



Barbara Schubert, Music Director and Conductor

Dear Community Leader,

Music can enliven, unite, and uplift hearts and minds – qualities especially important in today's stressful and uncertain times. We would like to invite you to partner with us in uplifting our community through the power of music. For more than 65 years, the DuPage Symphony Orchestra – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization – has worked to inspire our communities through a commitment to musical excellence, education, and outreach.

**We are actively seeking to add community members and business associates to our Board of Directors.** The DSO Board of Directors comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sector who are dedicated to the organization's mission. Our board members champion the importance of exceptional board leadership and believe that every organization needs a strong and effective board to fully realize its potential for good. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and are fully engaged in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the DSO to advance its mission.

**We also desire to add to our core group of volunteers.** While we recently made the difficult decision to suspend all our 2020-2021 concerts scheduled at Wentz Concert Hall due to COVID-19, we remain committed to bringing a full season of musical activities to our audiences. In re-imagining our season, we've adapted to share our music both virtually and in small groups, socially-distanced live performances throughout DuPage County. We have also taken significant steps behind the scenes to strengthen the organization. A new, long-range strategic plan is being implemented to address short-term challenges and grow the DSO's community impact going forward. This includes increasing our concert and educational offerings, enhancing donor and sponsor experiences, strengthening our outreach to those with limited access to music, and building financial reserves to support long-term growth. A newly created task force is also working on initiatives to increase diversity both on stage and in our repertoire. **These efforts are not possible without the commitment of a strong volunteer network.**

During the coronavirus pandemic, the DuPage Symphony Orchestra's musicians, board of directors, staff, and volunteers have remained united in the desire to seek opportunities to keep the orchestra alive and to strengthen its legacy. We hope you will join with us in this unprecedented time to make a difference in our communities by supporting the efforts of the premier symphony orchestra in the Western Suburbs. Please contact Kristin Chmiel, Executive Director, at 630.778.1003 or [kchmiel@dupagesymphony.org](mailto:kchmiel@dupagesymphony.org) to discuss how you can get involved today.

Sincerely,

Donald Potoczny  
Board President