ANNUAL REPORT 145th Season ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

STÉPHANE DENÈVE, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Chers amis,

I sincerely thank you for your genuine enthusiasm and support throughout our 145th season, my seventh as The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director. During our "travels" away from Powell Hall, we made countless new friends and deepened cherished relationships in our community. I'm so proud of what we achieved together during the 2024/25 season thanks to the singularly talented members of our orchestra and choruses, our team of conductors, staff, and volunteers.

Your passion and engagement with the orchestra inspires us to advance bold programming that showcases our musicians' exceptional artistry. Our second "nomadic" season reflected on the meaning of home as we journeyed from Mason Bates' *Nomad Concerto* through Mozart's travels and on to Guillaume Connesson's search for Shangri-La and the timeless wanderings of Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt*.

I especially want to congratulate Samuel Hollister, Assistant Conductor and The Fred M. Saigh Youth Orchestra Music Director, and Erin Freeman, Director of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, on their first full seasons in their roles. Their talent, commitment, and creativity are a joy to experience.

Performances of new works left indelible memories, adding to an impressive portfolio of premieres and commissions that are core to the SLSO's creative mission. Twenty works were added to the orchestra repertoire, including twelve pieces by living composers such as Gabriela Lena Frank, Detlev Glanert, Adolphus Hailstork, and Kevin Puts, along with two original commissions—Nina Shekhar's Accordion Concerto and Anna Clyne's *PALETTE*—and a co-commission of Magnus Lindberg's Viola Concerto.

Returning to the renewed Powell Hall at the Jack C. Taylor Music Center fills me with a tremendous sense of excitement. It's an honor to perform once again on this treasured stage and to hear the wonderful—even improved!—acoustics. Music is the shortest distance from one heart to another, and in this space, we can now feel so much closer. Thank you for walking side by side with us as we step boldly into the future, inspired and carried forward by the power of music.

Merci de tout coeur,

Stole John

Stéphane Denève The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director

FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



Dear friends,

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all whose generosity, enthusiasm, and commitment made the 2024/25 season such a success. In addition to the exceptional music and spirit we shared, your dedication helped propel the SLSO into a new era with the opening of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center, with the beautifully renovated Powell Hall at its heart.

The past two seasons performing throughout the region have been deeply energizing. Under the artistic leadership of Music Director Stéphane Denève, our musicians shared profound and moving musical experiences with us. We are especially grateful to Stifel Theatre and Chris Zimmerman, President and CEO of Business Operations of the St. Louis Blues, as well as the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center and Kristin Sobolik, the University of Missouri–St. Louis' chancellor, for being our homes away from home during this time.

I have been continually inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm of our teams and community. During the 24/25 season alone, we witnessed a tremendous response from our audiences; your joyful engagement, willingness to adapt, and shared commitment to our mission was extraordinary. Our regional activities drew approximately 47 percent new single ticket buyers and served more than 238,000 students and teachers through concerts, community programs, and other learning initiatives.

Looking ahead, the powerful transformation of Powell Hall represents a profound investment in the future of music and music education. Designed to elevate every aspect of the audience and artist experience, the state-of-the-art Jack C. Taylor Music Center positions the SLSO and St. Louis as global destinations for music and cultural innovation. The Music for All Campaign is a testament to the tireless work and vision of so many, and we're grateful for the extraordinary generosity of our donors who contributed a record-breaking \$173 million, making a dream a reality.

Such far-reaching impact is only possible because of you—our thoughtful Board, generous donors, and devoted audiences—and the SLSO's exceptional musicians, staff, and volunteers. With deep gratitude, I wish to recognize the outstanding leadership of our Board Chair, Steven Finerty, whose thoughtful guidance over the past five seasons has left our institution thriving and poised for an even brighter future. I look forward to partnering with Nancy Galvin as the next Board Chair when Steve steps down this month.

We are eager to create unforgettable memories with you in our reimagined home, forging new artistic paths and partnerships, and sharing the transformative power of music with an ever-growing community. Thank you, again, for being part of this truly remarkable chapter in the SLSO's history.

Warmly,

Marie-Hélène Bernard President and CEO

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Dear friends,

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Chair of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's Board of Trustees for the past five extraordinary years. I extend my deep gratitude to my partners in this endeavor—Music Director Stéphane Denève, President and CEO Marie-Hélène Bernard, and my fellow Board members—as well as the generous community that surrounds and makes up the SLSO.

These past two seasons, especially, have been defined by resilience, innovation, and collective vision, culminating in the transformation of Powell Hall and the creation of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center. This achievement—and the Music for All Campaign raising \$173 million to support the project and the SLSO's endowment—reflects the work of many. I extend deep appreciation to visionary leaders Emily Rauh Pulitzer and Jo Ann Taylor Kindle; to our Board of Trustees for their extraordinary foresight; and to Marie-Hélène Bernard for her deft stewardship of this project and the Music for All Campaign. To our outstanding orchestra, choruses, staff, and volunteers: thank you for your excellent work. To our donors, public partners, and civic leaders: your steadfast commitment to our organization made this possible. The result is a home that preserves what we cherish and boldly advances what we are becoming.

Built by generosity for our community, the Jack C. Taylor Music Center is more than a building—it's a promise to our city, our artists, and generations to come. We are creating a model that ensures sustainability while setting a national standard for inclusive, high-impact music education and deep community engagement. The music center will also serve as an economic engine, expanding our role with new jobs, increased tourism, and strengthened cultural infrastructure that benefits the city, region, and state.

As I conclude my term, I am delighted to welcome Nancy Galvin as the Board's next Chair. Nancy's thoughtfulness and passion for the SLSO will continue to advance our organization in its next chapter. I look forward to supporting her work and, like so many of you, to taking my seat in the audience to experience the remarkable music and moments that lie ahead.

With gratitude,

Steven L. Finerty Chair, Board of Trustees

October 27, 2025

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OUR IMPACT

690,000+

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

220,000+ people experienced the SLSO live at venues across the region

250+ concerts, free events, and education programs were held

45,000+ guests attended the Forest Park Community Concert

3,196 free tickets were requested by clients of our 19 ACCESS partner organizations

350+ SVA members performed 7,500+ volunteer hours





237,000+ students and 825+ teachers were engaged with SLSO education programs

6,900+ education concert tickets were provided to schools demonstrating financial need

46 states and 7 countries were reached through SLSO education programming

100+ Youth Orchestra musicians were mentored by SLSO musicians

150+ community partner collaborations

47% of single ticket-buyers were first-time attendees

2,752 total subscriber households with 30% new or returning

218,000+ people were reached through radio broadcasts

39 million social media impressions



The talent of the SLSO's artists is matched by the heart and passion they have for their craft and the community. We celebrate their many contributions on stage and off.

New Musicians Appointed

Three new musicians joined the ranks of the SLSO, bringing Stéphane Denève's total appointments of current orchestra musicians to 22. These new musicians have made an immediate impact on the artistry of the orchestra and greatly contribute to the overall legacy of artistic excellence for which the SLSO is recognized.



George Goad Second Trumpet



Yoojin Lee First Violin



Charlie LinFirst Violin



Farewell, Diana

After 21 seasons, Diana Haskell retired from her position as Associate Principal Clarinet. Throughout her rewarding career, she soloed several times with the orchestra and engaged with the community through a broad range of SLSO programming. Particularly invested in education, Haskell was an avid participant in education programs and served on faculty at several institutions. We wish her a happy retirement.

New Assistant Conductor

As Assistant Conductor, Samuel Hollister led the SLSO in a variety of programs, including family and education concerts, a program of University of Missouri compositions, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in Cape Girardeau, and concerts featuring the music of The Beatles. In addition, he serves as The Fred M. Saigh Music Director of the Youth Orchestra, preparing and leading the ensemble in three concerts throughout the season.

New Director of the Symphony Chorus

In her first season as Director of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, Erin Freeman prepared three programs featuring major works including Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and Grieg's *Peer Gynt*. She also led a special concert showcasing the breadth and variety of choral music.



