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146th Season

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT AND CEO



Dear Friends,

The 2025/26 season marked a long-awaited homecoming and a year filled with firsts and celebration. The opening of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center, with historic Powell Hall at its heart, marked the culmination of a dream shaped by years of vision, planning, partnership, and work. This achievement belongs to the entire community that brought it to life and sustained the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra along the way.

To our musicians, staff, volunteers, audiences, donors, Board of Trustees, and civic and community partners: Thank you. Your commitment fuels everything reflected in these pages—bold artistry, meaningful learning experiences, community partnerships, and a welcoming home where more people can discover the power of music.

We are already seeing the impact of this renewed space. New and returning audiences filled Powell Hall, while expanded gathering, performance, and learning spaces allowed us to broaden our programming and deepen engagement. The 25/26 season paired beloved works with world premieres and nearly 40 percent of classical programs featured music by living composers. New experiences—including the inaugural Concert for Teens, Powell Hall Presents, and the Playlist: Symphony Happy Hour series—created additional pathways for those in our community to participate, connect, and belong.

One year into our strategic plan, we are seeing clear progress: welcoming new audiences, embracing bold creativity, deepening access and community connection, and building a strong foundation for the SLSO's future. The response to our reopened home shows what is possible when this vision is shared and sustained by our entire community.

As we embark on our 147th season, we do so with gratitude and momentum. Every performance, program, partnership, and moment of discovery is made possible by you. Thank you for sustaining this organization and helping shape what comes next.

With gratitude,



Marie-Hélène Bernard
President and CEO



Nancy Galvin
Chair, Board of Trustees

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Cher amis,

What a joy it has been to welcome you back to Powell Hall at the Jack C. Taylor Music Center and to celebrate the power of music in our beautifully renovated and expanded home. Our motto is so accurate: "We are all together now!" I am thrilled by the improvements the music center is delivering for guests and artists, and I'm immensely proud of the shared experiences we created during the 2025/26 season. I am so thankful for the exceptional artistry of our orchestra and choruses, as well as the talent and dedication of SLSO staff and volunteers. And I continue to be deeply grateful for my close partnership with our chorus directors, Erin Freeman and Kevin McBeth, and with Samuel Hollister, our assistant conductor. Truly a dream team!

The 146th season presented a feast of music that vividly exemplified our commitment to exciting, innovative programming that responds to an array of interests. Our wonderful Forest Park concert, one of my favorite events of the year, was the starting point for a season that included bold, large-scale presentations of masterworks such as Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. We continued to champion new music, of course, adding to the SLSO's repertoire and premiering new works by composers, including Nathalie Joachim, James Lee III, and Kevin Puts.

Together, we reveled in the joy of music, celebrating the artistry of our outstanding musicians and elevating St. Louis as a national and international cultural destination by welcoming virtuoso guest artists such as Joyce DiDonato, Augustin Hadelich, Hilary Hahn, Víkingur Ólafsson, Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet. Above all, we treasured the unique power music has to bring people together, to strengthen our community, and to create unforgettable shared experiences. Thank you wholeheartedly for supporting us as we look ahead with excitement to the rest of our 147th season and beyond.

Merci de tout coeur,



Stéphane Denève
The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director



THANK YOU

Music brings us together, lifts spirits, and creates moments we remember long after the final note. Thanks to the generosity of our community, this impact can be felt throughout the region and beyond.

A NEW HOME FOR MUSIC

After a transformational renovation and expansion, Powell Hall at the Jack C. Taylor Music Center opened in September 2025, making music more accessible than ever before. Our beloved venue is now a state-of-the-art home for music, offering an enriched experience for audiences and artists alike.

Designed by the internationally renowned architecture firm Snøhetta, the music center facilitates greater community connections with new gathering, backstage, and education areas. The renovation retains what audiences love about this historic asset and creates an even more welcoming and comfortable experience.

Support from throughout the community made this investment in the future of the SLSO possible. Thank you to all who contributed to this momentous achievement.

1M+
people experienced SLSO concerts, education and community programs, digital programs, and media broadcasts

63%
ticket revenue growth over prior season

33%
new subscribers

40%
of single ticket buyers were new

"It shines like a pearl."
–Forbes

"A Concert Hall Worth a Fanfare"
– The New York Times

The September 19 Ribbon Cutting for Powell Hall at the Jack C. Taylor Music Center included an inspiring performance by the St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus.

OPENING EVENTS: A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

Special events marked the opening of the Jack C. Taylor Music Center, inviting guests to discover the soaring new spaces and the restored grandeur of Powell Hall.









"The new symphony hall is replete with multiplicity, like those who people it."

– Architectural Record



Gala chairs James Berges and Elizabeth Mannen Berges







Practice Day

Sep 6

Visitors entered the new space for the first time for a Youth Orchestra rehearsal on stage, while staff rehearsed the process of welcoming audiences.

Donor Preview

Sep 10

Donors shared their appreciation at this first full view of the music center.

Ribbon Cutting

Sep 19

St. Louis Mayor Cara Spencer, Board Chair Steve Finerty, and President and CEO Marie-Hélène Bernard shared remarks at this special ceremony, followed by joyful singing by the IN UNISON Chorus and an uplifting performance by the orchestra.

