



seattle youth symphony orchestra

Greetings,

As a result of the current situation with COVID-19 in King County, and [the recommendations on Wednesday by Seattle King County Public Health](#), we've made the difficult decision to cancel our **Power of Music Annual Benefit Brunch on March 29, 2020**. The health and wellbeing of our students, staff, faculty, coaches, and community is our number one priority. In an effort to help slow the spread of illness in our community, we are limiting close contact of large groups of individuals at gatherings and events.

We truly appreciate your response and enthusiasm over our event and we are looking forward to hosting another incredible event in the future. We especially appreciate our table patrons, table captains, and sponsors who have reached out to the community to bring guests. We also appreciate the parents who supported their students' performance at our event. Additionally, we acknowledge our SYSO alumni emcees, Dave Beck and Lisa Bergman of Classical KING-FM, as well as our Distinguished Alumni Thomas Rodrique, whom we look forward to honoring very soon.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the season and it accounts for approximately 28% of our annual fundraising budget and is vital for continuing to serve over 500 Academic Year Orchestra students along with another 1,200 additional students participating in our other programs. Your support helps us continue to provide high-quality coaching, music education, premier venues, and robust financial aid.

We also want to be able to continue community building by providing opportunities to celebrate together. Over the next month, we will be launching a **Spring Campaign that will lead up to our May 10 Five Orchestras concert**. We will be celebrating our seniors, recognizing our alumni and creating opportunities to thank you as part of this campaign and concert.

At this time, we urge you to still consider making the gift you intended to make at the Benefit Event. Given the unusual circumstances, a stretch gift would be greatly appreciated.

There are two ways to make your gift today:

- Send your check (payable to Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra) to Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra, 11065 Fifth Avenue NE, Suite A, Seattle, WA 98125. Write "Benefit Gift" in the comment line.
- [Make a gift online at syso.org](#).

If you purchased a ticket or table for this year's event, we will be contacting you individually in the next week to follow up.

Thank you so much for your understanding and generosity.

With Gratitude,

Kathleen Allen
Executive Director, Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra