



# HARRISBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

STUART MALINA  
MUSIC DIRECTOR



2022-2023  
Annual Report



# Harrisburg Symphony Association

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*\* Endowed in perpetuity*

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# Dear Friends,

What a joy it was to reunite at the Forum Auditorium for our 2022-2023 Season! We thrive on sharing live music with live audiences, and this past season of concerts reinforced the feeling of connection we experience together in our most special home of over ninety-two years.

This past season was certainly one to remember artistically, with unforgettable Masterworks Series soloists like Othalie Graham, Natasha Paremski, and HSO Concertmaster Peter Sirotin, plus performances of new works by Reena Esmail and Jennifer Higdon and HSO *first performances* of works by Leonard Bernstein, William Grant Still, and others.

Our Capital Blue Cross Pops Series, celebrating twenty-one years of partnership with Capital Blue, included the premiere of *Broadway's Bad Boys*, in addition to favorite sing-along tunes from the Jazz age, Motown, Paul Simon, and your favorite films, with some of today's most dynamic performers and our ever-versatile Harrisburg Symphony musicians.

The Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras, who have grown in membership this season, performed three inspiring concerts at the Forum and Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. In May, they joined the HSO, three professional singers, the Sporting Hill Singers, and the Central Dauphin Ramband Drumline for an energetic side-by-side performance of Carnegie Hall's acclaimed *Link Up: The Orchestra Rocks!* for an audience of over 1,500 elementary school students.

But we at the HSO are more than just concerts at the Forum — we are people who love to connect with people around the community, in groups large or small, in classrooms or on stages, to share and celebrate the magic of music.

Outside the concert hall, our educational initiatives continue to build valuable relationships. Our Musician Residency Program, launched in 2021, takes HSO musicians to area high schools throughout the academic year to work together. And our two recent instrument drives collected twenty-five string, wind, and brass instruments which have been refurbished and donated to Foose Elementary. This project is supported by donors to the Let the Music Grow education fund.

Our friends at the Harrisburg Symphony Society, also growing in membership, hosted two friend-raisers this season and pulled out all the stops at April's *An Elegant Evening at the Capital Supper Club* gala at the Harrisburg Hilton, raising over \$97,000 in truly glamorous fashion. We are extremely grateful for their tireless support.



None of our 2022-2023 Season would have been possible without the participation and generosity of our sponsors and donors like you. Because of your steadfast support of our mission, we are able to share music with more and more members of our community each season, and we can look ahead with confidence to a bright future.

We hope you will enjoy this Annual Report which highlights our favorite moments and shows how important your gifts have been.

Thank you for being an instrumental member of the Harrisburg Symphony family.

Sincerely,

**Patricia Ferris**  
Harrisburg Symphony Association Chair

**Stuart Malina**  
Helen F. Whitaker Music Director

**Matthew Herren**  
Rolen & Patricia Ferris Executive Director

## Mission Statement

The Harrisburg Symphony Association presents inspiring symphonic performances by its orchestra and provides educational programs for audiences of all ages, both of which foster an appreciation for and knowledge of music, thereby enriching the cultural life of Central Pennsylvania.



# Meet the Orchestra

## 2022-2023 Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra

We are proud of our musicians' commitment to the HSO. Those who have been with us for 25 years or more are noted with years of tenure in parentheses.

### Stuart Malina

Music Director  
*Helen F. Whitaker Chair\**

### Gregory Woodbridge

Associate Conductor

### First Violin

Peter Sirotn, Concertmaster  
*Frank M. Masters, Jr. Chair  
in Memory of Frank M. &  
Margaret Wilson Masters\**  
Dawn Wohn, Associate  
Concertmaster^  
Tallie Brunfelt, Assistant  
Concertmaster  
*Bill & Beverlee Lehr Chair\**  
Walter Choi  
Ervin Dede  
Carl Iba  
Ha-Young Kim  
Sodam Kim  
Francisco Salazar  
Connie Trach  
Yehong Xiong  
Ang Cheng^

### Second Violin

Nicole Sharlow, Principal  
*Randy & Ginny Aires Chair\**  
Justin Gopal, Assistant Principal^  
Gabriel Meza  
Rachel Schenker  
Rachael Stockton  
Lisa Welty  
Sarah Zun  
Laura Earley (2022-2023)  
Bruno Peña (2022-2023)  
Andie Tanning (2022-2023)  
Patrick Desrosiers^  
Yinbin Qian^  
Chaerim Kim Smith^

### Viola

Julius Wirth Fuentes, Principal  
*Donald B. & Dorothy L.  
Stabler Foundation Chair\**  
Adriana Linares, Acting  
Assistant Principal  
Alice Bish  
Marjorie Goldberg  
Katie Overfield-Zook  
Petula Perdakis  
Rebecca Rothermel  
Derek Smith  
Michael Sinni (2022-2023)  
Joshua Lohner^

### Cello

Fiona Thompson, Principal  
*Dr. & Mrs. William Kanenson  
Chair\**  
Igor Zubkovsky, Assistant  
Principal  
Jennifer DeVore  
Jonathan Fink  
Elyssa Gilmar (33)  
Naomi Gray  
Erik Jacobson  
Sheldon Lentz (38)  
Daniel Pereira  
Todd Thiel

### Bass

Devin Howell, Principal  
Timothy Ressler, Acting  
Assistant Principal (2022-2023)  
Duane Botterbusch (49)  
Charles Breaux  
Peter Paulsen (39)  
Lena Goodson, Assistant  
Principal^

### Flute

David DiGiacobbe, Principal  
*In Memory of David A. Elias, Jr.  
& Marie Graupner Elias\**  
Karen Botterbusch (48)  
**Piccolo**  
Karen Botterbusch (48)

### Oboe

Andreas Oeste, Principal  
*The Hershey Company Chair\**  
Thomas Rowe (37)  
Richard Basehore  
**English Horn**  
Richard Basehore

### Clarinet

Principal  
*Dr. & Mrs. William M. Murray  
Chair\**  
Linda Farrell (47)

### Bassoon

Joseph Grimmer, Principal  
Darryl Hartshorne  
**Contrabassoon**  
Richard Spittel (40)

### Horn

Sara Cyrus, Principal  
Joy Hodges (2022-2023)  
Jonathan Clark (2022-2023)  
William Hughes (33)  
Bryn Coveney (2022-2023)  
Geoffrey Pilkington^

### Trumpet

Kevin Gebo, Principal  
*Capital Blue Cross Chair  
Honoring James Mead\**  
Scott Sabo

### Trombone

Sebastian Vera, Acting Principal  
(2022-2023)  
*Jeff Woodruff Family Chair\**  
Timothy Soberick (35)  
Philip McClelland (32)

### Tuba

Scott Mendoker, Acting Principal  
(2022-2023)  
*Harrisburg Symphony Society  
Chair*

### Timpani

Peter Wilson, Principal  
*Elsie W. Swenson Chair\**

### Percussion

Christopher Rose, Principal  
*Jerry & Hilary Simpson Family  
Chair in Memory of Rodney J.  
Sawatsky\**  
Barry Dove (34)  
Adrian Stefanescu^

### Harp

Rebecca Kauffman, Principal^  
*Elizabeth J. Dunlap Chair\**

### Keyboard

Principal  
*Ronald & Marjorie Katzman Chair\**

*\* Endowed in Perpetuity  
^ On Leave 2022-2023  
( ) Years performing with the HSO*

## Musician Retirements

The Harrisburg Symphony Association recognizes the following musicians who have recently retired from service with the HSO. We applaud them for their years of music making.

Angie (Ang) Cheng, Section Violin I

Yinbin Quin, Section Violin II

Yoshihiko Nakano, Section Viola

Paul Klinefelter, Section Bass

Mary Hannigan, Second Flute

Janine Thomas, Principal Clarinet

Leise Ballou, Section Horn

David Byrd-Marrow, Section Horn

Phil Snedecor, Principal Trumpet

Eric Henry, Principal Tuba





# Summer 2022 Concerts

After a two-year absence, the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra once again toured the region with our Summer Concert Series!

Starting at Lebanon Valley College on June 30, we were greeted with a warm welcome by the people of Annville! The quad on the college grounds was packed with people who brought their lawn chairs, folding tables, and blankets to hear such classics as *Liberty Fanfare*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Lincoln: The People's House*. We could not have asked for a better kick-off!

It may have rained on July 1 in Millerstown, but that didn't stop us from performing at Greenwood Middle/High School to a full house! The audience's applause for Stuart and the HSO could be heard outside the building.

Rain again on July 2nd took us indoors from Negley Park to the Scottish Rite Theatre to perform for a great crowd who were happy to hear the sounds of the season again.

A beautiful evening on July 3 awaited us in Carlisle at Dickinson College. Hundreds of people gathered to hear the stirring sounds of the *Armed Forces Salute, Sing, Sing, Sing*, and *Stars and Stripes Forever*. It was a wonderful night with enthusiastic people.

Our final concert brought us home to Harrisburg, to Reservoir Park. A gorgeous evening of outdoor music in front of an appreciative audience made the night fly by! It was the perfect way to close our 2022 Summer Concert Series.

Thank you to our Summer Concert Series sponsors: Highmark and Penn State Health. Thanks also to Lebanon Valley College, The Lawrence L. and Julia Z. Hoverter Charitable Foundation, Pennian Bank, PNC, Summerfair, G. B. Stuart Charitable Foundation, Carlisle Construction Materials, JVH Excavating, Lemoyne Business Association, UPMC, the Dauphin County Commissioners, and the many private donors who support these concerts.





# Maestro Circle and Legacy Society Dinner

The Maestro Circle\* & Legacy Society members of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra are truly special friends to us. On Tuesday, May 23rd we gathered at the West Shore Country Club to thank them for their loyal and generous support of the Harrisburg Symphony. Live entertainment was provided by violist Adriana Linares, Associate Principal Viola and her son, Andres Sanchez Linares, Cello. The extraordinary support from our donors provides the foundation on which we build our musical future together in Central PA.



***\*Members of the Maestro Circle donate \$1,200 or more each year to the Symphony Fund. Legacy Society members have named us as beneficiaries in their estate plans.***

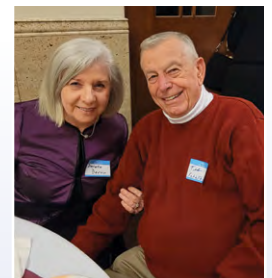
## Crescendo Club Reception

Crescendo Club Donors

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As a thank you for their generous support and as a member of our Crescendo Club, we invited our Symphony Fund donors to a special Open Rehearsal with Maestro Stuart Malina, and the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra on Friday, March 10th at the Forum Theatre. It was a nice opportunity to enjoy each other's company and have an inside look at how our world-class musicians prepare for a concert weekend.

To become a Crescendo Club member, you must contribute ten percent more this year than the year before. We currently have over 360 patrons who joined the Crescendo Club during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. We hope you'll join us next year when we celebrate our Crescendo Club members!







**78** Number of  
Orchestra Members

**2,530**  
Number of Subscribers

**4** Harrisburg  
Symphony Youth  
Orchestra (HSYO)  
concerts

**1,500+**  
Number of students who  
attend Young Persons'  
Concerts

**31** Performances

**20,706**  
Number of Tickets Sold

**143** Number of  
HSYO Musicians

**5** Number of free  
Summer Concerts

**1,873**  
Number of Donors





# Legacy Society

The Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra's Legacy Society recognizes visionary friends who have planned a special gift to the Orchestra in their will or estate plan. The HSO gratefully acknowledges the following generous individuals and couples as part of the Legacy Society.