Gala

Sep 20

More than 500 guests attended the music center's inaugural gala, featuring a dinner that activated multiple spaces and a vibrant performance by the SLSO and guests Byron Stripling and Cécile McLorin Salvant.

Media Day

Sep 24

Dozens of members of the media toured the new and renovated spaces, elevating the project's profile on the local and national level.

Opening Weekend

Sep 26–28

Fanfares and world premieres expressed the joy and excitement of the roughly 6,000 attendees at the first Opening Weekend performances.

Thank-You Concert

Oct 8

The SLSO hosted a free concert and tours of the new facility as a thank-you to the construction and design teams who worked on the renovation and expansion.

Community Day

Nov 8

Highlighting the music center's role as a community gathering space and arts convener, this free open house featured performances by the Black Rep, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, The Repertory Theatre, Chamber Music Society of Saint Louis, Story Stitchers, and more.

BOLD ARTISTRY

Genre-defying performances and dazzling productions of beloved masterworks reflected a range of voices and perspectives.

"This orchestra is just such a jaw-dropping, phenomenal group of musicians."

– Leila Josefowicz, internationally acclaimed guest violinist

26
works by living composers, nearly 40% of pieces on classical programs

40+
pieces entered the SLSO's repertoire

30+
artists made their SLSO debuts

An All-Star Lineup of Guests

Distinguished musicians and conductors joined the SLSO throughout the season, bringing extraordinary talent, creativity, and passion to St. Louis audiences. Acclaimed pianists, including Emanuel Ax, Jan Lisiecki, Gabriela Montero, Víkingur Ólafsson, Orli Shaham, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, and Joyce Yang, delivered captivating performances, while violin virtuosos Augustin Hadelich, Hilary Hahn, Leila Josefowicz, and Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider showcased their remarkable artistry. Renowned musicians—including celebrated cellists Kian Soltani and Seth Parker Woods, sheng master Wu Wei, and saxophonist Steven Banks—all made their SLSO debuts. And in a season marked by tremendous vocal artistry, highlights included a magnificent performance by Joyce DiDonato of Kevin Puts' *House of Tomorrow* and the vocal cast of *The Magic Flute*, featuring the wonderful Ben Bliss and Mei Gui Zhang.



Britten's *War Requiem*

Britten's War Requiem

In one of the largest productions of his tenure, Music Director Stéphane Denève led more than 250 people in performances of Benjamin Britten's deeply moving *War Requiem* with soloists Felicia Moore, Ian Bostridge, and Roderick Williams.

A Celebration of Mozart

An artistic highlight of the season, the SLSO, led by Music Director Stéphane Denève, performed a concert version of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, featuring an acclaimed vocal cast, the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, and members of the St. Louis Children's Choirs. The sold-out opera in concert was based on dramaturg Cori Ellison's adaptation, which Denève described as a "beautiful" retelling of the story from the perspective of the heroine, Pamina. Enhanced by a variety of imaginative props, dramatic lighting details, and newly crafted dialogue, Mozart's beloved opera came to life in a powerful way.

Composer in Residence

Fruitful collaboration continued with the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and friend of the SLSO, Kevin Puts. In addition to the international release of an album featuring three world premiere performances by the SLSO of works by the composer, Puts served as the orchestra's Composer in Residence this season, partnering with us both musically and in support of the SLSO's education programs.



Bernadette Peters

A Spectrum of Sound

The SLSO continued to broaden the concert experience with performances that crossed genres, generations, and musical traditions. Highlights included a celebration of Chuck Berry's 100th birthday, tributes to the legendary Dolly Parton and John Coltrane, and appearances by Ben Rector, Tower of Power, Bernadette Peters, Time for Three, Brittany Howard, the Doo Wop Project, and acclaimed Norwegian soprano Sissel. Together, these programs welcomed new audiences and demonstrated the orchestra's versatility and commitment to reflecting an array of interests.



Mozart's *The Magic Flute*





Augustin Hadelich



Hilary Hahn and Seth Parker Woods



Jasmine Guo



Nathalie Joachim, Kevin McBeth, Stéphane Denève, and members of the SLSO

A YEAR OF FIRSTS

From premieres to new performance series, this season featured exciting new ways to experience music within the reimagined space.

Commissions and World Premieres

James Lee III	**Fanfare for Universal Hope (Sep 26–28)**
Kevin Puts	**House of Tomorrow (Sep 26–28)**
Nathalie Joachim	**Family (May 8–10)**

US Premiere

Leonard Slatkin	**Schubertiade: An Orchestral Fantasy (Oct 11–12)**

SLSO Co-Commissions

Jasmine Guo	**the sound of where i came from (乡音 Xiāng Yīn) (Mar 27–28)***
Carlos Simon	**Double Concerto Suite (Apr 10–12)**

* Commissioned by the Virginia B. Toulmin Orchestral Commissions Program, an initiative of the League of American Orchestras in partnership with the American Composers Orchestra.

New Series Take Shape

Innovative new performance series offered varied entry points for audiences to discover and enjoy great music.

The **Playlist: Symphony Happy Hour** series featured one-hour concert programs and discussion from the stage, post-performance gatherings, and a casual atmosphere for the classical curious and those looking to share their love of music.