Chorus America Conference

In an exceptional display of talent, the St. Louis Symphony Chorus and St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus performed at the opening night concert of the Chorus America Annual Conference, held in St. Louis in June. The event brought national attention to the city and shined a bright light on the region's vocal groups.

Emphasis on Education

From playing musical games in Pre-K classrooms to sitting side by side with emerging musicians, educational activities are close to the heart of many SLSO musicians. One highlight for several musicians: seeing their mentees in the Peer to Peer program achieving their goals. Peer to Peer pairs musicians from the Youth Orchestra with rising young string players from the nonprofit Gateway Music Outreach. The student pairs meet each week, and SLSO musicians serve as their coaches.

Curating Live at The Sheldon

SLSO musicians stretched their creative muscles by programming the Live at The Sheldon chamber music concerts for the second consecutive year. A slate of ten musician curators selected chamber music favorites by Antonín Dvořák, Sergei Prokofiev, and Robert Schumann, as well as lesser-heard dazzlers by Amy Beach, Oskar Böhme, Pablo de Sarasate, and Shelley Washington.

Orchestra Members as Soloists

In December, SLSO musicians took center stage as soloists on a special program of all-Baroque music at Washington University's 560 Music Center. Associate Principal Violist Alejandro Valdepeñas and piccolo player Ann Choomack tackled works by Georg Philipp Telemann and Antonio Vivaldi in performances filled with "virtuosity and emotional warmth."

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ARTISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

Groundbreaking premieres, genreblending performances, and dynamic partnerships with iconic artists and institutions—this season brought unique musical experiences to audiences across St. Louis.



John Legend at the Muny

The season began in spectacular fashion with an SLSO performance at the Muny with Emmy-, Grammy-, Oscar-, and Tony-winning artist John Legend. Legend joined his signature smooth vocals with the orchestra's lush arrangements in A Night of Songs and Stories. Legend's talent, backed by the artistry of two of St. Louis' leading arts institutions, captivated audiences and marked the Muny's first concert in more than 30 years.



Opening Weekend

In an Opening Weekend that reached some 50,000 people, the SLSO brought music to St. Louis in bold and unexpected ways. Led by Music Director Stéphane Denève, the orchestra ushered in a new season with powerful classical performances—including Berlioz' Symphonie fantastique and Mason Bates' Nomad Concerto featuring violinist Gil Shaham. SLSO musicians also performed in unconventional places, from sharing the national anthem at a CITY SC match to energizing a packed dance floor at Symphonie Electronique, an electrifying EDM party.



Celebrating Leonard Slatkin

In celebration of Conductor Laureate Leonard Slatkin's 80th birthday, the SLSO presented a weekend of special events honoring his musical legacy. Highlights included a concert featuring Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 as well as works by Slatkin, his wife Cindy McTee, and son Daniel Slatkin. Slatkin also led an immersive conductor workshop, and discussed his latest book, *Classical Crossroads*, at the St. Louis County Library.

Spotlight on the Symphony Chorus

On April 11, the St. Louis Symphony Chorus took center stage in A Celebration of Voice, a special concert featuring the exceptional talents of the 100+ person chorus. Led by Director Erin Freeman, the performance spanned centuries of vocal music from the Baroque to the contemporary periods, with a focus on composers featured in the upcoming 25/26 season.

World and US Premieres

New works by living composers pushed artistic boundaries as the SLSO gave voice to bold new visions through an exciting lineup of premieres. The world premiere of Nina Shekhar's stirring Accordion Concerto showcased the talents of accordionist Hanzhi Wang while Anna Clyne's multimedia-rich *PALETTE* lit up the stage with experimental sound and lighting design. The US premieres of Magnus Lindberg's Viola Concerto and Guillaume Connesson's *Lost Horizons* Violin Concerto reaffirmed the orchestra's commitment to shaping the future of classical music.

Multi-Genre Performances

Genre-defying collaborations attracted new audiences this season. Baseball legend Adam Wainwright joined the SLSO for Double Play, featuring Cardinals organist Dwayne Hilton and Jack Buck narrating "Casey at the Bat." Members of David Bowie's band and the orchestra gave an electrifying performance of the legendary rock star's album, *Blackstar*. The SLSO shared the stage with hip-hop pioneers DMC and the Sugarhill Gang, while Beethoven X Beyoncé, arranged by composer-conductor Steve Hackman, fused the power of these two legends.



Music + Art

Sustaining our unwavering commitment to today's musical voices, the SLSO celebrated another year of our enduring collaboration with the Pulitzer Arts Foundation, presenting a three-concert series of bold and adventurous chamber music within art-filled galleries. The Live at the Pulitzer series is curated by St. Louis-based composer Christopher Stark.



Peer Gynt

The SLSO brought its classical programming for the season to a dramatic close with its first (near) complete performance of Grieg's *Peer Gynt*, led by Music Director Stéphane Denève. This dynamic collaboration featured the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, soprano Camilla Tilling, Hardanger fiddler Vidar Skrede, and actors from Concert Theatre Works in Bill Barclay's inventive two-hour adaptation. With more than 200 artists on stage, the production dazzled audiences, cementing an epic finale for the season.

50 Years of Opera Theatre of Saint Louis

Opera Theatre of Saint Louis celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, marking nearly five decades of bold artistic partnership with the SLSO. Together, the SLSO and OTSL have championed new works, elevated American voices, and shaped the future of opera—on stage and in the community.

Championed Composers Series

As part of its commitment to promote the music of Black American composers, the IN UNISON Chorus launched the Dr. Nkeiru Okoye Project as part of the Championed Composers Series. Okoye's music, deeply influenced by gospel and spirituals, aligns beautifully with the mission and vision of IN UNISON. At visits to eight IN UNISON partner churches, performances of this living artist's music were met with great enthusiasm and success.

Acclaimed Guest Artists

Numerous celebrated musicians and conductors joined the SLSO this past year, sharing their artistry and passion for the craft with St. Louis audiences. Violinists including James Ehnes, Gil Shaham, and Akiko Suwanai, as well as pianists Kirill Gerstein, Yeol Eum Son, and Conrad Tao graced our stages along with vocalists such as Dashon Burton, Kelley O'Connor, and Michael Spyres. Distinguished conductors including David Afkham, Daniella Candillari, David Danzmayr, and Jonathon Heyward also brought fresh artistic vision and dynamic interpretations to the works they led.

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Bosnian Journeys

Together with the St. Louis County Library and Srebrenica Remembrance Coalition, the SLSO hosted Bosnian Journeys in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide. Through traditional music, evocative storytelling, and visual elements, this moving program told the history, struggles, and triumphs of Bosnian refugees who found a new home in St. Louis.



New Teacher Workshops

As part of its ongoing commitment to inclusive education, the SLSO launched two new teacher workshops, including Embracing Neurodiversity, an expansion of the SLSO's inclusion initiative for individuals with sensory differences. Designed for elementary music teachers and guided by an occupational therapist from BJC Healthcare, the workshop provided practical strategies to support students with sensory processing differences—both in the classroom and the concert hall.

Holocaust Composer Stories

In partnership with the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, the SLSO released a digital version of its program Holocaust Composer Stories: Pavel Haas in January 2025 for middle and high school classroom use. This powerful program brings to light the stories and works of composers directly affected by the Holocaust. By learning about the life of Pavel Haas and listening to his music, more than 4,500 students gained a deeper understanding of history and the enduring power of artistic expression.

Melodies of Hope

The SLSO spearheaded Melodies of Hope, a ground-breaking pilot program that brought music education into the Buzz Westfall Justice Center in Clayton. In collaboration with St. Louis County Justice Services, Pianos for People, Suzuki Harmony, and the Maryville University Music Therapy Program, ten residents—five men and five women—received instruction in piano and violin from professional musicians. SLSO violinist Jessica Cheng Hellwege and Principal Keyboardist Peter Henderson performed at the justice center to kick off the program.

Community Concerts

The SLSO continued its tradition of bringing music directly into the community with dozens of free performances in museums, universities, libraries, houses of worship, and more. In addition to our beloved annual Forest Park concert, highlights included a Veterans Day concert at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, a vibrant Juneteenth celebration at Manchester United Methodist Church, a joyous sing- and play-along in St. Peters, and a collaborative concert with the Missouri History Museum spotlighting composers from the LGBTQIA+ community.

Arts Intensive

In a joyfully creative concert, third graders at Griffith Elementary transformed The Bremen Town Musicians into an original musical through the SLSO Arts Intensive program. In partnership with the orchestra, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, and UMSL's E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative, students worked closely with musicians and teaching artists over several months to bring their vision to life.

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CELEBRATING THE SLSO

The SLSO thrives thanks to dedicated and engaged constituents. Board, Advisory Council, volunteers, donors, staff, and members of the orchestra, Symphony Chorus, and IN UNISON Chorus embrace a welcoming and inclusive culture.

Thank you, Steve!

As Chair of the Board of the SLSO since 2020, Steven Finerty has led with vision, resilience, and unwavering dedication. His tenure encompassed some of the most transformative years in the SLSO's history, from navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic to overseeing the renovation of Powell Hall and the creation of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center. With more than four decades in investment management, Finerty shared strategic insight and steady guidance, helping the Board chart an ambitious course for the orchestra's future. His engagement with the St. Louis community is equally inspiring, having served on boards at Forest Park Forever, the Muny, and the Saint Louis Zoo. We are deeply grateful for Finerty's extraordinary stewardship and the lasting impact of his leadership.



Honoring 30 Years of the IN UNISON Chorus

Celebrating its 30th year, the IN UNISON Chorus is a core initiative in the SLSO's overall IN UNISON program. Begun as a pilot program with five local Black churches, IN UNISON now encompasses 35 partner churches, the Chorus, and the IN UNISON Academy. The Chorus sings with the orchestra and presents community concerts as part of its focus on interpreting, performing, and preserving music of the African diaspora.



Homecoming Challenge

In celebration of the transformed Powell Hall at the new Jack C. Taylor Music Center, longtime SLSO supporters Penny Pennington and Mike Fidler presented the Homecoming Challenge, which raised \$213,000 in new and increased gifts to the Annual Fund. "The joy and beauty the SLSO brings to St. Louis is beyond words," said Pennington, reflecting the sentiment and generosity of the many donors who answered the challenge.



SVA Leadership

Debbie Dillon concluded her term as SVA President this June, passing the gavel to Suzanne Seibel. During Dillon's tenure, SVA members contributed more than 13,500 volunteer hours, rose to the challenge of supporting the SLSO across multiple venues, and welcomed more than 50 new members. We are excited to welcome Seibel as the new SVA President and look forward to her vision and leadership.



New Contract for the Orchestra

The SLSO and the orchestra have agreed on a new fouryear contract with the American Federation of Musicians. The new contract runs from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2030, and was ratified one year before the expiration of the current contract. This new agreement is an investment in the musicians of the SLSO, who are the very heart of the organization, and reflects our shared commitment to the future of the orchestra and its ability to best serve our community.

New Executive Appointment

Scott Lanning joined the SLSO as Chief Financial Officer in February. Lanning has extensive leadership experience with a core focus on finance and operations, having spent more than 20 years at Enterprise Mobility in a variety of roles, including Controller. He has served on the leadership team of Sansone Group since 2019, overseeing finance, accounting, and administrative responsibilities.

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Music for All Campaign Raises \$173 Million

Thanks to generous support from many SLSO friends, Music for All: The Campaign for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra exceeded its \$155 million goal, achieving total gifts and pledges surpassing \$173 million.

Funds raised through the Music for All campaign made possible the renovation of Powell Hall and a 64,000-square-foot expansion, which together create the Jack C. Taylor Music Center. A portion of the campaign also supports the SLSO's endowment, a permanent funding source for operations, programs, and endowed chairs.