Friend (6)

Carole E. Anderson<sup>†</sup>  
Jane Best  
Karen Diener Best  
Russell A. Bower  
Joan Frey Boytim  
Melvin J. Brownold  
Doris Brytz  
Beth & Truman Bullard  
Chris & Diane Carvell  
Philip & Nancy Cervený  
Harvey Danowitz<sup>†</sup>  
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Wayne L. Dietrich  
David Fedele &  
Matthew Herren  
Patricia & Rolan Ferris  
Judy Forshee  
Susan H. Fulginiti  
Frieda & Ray Gover  
James & Jean Grandon  
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Estelle Hartranft  
Eric & Amy Huck  
Caryn & Rob Irving  
Ronald M. Katzman, Esq.<sup>†</sup>  
Rose M. Kessler  
Harold L. Leshner<sup>†</sup>  
Dorothy L. Linn

Linda T. Litton, M.D.  
Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald &  
Mary C. Warner  
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Leslie S. March, Ph.D.  
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Ted & Lori Reese  
Lisa A. Ritter CPA, CFE

Dr. Gil Rogers  
Alan & Caren Schein  
Lee M. Schiller<sup>†</sup>  
Hilary M. Simpson  
June L. Shomaker<sup>†</sup>  
James & Jill Smeltzer  
Alfred H. Speers, Jr.<sup>†</sup>  
Walter Tibbetts  
Dr. Jonathan & Debra Tocks  
Florence M. Travitz<sup>†</sup>  
Gregg L. Warner  
James & Rebecca Weaver  
Sharon L Webb  
Sharon L. White<sup>†</sup>  
Anne J. Yellott  
Nancy C Zimmerman<sup>†</sup>

We appreciate and encourage donors to consider naming the Harrisburg Symphony Association in your estate plan. Donors are advised to consult with their tax advisor and/or their financial advisor to determine specific tax savings and/or the planned giving opportunity which best fits their particular need. Please feel free to review more options on our webpage at:

[harrisburgsymphony.plannedgiving.org](https://harrisburgsymphony.plannedgiving.org)

Contact Cheri Comasco, Director of Development, to discuss any issues or concerns.

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Legacy Society Donors **68**





# In Memoriam

*The Harrisburg Symphony is saddened by the loss of four very influential people in our Symphony family. We acknowledge that we have lost many other family members this year too but wish to express special gratitude to the individuals listed below, who have made a lasting impact over the past fifty years.*

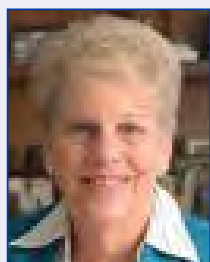


## **Lois Lehrman Grass (1931-2022)**

Harrisburg native Lois Lehrman Grass lived a life of passionate community service which gained her recognition as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania. In the tradition of a true arts patron, she fostered the careers of promising young talents, often through commissions of their work. Her support of the Symphony has helped bring many new compositions to the HSO stage, most recently by composers Anna Clyne, Jeremy Gill, Jennifer Higdon, and Jonathan Leshnoff. Lois was the recipient of the 2021 Keep the Music Playing Award from the Harrisburg Symphony Society.

## **William Lehr, Jr. (1940-2022)**

William Lehr, Jr. was former Board Chair and Director Emeritus of the Harrisburg Symphony Association. Additionally, Bill served as Chairman of the boards of Americans for the Arts, WITF, Lebanon Valley College, Susquehanna Art Museum, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, and was a Founding Director of Whitaker Center for the Arts and Science. His lasting legacy of inspirational leadership and generosity of spirit has been a driving force in the creation of a vibrant cultural scene in Central Pennsylvania.



## **June L. Shomaker (1934-2023)**

June L. Shomaker was a professional cellist with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra for over 30 years and a Board member, named Director Emerita in 2015. She was also instrumental in the founding of Carlisle's Summerfair, a week of community events culminating in a free concert by the HSO. In recognition of June's extraordinary fundraising and to honor her memory, in July 2023 we inaugurated the annual June Shomaker Summerfair Concert presented by the Harrisburg Symphony.

## **Nancy C. Zimmerman (1931-2023)**

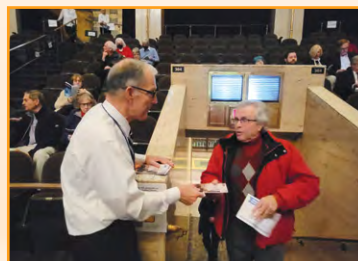
Director Emerita Nancy C. Zimmerman served two terms as President of the Harrisburg Symphony Association, from 1989-1991 and again from 2003-2005, during which time the organization achieved its first million-dollar budget. Additionally, she served on the HSA board in various capacities as Vice President for Artistic Policy, Chairperson of Pops Concerts, and Vice President of Marketing. As part of the Orchestra's Four Score and More campaign, Nancy and her late husband Richard Zimmerman made a gift to endow the Masterworks Series in perpetuity.



# Volunteers

We are extremely grateful for our outstanding volunteers! These dedicated friends of the HSO give of their time and talent to make sure each concert is as welcoming and accessible as possible. Their friendly smiles greet you as you enter the Forum, their knowledge of our seating area helps you find your seat, and they go above and beyond to make sure any hiccups that occur are dealt with promptly. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their support of the HSO!

We would love to welcome you to our volunteer family! You can fill out the volunteer application online at [www.HarrisburgSymphony.org/contribute/volunteer](http://www.HarrisburgSymphony.org/contribute/volunteer).