Inaugurating a **piano recital series**, Víkingur Ólafsson shared heartfelt interpretations of music by some of classical music's greats, and Isata Kanneh-Mason made her SLSO debut with music moving from sparkling to contemplative.







Through thoughtfully crafted **chamber music programs**, violinist Augustin Hadelich and pianist Orli Shaham joined SLSO musicians onstage for concerts that revealed the extraordinary acoustical colors of the hall.

Powell Hall Presents, a non-orchestral presentation series showcasing the concert hall's beauty and acoustics in bold new ways, kicked off with a nearly sold-out Simon and Garfunkel tribute concert, and included jazz, rock, and bluegrass presentations.

Press Play on Our Podcast

With the launch of the Noted podcast, audiences gained a fresh way to explore the music and meet the artists who bring it to life. Hosted by Assistant Conductor Samuel Hollister and featuring SLSO musicians, the podcast takes listeners behind the scenes of classical programs, sharing compelling stories and discoveries that deepen appreciation for the repertoire.

More Space for Teens

Teen audiences enjoyed several new programs designed with them in mind, ensuring that we offer a variety of musical experiences for every age.

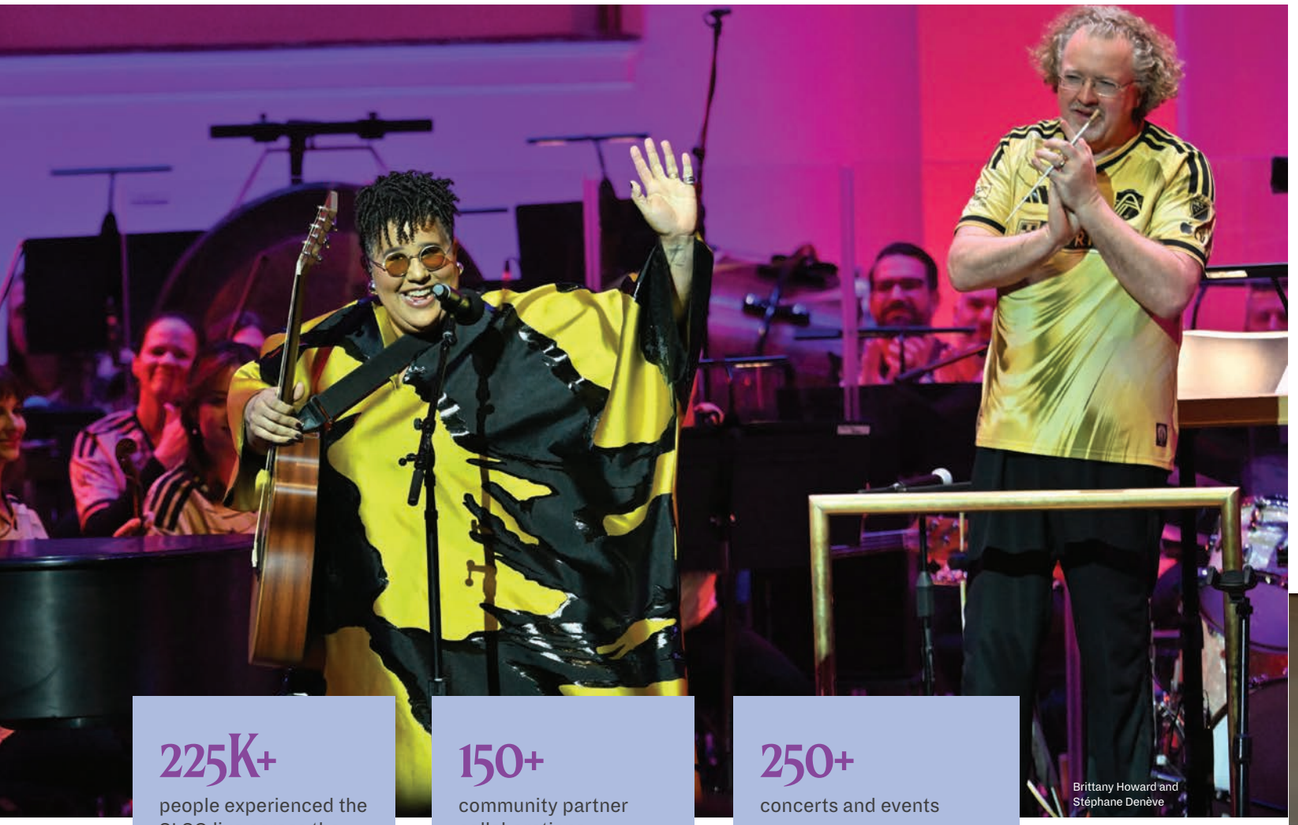
Concerts for Teens joined our popular Concerts for Kids series, with the Cinematic Symphony concert celebrating film music's ability to create heart-pounding and emotional moments.

Beethoven's Seventh Symphony was "unpacked" in the **new education concert series** of the same name, featuring multimedia, storytelling, and engagement with the conductor.

A reimagined **Express the Music** program for grades 6–12 invited students to respond to a work by Kevin Puts through creative writing, visual art, or podcasting.

