SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 60th anniversary concert season

DSO rehearsal artwork by Nyle Gordon for Bluff Strokes 2017, collection of Tim & Christine Conlo

annal report 2018-19



### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Dubuque Symphony
Orchestra is to engage the tri-state community
and enrich its quality of life through live musical
performances and educational programs.

### **Vision Statement**

We imagine a time when people of all ages embrace the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra as an indispensable living treasure that is relevant to their lives.

### **Values Statement**

We believe in the power of music to change lives. We base our relationships on trust, integrity, stewardship, and accountability. We strive for continuing artistic achievement, responsible institutional growth, innovation, and commitment to community.

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# 18-19 **SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2018-2019 concert season of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra had the over-arching theme of the elements: Earth, Air, Water, and Fire. The first four Classics concert sets were each devoted to one of these elements and included a beautiful slideshow of photographs of the elements submitted by patrons. The Classics Series then culminated in staged opera performances of Mozart's The Magic Flute in April 2019. In this opera, the main characters experience trials of water and fire and there is plenty of symbolism of the four elements.

In addition to the opera and the slideshows, there were many artistic highlights all season long, including:

- The long-anticipated return of violinist Gareth Johnson (photo 1) and his fiery
  performances of Vivaldi's Spring and Summer Concertos at Classics 1 in October,
  as well as a stirring performance of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony.
- The DSO Brass was featured in works of delicate poetry as well as music that almost blew-the-roof-off at Classics 2 in November. Also on that program, incredible violinist Yoojin Jang made her DSO debut completing Vivaldi's Four Seasons, and the orchestra performed a moving musical memorial for Principal Bassoon Barry Ellis.
- The orchestra performed seven free education concerts for all 3rd and 5th graders in the region. At the 5th grade concerts, rap artist Case-the-Joint sang an original rap as well as a rap from the musical Hamilton with the DSO. Young cellist Sam Day, winner of the 2018 DSO Youth Concerto Competition, debuted with the DSO as a soloist at the 3rd grade concerts. Sam won the competition while in high school, and he is also a member of the DSO cello section, continuing while in college.
- The annual Holiday Celebration Concerts and Family Concert featured the return of Broadway soprano (and Dubuque-native) Rita Harvey from New York City. She was wonderful. The Holiday concerts also featured the Dubuque Chorale, Cadenza, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Chorus, and dancers from Heartland Ballet. The orchestra performed the world premieres of three new works commissioned for these concerts: one by Dubuquer Tracey Rush and two by Maestro Intriligator's brother, Robert Intriligator.
- The orchestra's Ultimate Rock Hits concerts in January 2019 and Ultimate Country Hits in May 2019 continued the huge success of these sell-out concerts.



- The February Classics concerts featured the world premiere of a new guitar concerto by Dubuque native Zane Merritt, commissioned for these concerts, with the composer as guitar soloist. Zane's words describing the piece being about mental health issues were inspiring, and many in the audience were greatly moved by the performance. (photo 2) Also, who can forget the incredible musical volcano eruption on these concerts from Havhannes' Mount St. Helens Symphony!
- The orchestra performed another Family Concert in February with popular music from films as well as some of Stravinsky's Firebird. Was that Maestro Intriligator conducting at that event, or a pirate? (photo 3)
- The March Classics concerts featured cellist Anthony Arnone performing the moving concerto Tales of Hemingway by Michael Daugherty and the orchestra really dazzled in Respighi's Fountain's of Rome.
- Mozart's Magic Flute at the April Classics presented the largest opera cast and chorus of all the five staged operas it has performed during Maestro Intriligator's tenure. It also had the largest sets, unique costumes, and a hilarious, original vision for the stage direction by Sarah Hartmann (who acted and directed the orchestra's Romeo and Juliet performances the year before). (photo 4)
- Poppy Conlon, winner of Pursuit of the Podium, conducted the DSO in the Allegretto from Beethoven's Seventh Symphony at the June 2019 Summer Melodies concert at the Arboretum. The rest of that program anticipated the Youth theme of the upcoming season.