Bill Balchunas  
Melanie Balchunas  
Keith Bentzel  
Susan Blickstein  
Jeanne Bobenage  
Stephanie Bond  
Jon Box  
Barbara Boyarsky  
Jill Bradley  
Garry Brinton  
Jasmine Brown  
Scarlette Carroll  
Ingeborg Coulter  
Susannah Croushore  
Dawn Darkes  
Bill Denham  
Sharyn Denham  
Jasmine Dickson  
Elaine Doran  
Jane Earle  
Chris Edwards

Margaret Ferraro  
Dennis Foreman  
Jo Ellen Frist  
Jim Gates  
Kathy Gates  
Carmella Gleason  
Clarissa Grunwald  
Divya Guwalani  
Sue Hanna  
Eric Hanraft  
Kathy Herring  
Bernadette Howard  
Barb Jackle  
Don Jackle  
Helen Katz  
Deb King  
Rich King  
Anna Langello  
Donna Langello  
Emily Langello  
Mike Langello

Brenda Lee  
Mary-Teresa Lee  
Randy Lee  
Mick Lucas  
Sue Lucas  
Nazeer McClinton  
Rebecca McClinton  
Denise McEntee  
Alicia Merik  
Allen Merik  
Ann Myers  
Lois Natale  
Len Neidig  
Ann Ohme  
Judy Packheiser  
Nancy Patrick  
Susan Peinnay  
Debbi Pfannenschmidt  
Dennis Pfannenschmidt  
Charles Radomsky  
Ira Rappaport

Josh Rappaport  
Lillian Rappaport  
Bonnie Rhoads  
Evelyn Rixey  
Therese Rogers  
Becky Romero  
Elizabeth Romero  
Jim Ross  
Sheila Ross  
Carol Silvestri  
Mike Silvestri  
Louise Sis  
Richard Sis  
Michael Strickler  
Debra Tobias  
Veselina Topalova  
Barbara Warfel  
Judi Whitesell  
Mary Beth Yandrasitz  
Chris Zuzack

## Matt and Stuart Make New Friends in the Community



Matt as guest speaker at the Harrisburg Rotary Club 7390.



Harrisburg Mayor Wanda Williams attends the Motown Capital Blue Cross Pops Concert in April.



Matt addresses students at Lebanon Valley College Vale Music Group/Music Business Program.





# Message from Marketing & Box Office

Greetings,

This year saw a lot of changes in our Marketing and Box Office departments. We mourned the loss of our friend and colleague Gloria Giambalvo last August, while continuing to move forward with our 2022-2023 Season.

After spending three years working solely in Development, I happily took on additional responsibilities to promote the HSO and oversee our Box Office. I appreciate the opportunity to get to know our subscribers and volunteers better through this new role. I knew how much the Symphony meant to people, but seeing the organization through new eyes brings home how truly important the work we do is.

Returning to the Forum Auditorium for the first time since 2020 was invigorating! There's just something about being home, surrounded by friends and fantastic music. Thank you for making our return so memorable!

I look forward to seeing you in October when we open our 2023-2024 Season with Eldredge plays Elgar. Please come up and say hello. I'd love to hear about your summer and what you're looking forward to this season!

Until October,



Christina M. Stetler

*Director of Communications & Engagement*



## New Faces Front of House

We welcomed Tatiana Cassetta as our new Box Office Manager, Mary Cote as our new Box Office Associate, and Jennifer Cole as our new Volunteer Coordinator last fall. Tatiana brings a world of musical knowledge to the HSO with her background as a flute player and instructor. Mary's theatrical and Disney experiences help her work with our patrons on the phone and in person. Jen has volunteered for years with us and now combines her knowledge of the HSO and volunteer management skills to make sure each patron's experience at the Forum is perfect. We are thrilled to have these three talented women working with us.



Tatiana Cassetta, Box Office Manager



Tatiana Cassetta and Mary Cote at our sold out *Dancing in the Streets: Music of Motown*



Jen Cole, Volunteer Coordinator

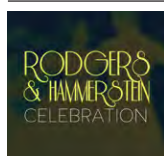


# 2023-2024 CONCERT SEASON



OCT 28 | 7:30 p.m. OCT 29 | 3:00 p.m.  
**Satchmo: THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG TRIBUTE**

Trumpeter and vocalist Bryon Stripling's electrifying and heartfelt tribute to Louis Armstrong, including Stripling's signature version of When The Saints Go Marchin' In.



DEC 2 | 7:30 p.m. DEC 3 | 3:00 p.m.  
**A Rodgers & Hammerstein Celebration**

A nostalgic evening of beloved classics including songs from South Pacific, Carousel, The Sound of Music, and many more!



JAN 20 | 7:30 p.m. JAN 21 | 3:00 p.m.  
**American Diva**

International vocal powerhouse and Broadway star Shayna Steele brings her electric style of soul and blues to such musical divas as Whitney Houston, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin, and many more!



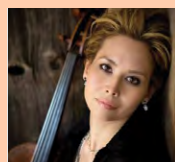
MAR 2 | 7:30 p.m. MAR 3 | 3:00 p.m.  
**ARRIVAL from Sweden: The Music of ABBA**

ARRIVAL from Sweden, called the most authentic ABBA show out there, will perform such hits as Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Take a Chance, SOS, and so many more!



APR 6 | 7:30 p.m. APR 7 | 3:00 p.m.  
**Night at the Movies: An HSO Tradition!**

Stuart Malina and the HSO take us on a musical thrill ride, packed with action and adventure, featuring exciting music from Spiderman, Braveheart, Mission Impossible, and other great hits!



OCT 7 | 7:30 p.m. OCT 8 | 3:00 p.m.

**Eldredge plays Elgar**

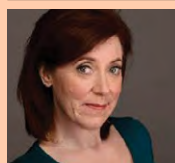
Holland | *Motor City Dance Mix*  
Elgar | Cello Concerto — Allison Eldredge, cello  
Stravinsky | *The Rite of Spring*



NOV 18 | 7:30 p.m. NOV 19 | 3:00 p.m.

**The Three-Cornered Hat**

Mozart | Symphony No. 36, *Linz*  
Nielsen | Flute Concerto — David DiGiacobbe, flute  
Falla | *El Sombrero De Tres Picos*



JAN 6 | 7:30 p.m. JAN 7 | 3:00 p.m.