CITY PROUD

Our meaningful and diverse partnerships with other St. Louis organizations amplified our impact and deepened connections throughout the region.



Brittany Howard and Stéphane Denève

225K+
people experienced the SLSO live across the region

150+
community partner collaborations

250+
concerts and events

Simply the Best

We joined with St. Louis CITY SC to present Eternal: A Tribute to Tina Turner, a special concert celebrating the global icon's enduring influence and St. Louis roots. Guest artists—including Grammy Award–winner Brittany Howard of Alabama Shakes, Grammy Award-winner Tamika Lawrence, St. Louis native Kennedy Holmes, Shaleah Adkisson, Scott Coulter, and conductor Anthony Parnther—performed some of Turner's most beloved tracks, and the soccer team debuted a new kit in honor of the legendary singer.

Our Neighbors Are Grand

Partnerships with neighboring Grand Center organizations continued to flourish with St. Louis Public Radio broadcasting 22 concerts, and the Pulitzer Arts Foundation, The Sheldon, and the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis offering distinctive musical settings for chamber concerts. These performances presented music in fresh and unexpected ways, from Live at the Pulitzer's adventurous programming, curated by Christopher Stark to respond to the art on view, to Live at The Sheldon's exciting explorations of both the familiar and new, programmed by SLSO musicians.

Teaming Up for Education

Local artists and organizations were key partners in expanding education offerings for young audiences this year. Musicians, including pianist Reggie Thomas and erhu soloist Rulin Olivia Zhang, enriched education concerts Link Up and Music Without Boundaries, while partnerships with Ballet 314, the Saint Louis Zoo, and COCA brought Wild Symphony and Giraffes Can't Dance to students from across the region.

Throughout the Community

Cultural celebrations were woven throughout the SLSO's community concerts this year. Highlights included jazz and Latin ensemble Contango's performance at the International Institute of St. Louis, SLSO musicians at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Chinese Cultural Festival, and a Martin Luther King Jr. Day performance at the Missouri History Museum featuring IN UNISON Chorus Director Kevin McBeth and IN UNISON Young Artists.

The Art of Collaboration

The SLSO and Saint Louis Dance Theatre reunited for their third collaboration, producing an innovative, cross-disciplinary performance that seamlessly fused music and dance. The full dance company joined the orchestra for Stravinsky's *Pulcinella* Suite, featuring new choreography by Artistic Director Kirven Douthit-Boyd and called a "dazzling evening" by local critic Chuck Lavazzi.

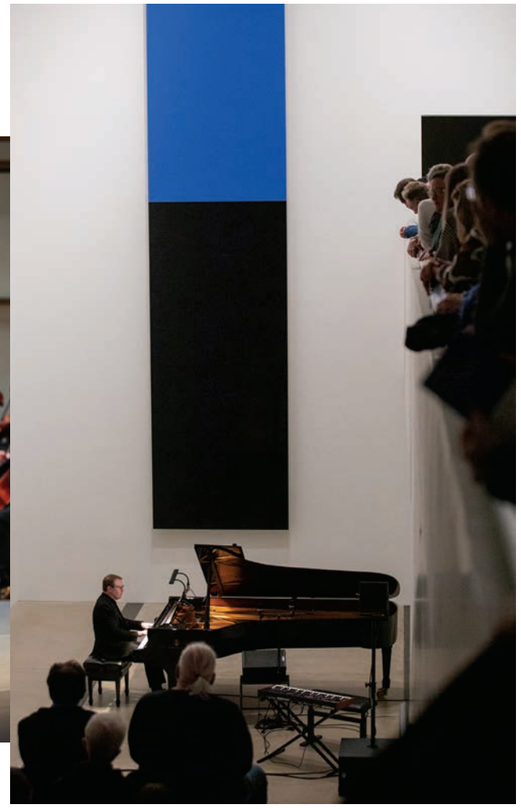


Bearing Witness through Music

In ongoing partnership with the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, the SLSO launched a new installment of our Holocaust Composer Stories project that features artists impacted by the Holocaust. Musicians performed works by Dutch-Jewish composer Rosy Wertheim and Czech-Jewish composer Pavel Haas throughout the region. A collaboration with Saint Louis Dance Theatre at the Saint Louis Art Museum's exhibition *Anselm Kiefer: Becoming the Sea* and a performance at Temple Israel as part of Luigi Toscano's exhibition *Lest We Forget* were particular highlights.

In the Pit with OTSL

We celebrated another year of collaboration with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, continuing a long-standing partnership that began in 1978. As OTSL's resident orchestra, the SLSO gives singers the opportunity to perform with a renowned orchestra, and in turn, our musicians explore the beauty of opera repertoire, which this year included Charles Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* and André Previn's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Powell Hall also served as one of the main rehearsal spaces for the company, providing the artists a place to call home.



EXPANDING THE CONVERSATION

At our core is belonging. New and ongoing programs, along with changes to our physical space, created opportunities for everyone to feel welcome.

