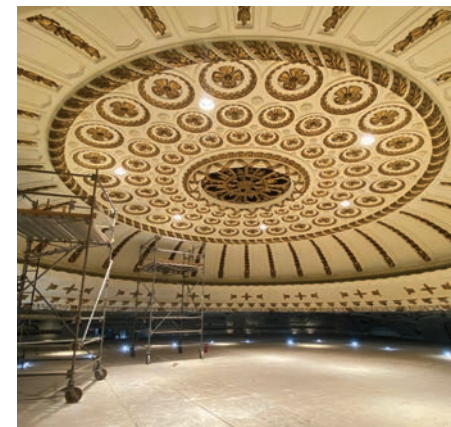
MARCH 2024
 Scaffolding fills much of the auditorium as cleaning and painting begins.



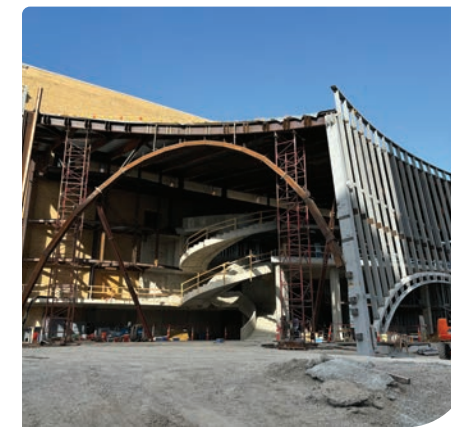
JUNE 2024
 Form work for the spiral staircase in the new front of house expansion begins.



JULY 2024
 Crews begin building the steel shell that will envelop the expansion.



AUGUST 2024
 Powell Hall’s iconic dome is cleaned and repainted.



SEPTEMBER 2024
 Steel form work continues on the new lobby, supporting a graceful arch on the south side of the structure.

Learn more
 about the project
 and its impact at
slo.org/musicforall

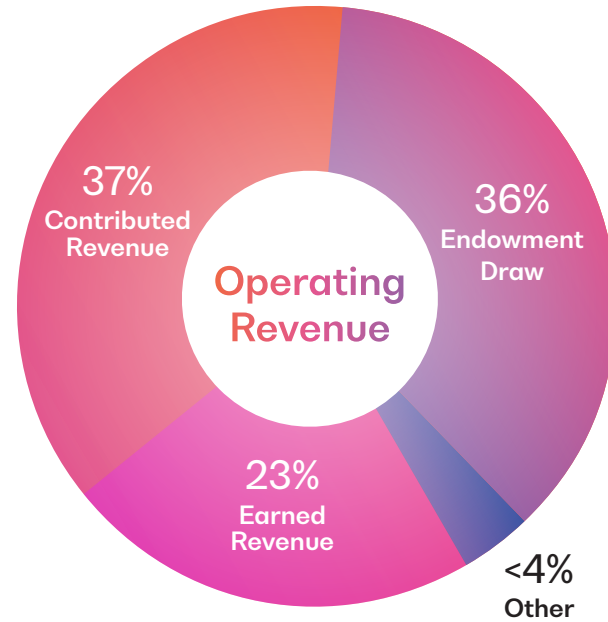
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Financial Summary

Statement of Activities

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2024* (\$ in thousands)

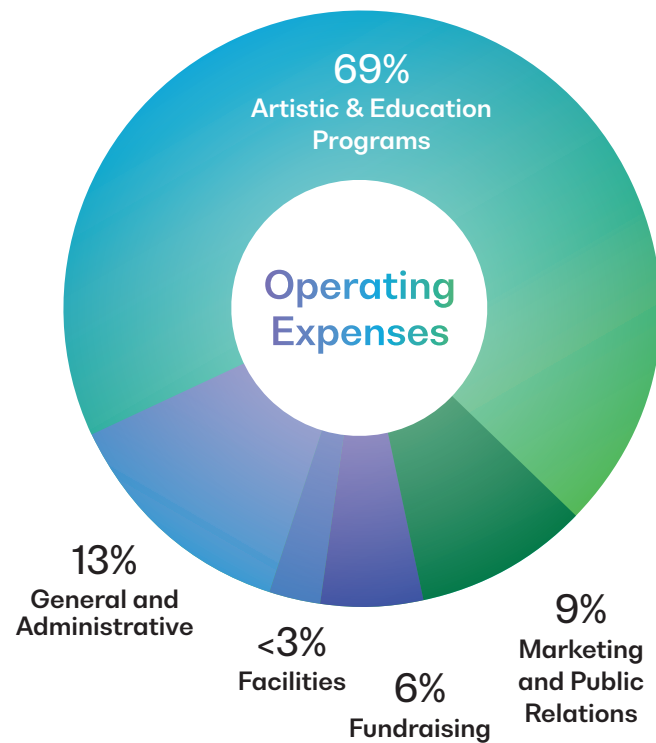
Revenue

Earned Revenue	\$6,891
Contributed Revenue	\$11,207
Endowment Draw	\$11,041
Other	\$1,129
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$30,268



Expenses

Artistic and Education Programming	\$21,320
Marketing and Public Relations	\$2,838
Fundraising	\$1,748
Facilities	\$818
General and Administrative	\$4,021
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$30,746



Statement of Financial Position

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2024* (\$ in thousands)

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$14,256
Investments held by the Symphony	\$83,999
Investments held by the Endowment Trust	\$256,079
Receivables	\$37,837
Other assets	\$1,271
Property and Equipment (net)	\$75,368
TOTAL ASSETS	\$468,810

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$6,384
Deferred Revenue	\$2,445
Notes Payable	\$56,739
NPV of Annuity Obligations	\$273
Total Liabilities	\$65,841

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$124,608
Temporarily Restricted	\$99,933
Permanently Restricted	\$178,428
Total Net Assets	\$402,969

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$468,810
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