Of the campaign's \$155 million goal, \$140 million was earmarked for expansion and renovation costs. More than \$145 million has been given or pledged toward the capital project and related costs.

The generosity of donors funded the complete transformation of Powell Hall, which marks its 100th anniversary of opening in 2025 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. The project centers the SLSO's mission of making music more accessible to all, while transforming the concert experience for audiences and artists.

The project preserves the existing building's historic character, while making enhancements to the

concertgoing experience, including new and larger seats, acoustic fortification and improvements, and refreshing signature details.

The 64,000-square-foot expansion adds essential space and services to better serve audiences, artists, and the greater community. The Snøhetta-designed lobby serves as a gracious gathering spot for audiences, along with more restrooms, concession areas, and a new central staircase connecting to all levels of the concert hall. A new Education and Learning Center serves as a home for the SLSO's robust education programs and as a nexus for creativity and community connections.

In addition to the capital project costs, the additional endowment funds will support the SLSO's ongoing operating costs in the expanded facility. To date, more than \$25 million has been given or pledged toward endowment funding.

Music for All is the largest philanthropic effort ever undertaken on behalf of the SLSO, and it ranks among the largest capital campaigns ever conducted on behalf of any St. Louis cultural organization.

"We are truly heartened by the extraordinary support provided for this project by the SLSO's many friends. This investment will pay dividends for many generations, and we thank all those who have stepped forward to assure the success of this effort," said Steven L. Finerty, Chair of the SLSO Board of Trustees.

"We are deeply grateful for this outpouring of love and generosity by our donors.

This generational investment in the SLSO sets the stage for an exceptional future of music-making for decades to come and we are so grateful for this extraordinary support."

-- Marie-Hélène Bernard, SLSO President and CEO





For close to a decade, hundreds of individuals have worked together to bring St. Louis' new home for music to life. From conceptual design all the way to executing on the most minute details, the team has worked with finesse, expertise, and integrity, guided by Marie-Hélène Bernard, SLSO President and CEO, and Anna Leavey, the Powell Hall Project Manager.

The primary group is five firms that worked closely together from the early stages of the project. Their skill has ushered the endeavor through its many phases. Snøhetta, the internationally acclaimed architecture firm, is the project lead and design architect. Their architects designed the graceful expansion that, together with the renovated Powell Hall, is the Jack C. Taylor Music Center.

Partnering with Snøhetta, Christner Architects served as the architect of record. Based in St. Louis, the Christner team enhanced and built upon Snøhetta's vision. Schuler Shook is the Chicago-based theater planning consultant that developed all aspects of the auditorium renovation and the new Education and Learning Center. Acoustics design firm Kirkegaard collaborated with project firms to

maintain Powell Hall as one of the most superb-sounding concert halls in the country. And executing the entire initiative with a keen eye for detail, BSI Constructors led the construction, managing a host of specialty firms to realize the vision.

We're grateful to all who contributed to this incredible team effort and look forward to welcoming them to the renewed Powell Hall at the new Jack C. Taylor Music Center.

Homes Away from Home

Special thanks are also due to the teams at Stifel Theatre and the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, our homes away from home for the past two seasons. As generous hosts, they allowed the SLSO both to flourish artistically and deepen our connections with the community. These vibrant venues, along with others—including the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts at Lindenwood University, The Sheldon, and the Pulitzer Arts Foundation—were critical and valued partners during this time of transition.

Construction Highlights



OCTOBER 2024

Crews updated the electrical work around the proscenium in the auditorium.



OCTOBER 2024

The spiral staircase takes shape in the new Berges Family Foundation Grand Lobby.



FEBRUARY 2025

The new main entrance is installed.



MARCH 2025

The stage flooring is removed to make way for the new white oak floor.



APRIL 2025

Instrument storage is installed.



JULY 2025

Light fixtures are reinstalled in the auditorium.

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This past year, the SLSO Board led an effort to update our strategic plan at this critical moment in our history. As we embark on a new era, we commit to a mission and vision that reflect our deepest held values and usher us forward with confidence.