Accessible and Welcoming

Powell Hall's renovation and expansion has made it possible for more people than ever to enjoy music here. In collaboration with St. Louis Arc and Maryville University, the annual Creative Music Making concert in April highlighted the creativity of adults with disabilities as they took the stage beside SLSO musicians and music therapy students. This commitment to accessibility extends across every symphony program, including Concerts for Kids, where a mother shared her appreciation for the staff's care in accommodating her son's sensory needs: "I have never felt more acceptance of accommodations! It makes it so much easier when places go the extra mile to ensure everyone feels comfortable and included."

Removing Barriers

During this season of renewed excitement, the SLSO ACCESS program continued to open doors to community members, providing more than 1,200 free tickets through 18 partner organizations. The program's commitment to removing barriers to live music was complemented by our partnership with the St. Louis City and County libraries—now in its third year—which provided nearly 1,500 tickets to first-time SLSO attendees.

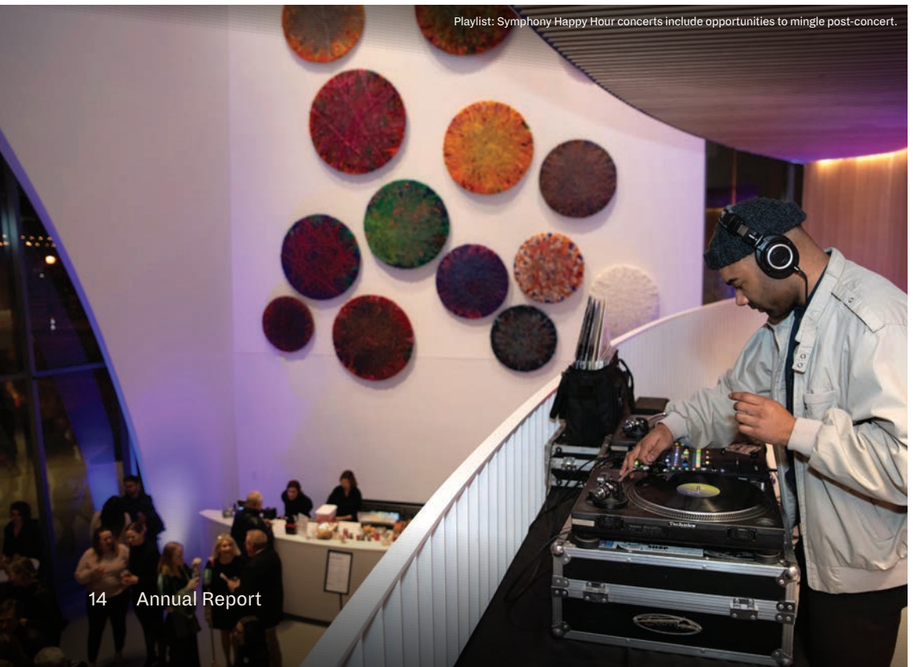
A Social Symphony

Forbes magazine called attention to the SLSO's strategies for attracting younger audiences in their April article, "Why Gen Z Is Falling in Love with Classical Music." In it, Marie-Hélène Bernard says, "Gen Z engages with culture differently than older generations. We're intentional about meeting people where they are—removing barriers and creating genuine experiences." These efforts include:

Young Friends, a subscription designed for music lovers ages 21 to 45, gained momentum with a 4.5% increase in attendees.

The debut of **After Party**, social gatherings meant to get people mingling post-concert.

A partnership with the artist development program **Mvstercamp** and St. Louis musician Muhammad "Mvstermind" Austin, brings musicians who might not otherwise attend to Playlist: Symphony Happy Hour concerts.



Playlist: Symphony Happy Hour concerts include opportunities to mingle post-concert.



Steven Banks

Technology Expands Reach

Since the SLSO began sharing online learning resources in 2018, our annual reach has grown from some 40,500 students to more than 261,000 this past year, demonstrating the far-reaching impact of these programs. And we keep reaching further. In February, the SLSO's first livestreamed education concert—a performance of Music Without Boundaries—was experienced for free by more than 14,000 students across the country.



Music Without Boundaries was livestreamed to students across the country in February 2026.

6,700+
education concert tickets provided to schools showing financial need

1,400+
free tickets provided through St. Louis City and County Libraries

3,400+
attendees and 18 partner performers at Community Day

$50K
worth of tickets provided through ACCESS partner organizations

Community Conversations

Music sparked dialogue around identity, resilience, and belonging through conversations with acclaimed artists, including composer Carlos Simon and saxophonist Steven Banks. Banks spoke with audiences as part of his Come as You Are initiative to welcome historically underrepresented communities into the concert hall. As he shared with the *St. Louis American*, "the purpose... was to connect with the Black community—not just to perform for them, but to make sure they know this music is for them."

"Not only does the new Powell sound great, it is also well above and beyond in terms of ADA compliance."

– musicalamerica WORLDWIDE

Media Reach

3.8B+
Total reach of press and media mentions spanning print, online, television, radio, and podcast platforms

420K+
listeners reached through public radio, including a new partnership with Classical Kansas City

14,000+
students experienced our first livestreamed education concert

63M
social media impressions

158K+
followers across social media platforms

120
creator partnerships

10.5M
views of one creator video—Tani Lanor dancing to Michael Casimir on viola—reflect widening reach

WELCOMING THE NEXT GENERATION

By engaging young people as musicians, creators, and future leaders, we foster a lifelong connection to music and the arts.