**Voices and Visions**

Kodály | *Summer Evening*  
Paulus | *Voices from the Gallery*  
Leigh Barrett, narrator  
Mendelssohn | Symphony No. 4, *Italian*



FEB 10 | 7:30 p.m. FEB 11 | 3:00 p.m.

**Stirring Strings**

Tchaikovsky | *The Tempest*  
Clyne | *Quarter Days*, Concerto for string quartet and chamber orchestra — Dalí Quartet *\*Première*  
Shostakovich | Symphony No. 6



MAR 16 | 7:30 p.m. MAR 17 | 3:00 p.m.

**Prokofiev and Brahms**

Joan Tower | *Chamber Dance*  
Prokofiev | Piano Concerto No. 3  
Terrence Wilson, piano  
Brahms | Symphony No. 3



APR 20 | 7:30 p.m. APR 21 | 3:00 p.m.

**A Majestic World Première**

Beethoven | Symphony No. 8  
Leshnoff | *Saul \*World Première*  
Two guest artists, The Susquehanna Chorale and The Messiah University Concert Choir and Choral Arts Society



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# Message from Development

Dear Friends,

Amid this incredibly joyful and busy fall, as we prepare for our opening weekend in October, I am pleased to report that our beloved symphony orchestra remains exceptionally strong thanks, in large part, to the unwavering support of our generous and dedicated community and friends. Gifts of all sizes from across all constituencies continue to play a critical role in maintaining the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra's (HSO) financial position. These gifts are instrumental in creating inspiring performances, bringing world-class musicians to the Forum Auditorium, and fostering a love of symphonic music in people of all ages!

Each year, at this time, we pause to remember and to recognize the financial support provided by the HSO's incredible community through the Annual Report of Gifts. Once again, the generosity of our donors, foundations, businesses, and community partners during Fiscal Year 2023 is remarkable.

As you will read in this Annual Report of Gifts, our community joined together in support of the HSO's current operating needs by giving gifts to the Symphony Fund, Concert and Event Sponsorships, Education, the Symphony Society, and the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra. Additionally, with our future in mind, thoughtful planned gifts were given to support long-term sustainability.

Our community's devotion to the HSO provides our Maestro Stuart Malina with the resources needed in creating inspiring performances. This helps us foster an appreciation for and knowledge of music to enrich the cultural life of Central Pennsylvania. Thank you for believing in our mission and for your generous contributions of time, talent, and resources.

We remain deeply grateful for the many ways you make a difference. **YOUR GIFTS ARE TRULY INSTRUMENTAL!** Thank you.

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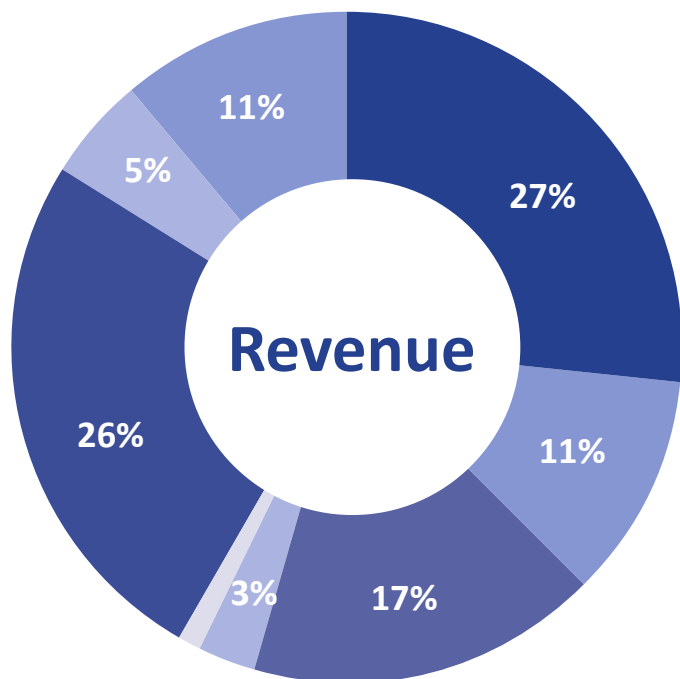
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July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

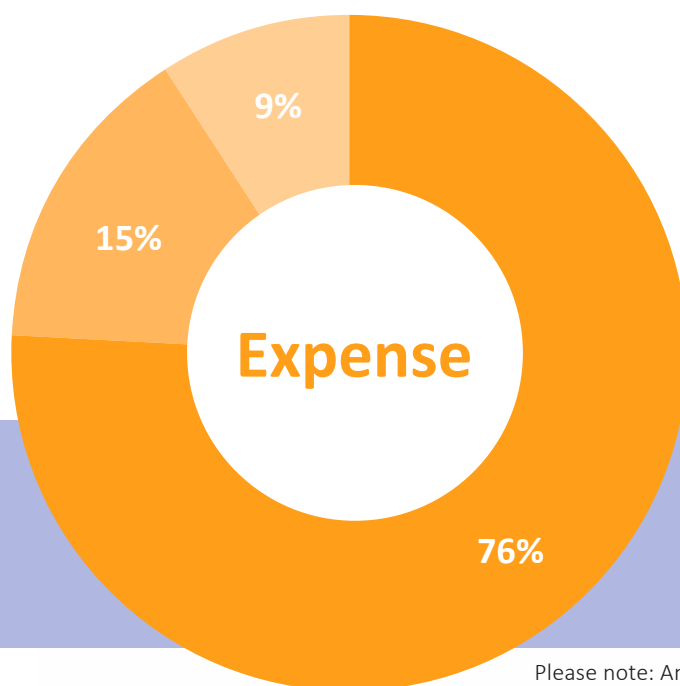


## Revenue

27%	Symphony Fund	\$862,000
11%	Grants & Sponsorships	\$368,000
17%	Government Grants	\$553,000
3%	Symphony Society Fundraisers	\$97,000
<1%	Other	\$11,000
58%	<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$1,880,000</b>
26%	Ticket Sales	\$832,000
5%	Other Incomes	\$171,000
11%	Endowment Draw	\$355,000

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**Total Revenue** **\$3,249,000**



## Expenses

76%	Artistic	\$2,441,120
15%	Administrative	\$489,880
9%	Fundraising	\$355,000

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**Total Expense** **\$3,212,000**

<b>Net Result</b>	<b>\$37,000</b>
<b>Bequests (non-operating)</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Endowment and Investment Balances</b>	<b>\$8,921,000</b>

Please note: Any gift made after June 30, 2023, will be included in the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

\* This is an unaudited report as of July 25, 2023.