Mission

To enrich lives through the power of music, fostering a vibrant and connected community.

Vision

Through exceptional artistry, innovation, and a deep commitment to community, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the region's premier cultural experience and a leading orchestra worldwide, elevating St. Louis as a global destination.

Strategies

Program

- 1. Create a bold artistic vision that advances orchestral music.
- 2. Grow learning and engagement across diverse communities.

Audiences

- 3. Strengthen the SLSO brand to deepen trust and loyalty.
- 4. Build sustainable philanthropic support.

Culture and Capacity

- 5. Nurture a culture of belonging, creativity, and empowerment.
- 6. Evolve the business model for long-term artistic and financial sustainability.



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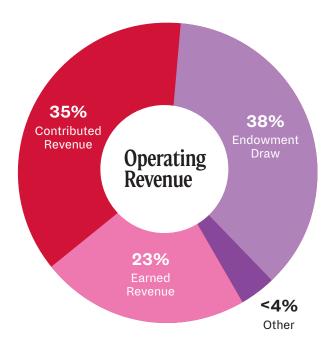
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Activities

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2025* (\$ in thousands)

Revenue

| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | \$31,655 |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Other | \$1,340 |
| Endowment Draw | \$11,937 |
| Contributed Revenue | \$11,039 |
| Earned Revenue | \$7,339 |
| | |



71% Artistic & Education Programs **Expenses** \$23,171 Artistic and Education Programming \$2,505 Operating Expenses Marketing and Public Relations \$1,790 Fundraising \$877 Facilities \$4,278 General and Administrative \$32,621 **TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** 13% General and 8% Administrative <3% Marketing and Public Facilities 5% Relations Fundraising



Statement of Financial Position

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2025* (\$ in thousands)

| ASSETS | |
|---|-----------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$18,73 |
| Investments held by the Symphony | \$44,730 |
| Investments held by the Endowment Trust | \$273,98 |
| Receivables | \$38,31 |
| Other assets | \$1,293 |
| Property and Equipment (net) | \$134,196 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$511,243 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses | \$7,018 |
| Deferred Revenue | \$5,23 |
| Notes Payable | \$56,694 |
| NPV of Annuity Obligations | \$264 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$69,209 |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Unrestricted | \$138,52° |
| Temporarily Restricted | \$118,504 |
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A seasoned professional in finance and public relations having served as senior partner at Fleishman-Hillard before starting his own investment operation—David Blanton was also an avid supporter of many cultural and charitable organizations in St. Louis. His generosity and support of the SLSO reflected a lifelong belief in the power of the arts to enrich community life.



Jesse Richard Bodine

As the leader of Bodine Aluminum Co., Jesse "Jack" Richard Bodine grew his family's business into one of the country's largest industrial producers of its kind. A dedicated member of church and community organizations, Bodine was a lifetime supporter of the SLSO, where his commitment helped sustain and strengthen the orchestra for future generations.



Sam Fox

Businessman, former US ambassador, and civic leader Sam Fox left a lasting mark on St. Louis through his philanthropy and public service. Washington University's Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts stands as a testament to his enduring commitment to education and the arts. A longtime supporter of the SLSO, Fox was also an active member of the Board of Trustees.



Patricia Lane

An ardent champion of the SLSO for decades, Pat Lane was a longtime subscriber and a former Trustee. She regularly attended family concerts, often with her grandchildren in tow, and her giving ensured the SLSO's stable foundation. Through the Lane Family Foundation, Lane's legacy will have a lasting impact on organizations across St. Louis—from the arts to healthcare, and from education to conservation.



David E. Perkins

After serving in the US Navy, Dr. David E. Perkins enjoyed almost two decades with Scott Radiology Group in St. Louis as a radiologist, president, and chairman of the board. Perkins also served as president of the Greater St. Louis Society of Radiologists. An accomplished trumpet player in his youth, Perkins was a generous supporter of the SLSO for many years, in addition to his well-known contributions to the Saint Louis Zoo.

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Tzuying Huang

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Ellen Connors

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Flutes

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Clarinets

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