Youth Orchestra

The St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra enjoyed inspiring artistic connections, meeting acclaimed guest artists including violinists Augustin Hadelich and Hilary Hahn, cellist Seth Parker Woods, and composer Kevin Puts. Collaboration took center stage in March, when the YO joined the St. Louis Symphony Chorus for Gustav Holst's *The Planets*, bringing the two ensembles together for the first time in years.

New Music with Mizzou

Since 2017, the SLSO and the Mizzou New Music Initiative have partnered to champion emerging composers through a multifaceted program that includes commissions and performances of chamber works as part of Live at The Sheldon, as well as orchestral workshops and concert premieres. During the 25/26 season, the SLSO premiered works by student composers Dominick DeStefano, Trent Fitzsimmons, Mon Ieong Cheok Kai, Nate Leslie, Henry Rusten, Yoell Tewolde, and Dean Wibe.

Extra Credit for Music Educators

More than 100 K–12 music educators performed alongside 43 SLSO musicians at Extra Credit, our fourth collaborative concert celebrating the essential role of these teachers in shaping the next generation through music. Representing 49 school districts and four states, educators performed for an audience of more than 1,500 supporters, leaving energized to continue sharing their passion, artistry, and leadership with students.

Future Arts Administrators

The SLSO staff offices welcomed several interns and fellows over the summer to learn about the industry and contribute their own perspectives. Pershing Fellow Lea'cher Kennedy, Gyo Obata Fellow Jack Stremlow, and communications intern Maddie Hurst contributed to our digital magazine, SLSO Stories, the monthly enewsletter, and our new program book, Noted, as well as proposed marketing plans and gathered data. Youth Orchestra alum Adam Ye supported YO staff with preparations for the upcoming season, helping organize essential details.

Space for the Youngest Audiences

Pre-K and kindergarten students danced and played along with SLSO musicians at this season's Tiny Tunes education concerts—intimate, introductory experiences designed just for them—now taking place in a new space. Teachers and students alike appreciated the Steward Family Education and Learning Center's ability to host smaller-scale, hands-on musical learning that's developmentally appropriate.





200K+
students and teachers experienced education programs across 44 states and 9 countries

34
schools were represented by 110 Youth Orchestra musicians

100+
music educators performed with the SLSO at Extra Credit

1,180
audience members at Tiny Tunes concerts in the Steward Family Education and Learning Center



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, IN UNISON Chorus, and Youth Orchestra embrace a welcoming and inclusive culture.

Byron Stripling

Music for All

We are profoundly grateful to the many supporters who contributed $175 million to the Music for All Campaign to support the renovation and expansion of our musical home and to grow the SLSO's endowment, reflecting a deep belief in our mission and future. "This project would not have been possible without the belief of so many donors in the SLSO and their farsightedness in preserving this civic treasure for future generations," said Marie-Hélène Bernard at September's ribbon-cutting event. Thanks to the participation of so many, the SLSO launched a new era that is elevating St. Louis as a global music destination.



James Berges, Elizabeth Mannen Berges, Stéphane Denève, Emily Rauh Pulitzer, Marie-Hélène Bernard

Grand Opening Gala

Trustee Elizabeth Mannen Berges and James G. Berges hosted September's grand opening gala in honor of Powell Hall Task Force Chair and Honorary Trustees Emily Rauh Pulitzer and Jo Ann Taylor Kindle for their deep, ongoing commitment to the SLSO and their visionary leadership of the renovation and expansion of Powell Hall. With dinner served throughout the entire space and a performance by the SLSO with emcee trumpeter Byron Stripling and vocalist Cécile McLorin Salvant, this special evening raised $1.5 million.



Carolyn Kindle and Jo Ann Taylor Kindle

New Faces, Enduring Commitment

Five musicians joined the orchestra, reflecting diverse backgrounds and a shared commitment to artistic excellence and each contributing exceptional experience.

Recognizing Remarkable Contributions

A cornerstone of the facilities team since 1995, Director of Facilities Cynthia Schon retired in April. Through decades of change, she worked alongside four music directors and helped ensure the SLSO's venue remained a vibrant home for music. Controller Jeff Jaeger also retired after 15 years of providing a steady hand with the SLSO's finances. We wish them all the best in their retirements, and we're delighted to welcome Stephanie Curran as our new Facilities Director and Netta Murphy as Controller.

A New Leader for Philanthropy

Pamela Calero Wardell joined the SLSO as Chief Philanthropy Officer this July. Wardell most recently served as Vice President of Development for the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, DC. Previously, she was the Senior Director of Development for the Jacksonville Symphony in Jacksonville, Florida. Wardell also led the Ocala (Florida) Symphony for ten years as its Executive Director, a position that led to the founding of the Reilly Arts Center, of which she also was the founding Executive Director.