# In 2018-2019, the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra welcomed:



### **BECCA GEYSSENS**

JUIY 2018

### Orchestra Librarian

Becca's main role is to make sure each of our musicians have the right sheet music at the right time in preparation for all of the DSO's concerts. Becca brings a wealth of classical music experience to this position, she is a string player, and the new Conductor and Director of the Dubuque Community String Orchestra. She was the former orchestra director at East High School in Waterloo, Iowa.



## **HYEYOUN JANG**

JUIY 2018

Conductor, Dubuque Youth Orchestra Jang received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Music Composition at Ewah Woman's University in Seoul, South Korea. She also earned a Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting at the University of Iowa, and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of North Texas. Jang is responsible for conducting rehearsals and concerts, recruiting and auditioning young musicians from area schools, and setting the artistic course for the DSYO.

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# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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All season long, the DSO honored the orchestra's 60-year history by highlighting music that has helped us get to where we are now. On each classics program, we performed at least one piece from the orchestra's 1st, 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th or 50th season programming.

We also took the opportunity at each of the classics concerts to highlight a special group of people who have helped make our first 60 years such a success. These included: donors, ticket buyers from first year to longtime subscribers, the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League, and our Board of Directors.



The DSO's 60th season explored musical interpretations of the four elements: earth, air, fire and water. Selections depicting landscapes, storms, rivers and volcanos called for a special collaboration with local photographers.

One piece from each of the first four classics concerts was performed in tandem with projected images submitted by over 30 local photographers, from amateur to professional. The beautiful imagery made the music come to life!

# **SCHOOL OUTREACH**





Thanks to a Special Projects
Grant through the City of
Dubuque, November 2018
guest violinist YooJin Jang was
able to visit several area schools.
Jang shared her musical talents
with the students and was joined
by Music Director and Conductor
William Intriligator to answer
questions. What a great
learning opportunity!



# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

# THE MAGIC FLUTE

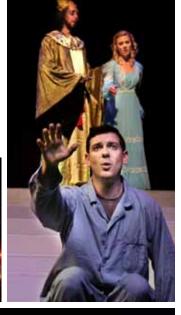
**April 2019** 

The DSO's 60th season culminated with a staged production of Mozart's opera, The Magic Flute.

Visionary stage director Sarah Hartmann, returned with a fresh interpretation of this beloved opera. Hartmann created (and acted in) the DSO's groundbreaking Romeo and Juliet "Star-Crossed" program in March of 2018.

Many local and regional talents were featured in key roles and in the chorus.







# **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The 2018-2019 season was another great one for the DSO's education programs! We have continued to deepen and expand our programs, enabling us to serve a greater number of young people throughout the tri-state area.



### **DUBUQUE SYMPHONY YOUTH ENSEMBLES**

An educational component of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, the Dubuque Symphony Youth Ensembles (DSYE) is the leading orchestral training program for youth in the tri-state area. The DSYE's mission is to supplement and enhance music education in the schools, and to promote the highest standards of musical excellence via weekly rehearsals and regularly scheduled public performances. The DSYE program includes four training ensembles:

- String Ensemble: an introductory honors ensemble for young string players with at least one year of ensemble experience or equivalent ability.
- ► Wind Ensemble: an honors ensemble for wind, brass, and percussion players. Students have at least 2 years of ensemble experience, and perform at a high school or advanced middle school level.
- ► Philharmonia: a full-orchestra honors ensemble for string, wind, brass, and percussion players. Members generally have several years of ensemble experience.
- ► Youth Orchestra: the premier honors orchestra of the DSYE. Students typically have four or more years of ensemble experience and play individually at a pre-college or college level.

**98 STUDENTS** from throughout the tri-state area were enrolled in the DSYE during the 2018-2019 season

# **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **ADOPT A MUSICIAN**

Adopt a Musician aims to enhance the music education of Dubuque-area students by appointing DSO musicians to serve as ambassadors and teaching artists in the schools. Musicians are "adopted" by a 4th grade classroom and visit them five times during the school year. They demonstrate their musical instruments, engage students in creative classroom activities and discussion, and encourage students to play a musical instrument. It is a program that has proven very effective and rewarding for the students, teachers, and musicians!