# Sue Klick Retires After 30 Years



It is truly impossible to overstate the importance of Sue Klick's contributions to the HSO over the past 25 years. I don't know that I have ever worked with someone who more completely devoted their life to an orchestra. As the Director of Operations, Sue was the one who was ultimately responsible for every aspect of our HSO concerts short of the actual music making itself. She is obsessed with details, and I can remember few times when everything did not go perfectly, according to plan.

But Sue's importance goes so much deeper. I pride myself on the fact that the Harrisburg Symphony is a happy, collegial workplace, where the musicians feel well taken care of. Sue, in the end, was one of the most central reasons we have been able to maintain this high morale. Quite simply, the musicians of the HSO always knew that Sue had their backs. There was never a sense of "us vs. them" in the management/labor relationship at the HSO. When problems arose, she nipped them in the bud before they could escalate. She was compassionate when players had personal issues, and responsive when things went wrong. She sincerely cared about each player, not just the orchestra as a whole. I know they love her right back.

As for me, I have loved working with Sue, as I loved working with her husband Bill Schmieding, who preceded her in the job. She has been a close friend and colleague these many years, and I wish her nothing but the best in the next phase of her life. I will miss having her around.

Stuart Malina  
Helen F. Whitaker Music Director

*Sue very often cared more about us musicians than we did. Whether it was about health and safety, contractual issues, directions to a venue, family life, etc., she was the perfect combination of Orchestra Operations Director and Orchestra Mom.*  
— Marjorie Goldberg, Section Viola



Carole DeSoto (HSS Board President), Sue Klick, Patricia Ferris (HSO Board Chair), Matthew Herren (HSO Executive Director).



Sue Klick at Musician End of Season Party with David DiGiacobbe.



Sue Klick with autographed HSO musician portrait.



# Stuart Renews His Contract with the HSO

The Harrisburg Symphony is pleased to announce that Maestro Stuart Malina has agreed to a three-year contract extension as music director and conductor of the orchestra.

"I'm thrilled to be in Harrisburg with our extraordinary orchestra," Malina said. "To me this is a very special organization, which combines superb board and staff leadership with superb musicians who play with intensity, commitment, and joy at every single performance."

Malina began his tenure with the HSO in June 2000. His new contract will take

him through the 2025-2026 Season, which will be his twenty-sixth year as the orchestra's artistic leader.

"Our relationship with Stuart Malina has been an especially happy one for everyone here in Harrisburg—our audiences, our musicians, our Board, and our staff," said Patricia Ferris, HSO board chair. "I think I speak for everyone when I say that we are thrilled to extend this partnership for three more years. Stuart is a great musician and a pleasure to work with."



## Arts Awards 2023

At Theatre Harrisburg's 29th Annual Arts Awards on May 20, 2023, HSO Concertmaster Peter Sirotin and his wife, pianist Ya-Ting Chang were honored with the Distinguished Service to the Arts in the Capital Region Award as co-directors of Market Square Concerts. The event took place at Whitaker Center and included a tribute by Stuart Malina and a surprise performance by violinist Joe DeAngelo and pianist Zev Malina, both former students of Peter and Ya-Ting.



# Symphony Fund Donors

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Dear Friends of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra,

The Harrisburg Symphony Society had a busy 2022-2023 Season! It began with HSS Board members greeting Masterworks ticket holders with a flute of Prosecco and gingersnaps in celebration of the orchestra's October return to the Forum. This was followed later in the month by a Members Reception in the Mechanicsburg home of Hilary Simpson featuring a performance by Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra harpist, Lace Hilboky. HSS Board member, Debra Ryan chaired the reception.

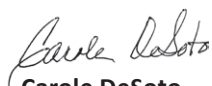
February's *friendraiser*, "A Cozy Night on Broadway" held at Carley's Ristorante and Piano Bar, featured pianist Anthony Haubert and singer, Carly Lafferty performing Broadway favorites in anticipation of the Capital Blue Cross POPS concert, "The Bad Boys of Broadway." This was such a fun event and brought new memberships to the HSS. Past President, Amy Black and President-elect, Debra Yates co-chaired the event.

"An Elegant Evening at the Capital Supper Club" was held in April at the Harrisburg Hilton featuring jazz vocalist, Hilary Kole performing with Maestro Stuart Malina and the Steve Rudolph Quintet. It was the HSS's major fundraiser for the year and through the evening's success, the Symphony Society raised over \$97,000 to be donated to the HSO. Amy Huck and Asha Makam led the committee planning this memorable evening.

The Spring Young Persons' Concert was held at the Forum in May in partnership with Carnegie Hall's *Link Up!* The concert included side-by-side performances by members of the HSO, members of HSYO, and a student choir from area schools. Symphony Society members greeted the students as they arrived and assisted them with locating their seats.

Our 2022-2023 Season concluded with the Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the West Shore Country Club, co-chaired by board members, Margie Fultz and Mary Jean Holmes. A highlight of the luncheon was the awarding of two "Keep The Music Playing" awards presented to Sue Klick, retiring Director of Orchestra and Artistic Operations for the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, and longtime board member and former President, Karen Best.