Christopher Bassett
Bass Trombone



Jessie Chen
Second Violin



Miyu Kubo
First Violin



Robert Walker
Associate Principal and E-flat Clarinet



Ellen Connors
Bassoon and Contrabassoon



Pamela Wardell
Chief Philanthropy Officer



A Distinguished Career

We celebrated the retirement of cellist Alvin McCall, who performed with the SLSO for 32 seasons and is known for his investment in the orchestra's education and community programs, reflecting a belief that great music should be accessible to people of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Step Up Challenge

The SLSO's Board Chair, Nancy Galvin, together with her husband, Walter, demonstrated inspiring leadership by sponsoring a Step Up Challenge that encouraged new and increased gifts to the symphony. Their generosity inspired increased participation and reinforced the vital role philanthropy plays in advancing the orchestra's mission. With 912 donors either increasing their support for the annual fund or donating for the first time, together we raised almost four times the amount of the challenge.

A Symphony of Service

From their generous gift to the Music for All campaign to the more than 12,500 volunteer hours contributed this year, the members of the Symphony Volunteer Association have been integral to bringing the Jack C. Taylor Music Center to life. Reflecting the excitement of the moment, 93 new volunteers joined the group. Our new music center also meant new volunteer roles, with SVA members serving as greeters and way finders and leading building tours that take guests backstage.

15 Years Leading IN UNISON

We celebrated the 15th anniversary of Kevin McBeth's appointment as the Music Director of the IN UNISON Chorus this spring. Through his dynamic leadership, IN UNISON continues to inspire audiences while celebrating a rich musical heritage that brings together communities and generations. Over the course of his tenure, McBeth has shaped the ensemble's artistic growth and deepened its connection with audiences throughout the region.

Expanding Artistic Horizons

Artistic leadership took on new challenges this year with triumphant results. Assistant Conductor Samuel Hollister made his SLSO subscription debut on a program featuring Sergei Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 3. Erin Freeman, Director of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, guided the 100+ people ensemble through Handel's *Messiah*, Britten's *War Requiem*, and Mozart's *The Magic Flute*—major works that that showcased both the expressive range and versatility of their singing to magnificent effect.



Civic leaders, supporters, and SLSO representatives gathered in September to open the Jack C. Taylor Music Center, including (from left to right): Craig Dykers, principal at Snøhetta Architects; Honorary Trustee Emily Rauh Pulitzer; Board Chair Steven Finerty; Musician Council Co-Chairs Bjorn Ranheim and Chris Tantillo; Conductor Laureate Leonard Slatkin; former SLSO Executive Peter Pastreich; Honorary Trustee Jo Ann Taylor Kindle; and Marie-Hélène Bernard, President and CEO.

September 1, 2025–August 31, 2026

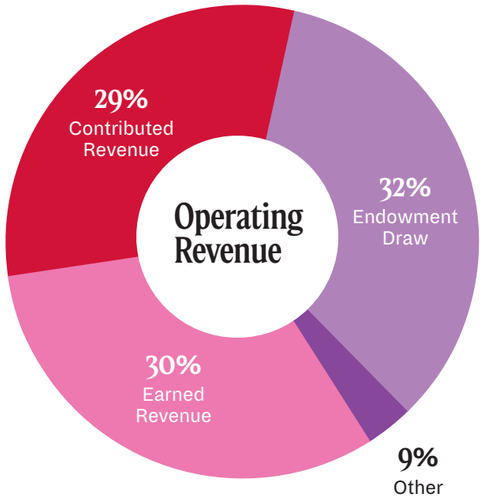
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Statement of Activities

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2026* ($ in thousands)

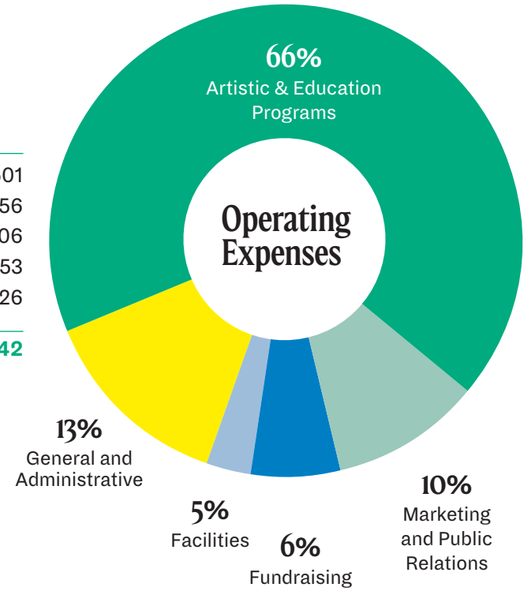
Revenue

Earned Revenue	$11,452
Contributed Revenue	$11,348
Endowment Draw	$12,375
Other	$3,541
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	**$38,716**



Expenses

Artistic and Education Programming	$25,501
Marketing and Public Relations	$3,856
Fundraising	$2,206
Facilities	$1,853
General and Administrative	$5,026
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**$38,442**





Statement of Financial Position

Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2026* ($ in thousands)

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$20,581
Investments held by the Symphony	$11,221
Investments held by the Endowment Trust	$314,625
Receivables	$38,220
Other Assets	$1,110
Property and Equipment (net)	$143,644
TOTAL ASSETS	**$529,401**
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	$2,843
Deferred Revenue	$4,150
Notes Payable	$35,536
NPV of Annuity Obligations	$239
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$42,768**
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	$167,412
Temporarily Restricted	$115,317
Permanently Restricted	$203,904
TOTAL NET ASSETS	**$486,633**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	**$529,401**

*Preliminary and unaudited results.
Excludes depreciation and campaign expenses.