# **15** ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

were involved in this year's Adopt program: Audubon, Bryant, Carver, Eisenhower, Fulton, Holy Ghost, Irving, Kennedy, Marshall, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Prescott, Resurrection, St. Columbkille, Table Mound, and Westview (Platteville).



## **ARTS TREK**

The DSO's Arts Trek concerts hold a very special place in the music education of our young students. 3rd Grade Arts Trek introduces students to a symphony orchestra, and the instruments and instrument families that make up an orchestra. For most students, this is their first experience with live symphonic music. 5th Grade Arts Trek concerts are designed to supplement fifth graders' study of American history. Our hope is that students will be inspired to make music themselves, choosing to sing in a choir or play an instrument when the opportunity is presented.

During the 2018-19 Arts Trek concerts, the DSO served

4,575
STUDENTS,
TEACHERS
AND PARENTS!



# **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

# SUMMER STRING CAMP AND CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP

The summer of 2019 marked the sixth year of our wonderful summer camps program. Guest Artist and Conductor Diego Piedra Carvajal returned to lead students through seven days of immersive activities designed to broaden their musical experience and abilities. Additional faculty members included Carol Carlson (DSO violinist), Christina Mixemong (DSO Principal Violist), Christina Gentzsch (cellist), and Stephen Reichelt (DSO bassist). The camp week culminated in a 30-minute performance for thousands of concert-goers at the DSO's annual outdoor Summer Melodies concert.

The Summer Camp program also presented the fifth year of the Chamber Music Camp. Geared toward high school students, this camp provided students with the opportunity to rehearse and perform in small ensembles at a very high level. After an intense week of rehearsals, coachings, and private lessons, students presented a public recital and also joined String Camp students for their performance at the Summer Melodies concert.

Both camps continued to offer both day and overnight options, allowing us to offer this fantastic experience to students beyond the tri-state area.

### **CONCERTO COMPETITION**

The DSO Concerto Competition offers motivated young students the opportunity to develop their solo music performance skills, and add to their music performance portfolio. Some of the past winners have been invited to perform as soloists with the DSO on Arts Trek concerts while others have been featured with the Dubuque Symphony Youth Orchestra. Seven talented students entered the 2018-2019 competition, results as follows:

- ➤ First Place: Evan Erickson & Jackson Kates, clarinet duet
- ► Second Place: Heidi Wood, violin
- ► Third Place: Megan Bolduc, clarinet
- ► Honorable Mention: Kaitlin Moran & Jack Kolker, violin/viola duet



The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League (DSOL) continued their longstanding support of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra with a \$15,000 contribution to the DSO Annual Fund.

In addition, the DSOL supported educational and outreach programs in the community. The League assisted with the 3rd and 5th grade Arts Trek concerts; increased their annual support to the Adopt a Musician Program to help the DSO reach more students in more schools; sponsored the Concerto Competition by providing the prize money; and continued the long tradition of supporting the Dubuque Symphony Youth Ensembles with financial assistance for the purchase of sheet music, financial aid for tuition assistance, instrument rental, and tuxedo rental. An additional \$1,500 was pledged to support the Youth Orchestra tour in 2020.

The DSOL also sponsored the Sound Bites lunches/lectures on the Friday prior to the classical concerts and the Musical Musings prior to the Sunday concerts.

Again this year the DSOL provided a luncheon for the DSO musicians and staff during the Third Grade Arts Trek performance and a dinner for the Summer String Camp students prior to their final concert at the Arboretum.

The league financially supported seven Senior Classics performances by DSO musicians to entertain residents and their families in local nursing homes and assisted living settings.

The 2018-2019 fundraising events which allowed the League to continue these programs included increasing annual League memberships, Play for the Symphony Bridge Party, the No Tea Tea and the Geranium Plus sale.