Thanks for a memorable year,



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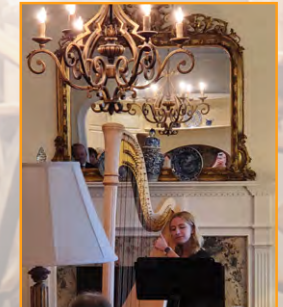
# Opening Reception

**Welcome Back to The Forum, October 2022:** It began with HSS Board members greeting Masterworks ticket holders with a flute of Prosecco and gingersnaps in celebration of the Orchestra's October return to the Forum. Concert goers were very excited to be back and loved being treated extra special as they entered.



# Fall Membership Reception

**Fall Reception:** The Fall membership Reception was held in the Mechanicsburg home of Hilary Simpson, October 18, 2022. Guests enjoyed a wide array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts and a performance by Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra harpist, Lace Hilbokky.





# Carley's "Friend" Raiser



**Friend Raiser:** Carley's Ristorante and Piano Bar was the place to be for a fun filled evening on Sunday, February 19, 2023. The HSS *friendraiser*, One Cozy Night On Broadway, was held at this popular downtown restaurant. The evening celebrated Broadway's greatest with vocalist Carly Lafferty, and Anthony Haubert at the keyboard.

## Annual Luncheon

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon:** Roses were the theme of this annual event held at the West Shore Country Club on June 8, 2023. Following lunch, an ensemble from the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra performed for the guests. Local artist, Stewart Holmes designed the invitation's red rose. All guests received a notecard with the rose logo as a remembrance of the day.





# An Elegant Evening at the Capital Supper Club

**Capital Supper Club:** On Saturday, April 22, 2023, *An Elegant Evening at the Capital Supper Club* transported guests back in time to the famed Rainbow Room atop NYC's Rockefeller Center. The evening was held at the Harrisburg Hilton, and starred jazz singer, Hilary Kole, with the Steve Rudolph Quintet. Stuart Malina joined Kole and Rudolph for some memorable favorites. Profits from the evening were over \$97,000 and were donated by the Symphony Society to the HSO.

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The Harrisburg Symphony Society wishes to thank our sponsors and hosts for their support of ***An Elegant Evening at the Capital Supper Club***.  
A special thank you to all who joined us for this wonderful event and especially our Co-Chairs Amy Huck and Asha Makam.





# Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras



Greetings!

The Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras enjoyed a spectacular season this year that included lively rehearsals and inspiring performances. We were very excited to return to the Forum for our concerts, which gives them a little added panache, and which lets our students sit up taller and brag to their friends about the beautiful concert hall they play in.

We continue to rebuild to our pre-Covid numbers and are making progress. This season, the high school Youth Orchestra benefitted from college and professional musicians filling some crucial positions and providing not only missing notes but advice and coaching to those around them. This was also the first season since 2019 that the Youth Orchestra presented the Young Persons' Concert side-by-side with members of the Harrisburg Symphony! I had forgotten how much work and mental organization it takes to rehearse two separate concert programs at the same time, but I also quickly remembered how beneficial such an experience is for our young musicians. I watched friendships form between the pros and the students in the most inspiring and adorable of ways. Even our junior and elementary orchestras were able to work together, rehearsing and performing Rimsky-Korsakov's *Dance of the Tumblers* in their own side-by-side. The Junior Youth Orchestra loved mentoring the younger kids, and the Elementary String Orchestra thought they were a pretty big deal getting to play with the older kids.

We all need each other, and we are certainly better when we work together. Even I needed help, as Covid took me down for not one but two concerts with the Youth Orchestra in February and our own Stuart Malina happily stepped in. (Turns out he knows a thing or two.) The students LOVED that they got

to play for the big man himself. I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge the spectacular work of my colleagues Krista Kriel and Michael Gamon. Michael was new to our staff this year, but quickly proved himself able to relate to young children (I mean, he conducted in a T-Rex costume) while being a gifted professional musician. And Krista, also a wonderful musician, has those kids in the palm of her hand! Together they inspire young people to love being musicians, and to love playing together — while giving them the most excellent teaching. Hopefully you've heard them. Hopefully you've heard ALL of them! They are our future artists and audience members. Next season, they need YOU to attend our concerts, so they understand that what they do, even at their young age, is important and beautiful.

We will see you next season!

**Greg Woodbridge**

HSYO Music Director & HSO Associate Conductor

*"Being a part of such a wonderful orchestra and hearing how everything comes together in the end is something that I cherish and look forward to every concert." - HSYO Senior*





# Youth Orchestra Alumni Spotlight

## Malaysia Billman, HSYO Class of 2018

*"I credit my participation in HSYO as being one of the main reasons I decided to pursue music performance in college and as a career."*

My name is Malaysia Billman, and I am an alumna of both the Junior Youth String Orchestra (JYSO) (on cello) and Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra (HSYO) (on oboe). I credit my participation in HSYO as being one of the main reasons I decided to pursue music performance in college and as a career. Playing in HSYO exposed me to so many incredible musical experiences and helped me to realize that music could be not only a life-long passion, but a career. Through playing advanced repertoire, working closely with my peers in both chamber ensembles and the full orchestra, and participating in various outreach performances, including the Strawberry Square Holiday concerts and LinkUp concerts, HSYO helped me grow as a musician and as a person, as I developed integral skills that have helped me through undergrad and beyond.