> "Just when I think I've seen the best program possible, the SLSO outdoes itself."
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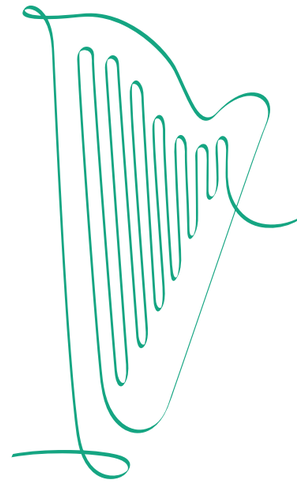
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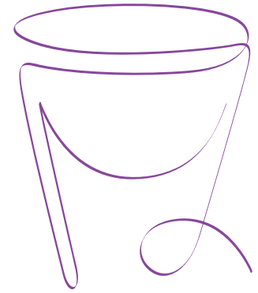
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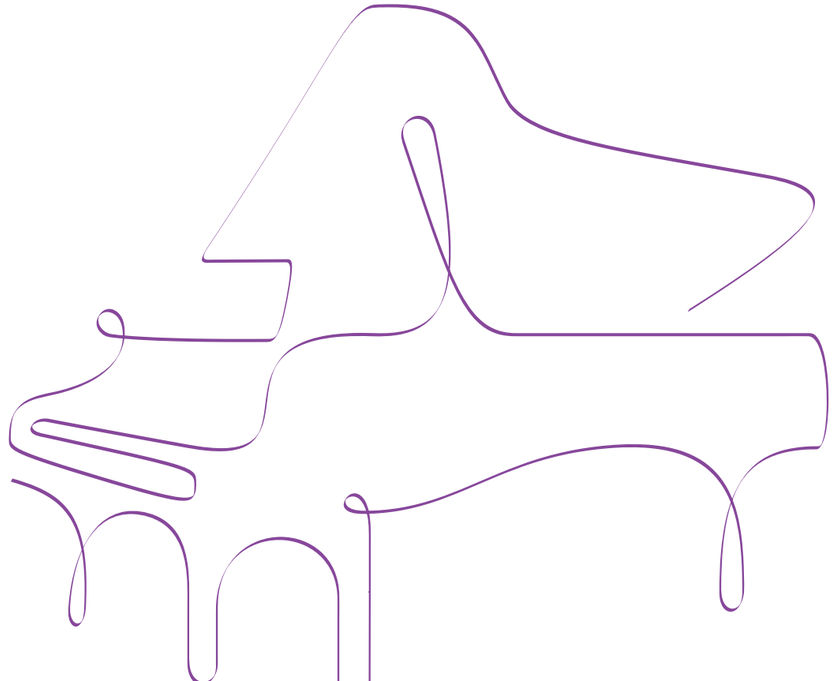
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Mary Jane “MJ” Bodine shared with her husband, Jack, a deep dedication to philanthropy and civic engagement, helping build a legacy that touched lives throughout St. Louis. A major supporter of the SLSO, MJ’s generosity, alongside Jack’s lifelong involvement, helped sustain and strengthen the orchestra for years to come.



Paul Cahn

Paul Cahn, whose life journey began in Germany and was shaped by resilience, became a respected business leader, collector, and civic-minded philanthropist. Together with his wife, Elissa, he championed the SLSO, including our Music for All campaign, reflecting his enduring belief in a vibrant cultural community.



James F. Conway

As a Missouri legislator and St. Louis mayor from 1977 to 1981, James Conway made significant contributions to the region’s cultural landscape, including support for the creation of the Zoo Museum District. As an SLSO Trustee from 1976 to 1981, he helped further the orchestra’s mission and sustain an energetic arts scene in St. Louis.



John H. Ferring IV

A longtime SLSO advocate, John Ferring was a passionate civic leader whose board service extended across many of St. Louis’ prominent cultural institutions, including the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, Forest Park Forever, the Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Jazz St. Louis, and Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. Together with his wife, Alison, he was widely admired for his visionary charitable leadership.



Gary Arlen Smith

Gary Smith devoted more than four decades to the SLSO, joining the trumpet section in 1966 and building a distinguished 41-year career as a performer, educator, mentor, and member of the Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2003. Beloved for his musicianship and dedication, he performed under six music directors, served as the orchestra’s personnel manager, and guided generations of young artists.



John David Levy Jr.

David Levy lived a life defined by creativity, kindness, and civic engagement, championing initiatives that advanced the arts, education, and human understanding across St. Louis. A generous SLSO donor, he also brought wisdom and collaboration to numerous nonprofit boards, enriching the organizations and communities he served.



Jan K. Ver Hagen

An avid outdoorsman and devoted music lover, Jan Ver Hagen brought leadership and enthusiasm to the SLSO through his Board service from 1989 to 2001 and many years of charitable involvement. Together with his wife, Katy, he helped advance the orchestra’s work and will be remembered for his friendship and stewardship.

We celebrate these supporters for the many ways they enriched our orchestra through their heartfelt dedication and contributions.

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Tzuying Huang

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