For 2018-2019, the total financial contribution to the DSO and the DSO projects was \$32,861.90. To date DSOL financial contributions total **\$906,435.90**.

The DSOL provided over 2,300 volunteer hours while hosting orchestra luncheons, guest artists' welcome baskets, greeting at the DSO concerts, and working the events previously cited. Over the League's 51 year history, they have contributed **215,217 volunteer hours.** 

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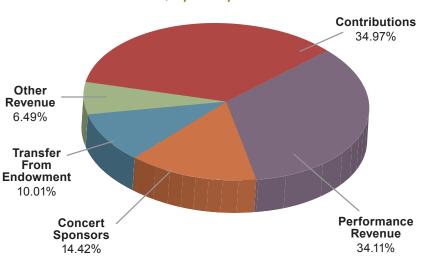
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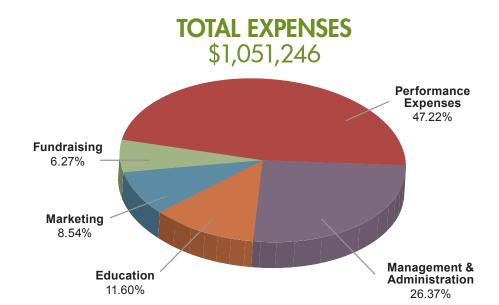
		2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
REVENUE	Performance Revenue	\$264,677	\$341,223	\$351,312
	<b>Concert Sponsors</b>	\$135,500	\$148,000	\$148,500
	Contributions	\$353,544	\$399,876	\$360,123
	Other Revenue	\$16,712	\$78,606	\$66,843
	Transfer From Endowment	\$109,409	\$97,861	\$103,108
	Transfer From Reserve			\$21,360
	TOTAL INCOME	\$879,842	\$1,065,566	\$1,029,886

EXPENSES	Performance Expenses	\$408,141	\$488,452	\$496,346
	Education	\$89,728	\$123,244	\$121,967
	Fundraising	\$63,784	\$64,756	\$65,883
	Marketing	\$78,239	\$88,831	\$89,800
	Management & Administration	299,943	\$276,115	\$277,250
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$939,835	\$1,041,398	\$1,051,246
	NET GAIN OR (LOSS)	(\$59,993)*	\$24,168	\$0***

<sup>\*</sup> Other Revenue in 2016/17 includes a one-time transfer of \$68,929 from Operations to Endowment in support of the Robert I. "Bob" Peacock Memorial Fund.

# **TOTAL INCOME** \$1,029,886





<sup>\*\*</sup>These are not the complete financial statements and related notes to the financial statements of the entity.

Copies of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's financial statements and IRS Form 990 are available upon request.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Deficit from fiscal year 18/19 was covered by a budgeted transfer from cash reserves.

Thank you to all who gave their time, talents, and resources to support the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's program and events during the 2018-2019 season.

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# **PURSUIT OF THE PODIUM**

Spring 2019

From February 15 to April 8, three local celebrities gathered donations on behalf of the DSO. This year's Pursuit of the Podium contestants included Poppy Conlon, Deb Siegworth and Sr. Dolores Ullrich. Together this extremely



motivated group raised over \$34,000 for the symphony!

Conlon generated the most funds and, as a result, had the honor of taking Maestro Intriligator's place atop the podium to conduct one selection at the free Summer Melodies concert held at the Dubuque Arboretum on June 23, 2019. In consultation with the Maestro, she chose Beethoven's beautiful and moving Allegretto from Symphony No. 7.

First introduced in 2013, Pursuit of the Podium continues to exceed expectations and has resulted in more than \$175,000 for the DSO with donations arriving from all over the country. Funds generated through Pursuit of the Podium support the DSO's overall mission, which is to engage the tri-state community and enrich its quality of life through live musical performances and educational programs.



Poppy Conlon conducts the Allegretto from Beethoven's 7th at Summer Melodies, June 2019



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