In 2018, I graduated from Cumberland Valley High School and headed to Chicago to attend Northwestern University. In 2022 I graduated cum laude from Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music with my Bachelor of Music. At Bienen, I double majored in Oboe Performance and Ethnomusicology and minored in German, studying oboe and English horn under the tutelage of Michael Hensch, Robert Morgan, and Scott Hostetler. During my time at Northwestern, I served as principal oboe of the Northwestern University Opera Orchestra, Contemporary Music Ensemble, and Symphonic Wind Ensemble and was an active chamber musician, performing with my woodwind quintet in the greater Chicago area. Additionally, I served as solo oboe and English horn in the 2022 Midwest premiere of Jake Heggie's opera "If I Were You" and I served as principal oboe for the Berlin Opera Academy's 2021 season in Switzerland. In 2022, I had the distinct honor of presenting my senior ethnomusicology thesis "Hopeful for a Bright Tomorrow": Songs and COVID-19 in Sub-Saharan Africa, at the 2022 Society for Ethnomusicology Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

After graduating from Northwestern, I moved back home to Pennsylvania for a gap year to prepare to pursue my master's degree in oboe performance in Berlin, Germany. During the past year I have performed with the York Symphony Orchestra and with other various ensembles around the Central Pennsylvania area. This past year, I also returned to the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra (HSYO) to serve as the interim HSYO Coordinator in winter 2023. Working with HSYO this year has been such a special opportunity as I have been able to interact with the next generation of HSYO musicians, and it is wonderful to see how the program has grown.

### Malaysia Billman

BM Oboe Performance, Ethnomusicology - Northwestern University '22

German Language Minor - Northwestern University '22



## Mendlow Scholarship

The Eric Morris Mendlow Scholarship is presented annually to a member of the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras, in memory of Eric M. Mendlow, by his parents, Mark and Jane Mendlow. This scholarship affords an HSYO student the opportunity to attend an intensive summer music program at no cost. Thank you to Mark and Jane for continuing to make impactful musical opportunities possible for HSYO students, and congratulations to 2022-2023 Mendlow Scholarship winner, JYSO cellist Vivian Zhang.





# Education

Dear friends,

Our education and youth symphony programs returned in full force for the 2022-2023 Season. As we shared educational and musical experiences with teachers, students, musicians, and young listeners, our sense of community was renewed, and we were reminded that our shared experiences connect us in meaningful ways.

We are proud to offer education programs that make music accessible to our community and meet students wherever they are in their musical journey. The following pictures and stories show the breadth of our education programs – young listeners at their first concert, student musicians honing their craft alongside friends and mentors, and alumni of our programs pursuing the next step in their musical story.

As we reflect on a season of meaningful shared experiences, we are thankful for our community's support of our education programs. Many individuals, teachers, parents, businesses, and organizations share their time and resources to make our programs possible. The impact of our collective work and commitment is evident in the smiles, laughs, and successes of every student we reach.

Sincerely,



**Mark Hunsberger**  
Director of Education



## Music for Young Listeners

Over 1,500 elementary students shared educational and musical experiences through our Young Persons' Concert (YPC) series. These performances marked our first live YPCs since the fall of 2019. We watched as many young listeners experienced an orchestral concert for the first time, danced in the aisles to Chuck Berry's *Johnny B. Goode*, and listened in awe as the Sporting Hill Singers joined the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras and the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra to perform Carl Orff's *O Fortuna*.

Our Musical Chairs subscription program returned this season, offering families with children in grades K-12 affordable access to our full Masterworks series. Many Musical Chairs subscribers also participate in our Welcome to the Concert program, which includes a kid-specific printed program with musical activities and listening guides and an intermission workshop. Through Welcome to the Concert, young listeners learn about the different instrument families in the orchestra, musical forms, and even how to conduct an orchestra.





# Education



## Musician Residency Program

For a second season, our Musician Residency Program (MRP) paired HSO musicians with local high school music programs. Our resident musicians and partner schools included Cedar Cliff High School and Ai-lin Hsieh (cello), West Perry High School and David DiGiacobbe (principal flute), and Central Dauphin High School and Chris Rose (principal percussion).

While our musicians continued to work with students in masterclasses, small group and private lessons, and full ensemble rehearsals, we also found new opportunities to share music with our partner schools. Students from the Cedar Cliff High School and Allen Middle School orchestras joined us for our April Masterworks concert featuring HSO Concertmaster Peter Sirotn, and the Central Dauphin Ramband Drumline performed alongside the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra, members of the HSO, and the Sporting Hill Singers as part of our spring Young Persons' Concert.

We asked some of our partner teachers to share how our Musician Residency Program has impacted their students. Here is what they said:

- Sam Tate, Band Director, and Music Educator at Central Dauphin High School: "The HSO's residency program is an absolutely essential part of our music students' education. Over the past two years, we have worked with Mr. Chris Rose who has shared his expertise and experience with our percussion students. Our students and I have developed awesome relationships with Chris, allowing us to work towards high-level music making and percussion excellence in our classes! He's fantastic and we couldn't do it without the HSO's residency program."
- Matthew Wieseman, Director of Bands at West Perry High School: "David DiGiacobbe has been an incredible asset to our program! His work with our students has taken their ability to the next level. I thank the HSO for providing this invaluable resource!"

## Thank You to Our Partners

Our education and HSYO programs are made possible by support from generous donors, organizations, and foundations. We are grateful for their partnership and support and the impact it has on our community.

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## Save the Dates

**Fall YPC: Friday, November 17, 2023, The Forum:** Join Maestro Stuart Malina and the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra for a charming and humorous Young Persons' Concert. Maestro Malina will guide students through select repertoire from the HSO's November Masterworks program, including Mozart's Symphony No. 36, Manuel de Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat*, and Carl Nielsen's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra featuring HSO Principal Flutist, David DiGiacobbe.

**Spring YPC: Friday, May 3, 2024, The Forum:** For our Spring YPC, we present Carnegie Hall's *Link Up: The Orchestra Sings!* Featuring "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's ninth symphony, the Finale from Stravinsky's "The Firebird," and selections from Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," this interactive concert will have students singing and playing along with the orchestra from their seats. This concert includes side-by-side performances by members of the HSO, the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra, guest singers, and a student choir from local schools.

### Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestras 2023-2024 Concert Schedule

Monday, November 6, 2023  
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Sunday, May 12, 2024





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