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2023-2024

DONOR IMPACT REPORT





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The mission of the Des Moines Symphony & Academy is to create extraordinary, live musical experiences and outstanding educational opportunities. We will engage, enrich, educate and inspire a broad and diverse audience in Central Iowa with excellent teaching, innovative programming and performances of great symphonic music played at the highest professional standards resources allow.



DES MOINES SYMPHONY YOUTH SYMPHONY

Music has been bringing people together for centuries. Musicians that perform the music and audiences that listen to it are changed by this collective, unique experience. Music tells stories, feeds our souls, and connects us to one another.

During our 86th season, our audiences discovered the world of music. Our Masterworks series highlighted not only the most iconic symphonic works, but also the works of new and upcoming composers such as Arturo Márquez, Wang Lu, and Valerie Coleman. Our 95 musicians,

who come from Des Moines and throughout the country, told a musical story through their performances. We experienced great music that uplifts, inspires, challenges, and comforts.

Great music is *powerful*. Great music is for *everyone*. Your generous Annual Fund gifts played an important part in shaping the future of music in Central Iowa: by helping us provide high-quality music instruction, inspiring performances, and building a strong musical community that will resonate for years to come.

Thank you for playing your part
in our success.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



The 2023-24 Season Debut marked the 2nd annual Harriet S. and J. Locke Macomber Concert, featuring the renowned Anne Akiko Myers performing Arturo Marquez’s *Fandango*, written expressly for her.

5,678
STUDENTS ATTENDED
THE DES MOINES
SYMPHONY YOUTH
CONCERTS

26
CONCERTS
PERFORMED

21
CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS
AND CONCERT PRELUDE
TALKS PRESENTED

\$1,826,224
PART-TIME WAGES
PAID TO SYMPHONY
MUSICIANS,
ACADEMY FACULTY,
AND GUEST ARTISTS

21,794
TICKETS SOLD



GRAMMY®-nominated ensemble Sandbox Percussion joined the Symphony as the 2nd annual Fred & Charlotte Hubbell Visting Artist In Residence. The ensemble worked with 349 students in area schools and at the Des Moines Symphony Academy.



The Des Moines Symphony was 1 of 30 orchestras chosen to participate in the League of American Orchestra’s Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commissions Program. Composer Wang Lu visited Des Moines in February 2024 for the Midwest Premiere of her work *Surge* in collaboration with the New York Philharmonic’s World Premiere.

17
DISTINGUISHED
GUEST ARTISTS AND
CONDUCTORS

\$26,266
AWARDED IN ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

434
STUDENTS
ENROLLED
IN THE
SYMPHONY
ACADEMY

48
CONCERTS
AND RECITALS
PERFORMED

7
NEW MUSICIANS
WELCOMED
TO THE ORCHESTRA

1,237
CONCERT TICKETS PROVIDED
FREE-OF-CHARGE TO STUDENTS,
FAMILIES, AND NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS

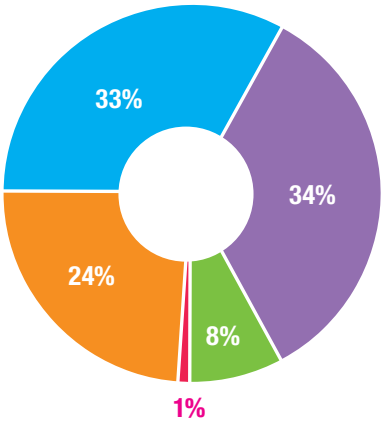
Thanks to Bravo Greater Des Moines’ 2023 Capital Project Grant, the Symphony Academy spaces received an important facelift. The renovations included updates to teaching studios, new decor, comfortable seating, improved lighting, and new carpeting and paint.

5TH YEAR OF
WATER WORKS
POPS
PRESENTED BY
LINDA AND TOM KOHN

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME:

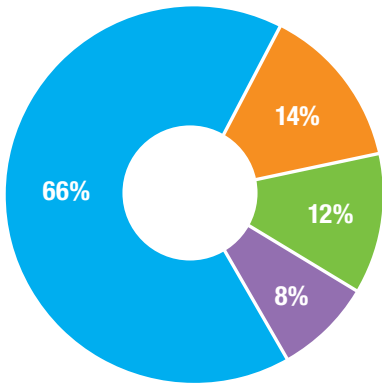
Des Moines Symphony Foundation	\$ 1,211,689
Donor Support	\$ 1,194,935
Ticket Sales & Performance Fees	\$ 887,418
Symphony Academy Tuition	\$ 300,640
Government Support	\$ 45,000
TOTAL	\$ 3,639,682



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EXPENSES:

Artistic Programs	\$ 2,732,561
Management & General	\$ 562,553
Symphony Academy Programs	\$ 493,680
Fundraising	\$ 330,458
TOTAL	\$ 4,119,252

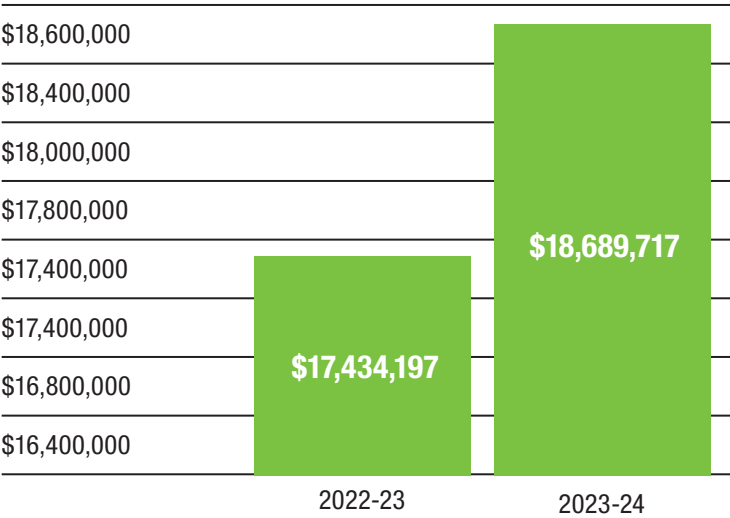


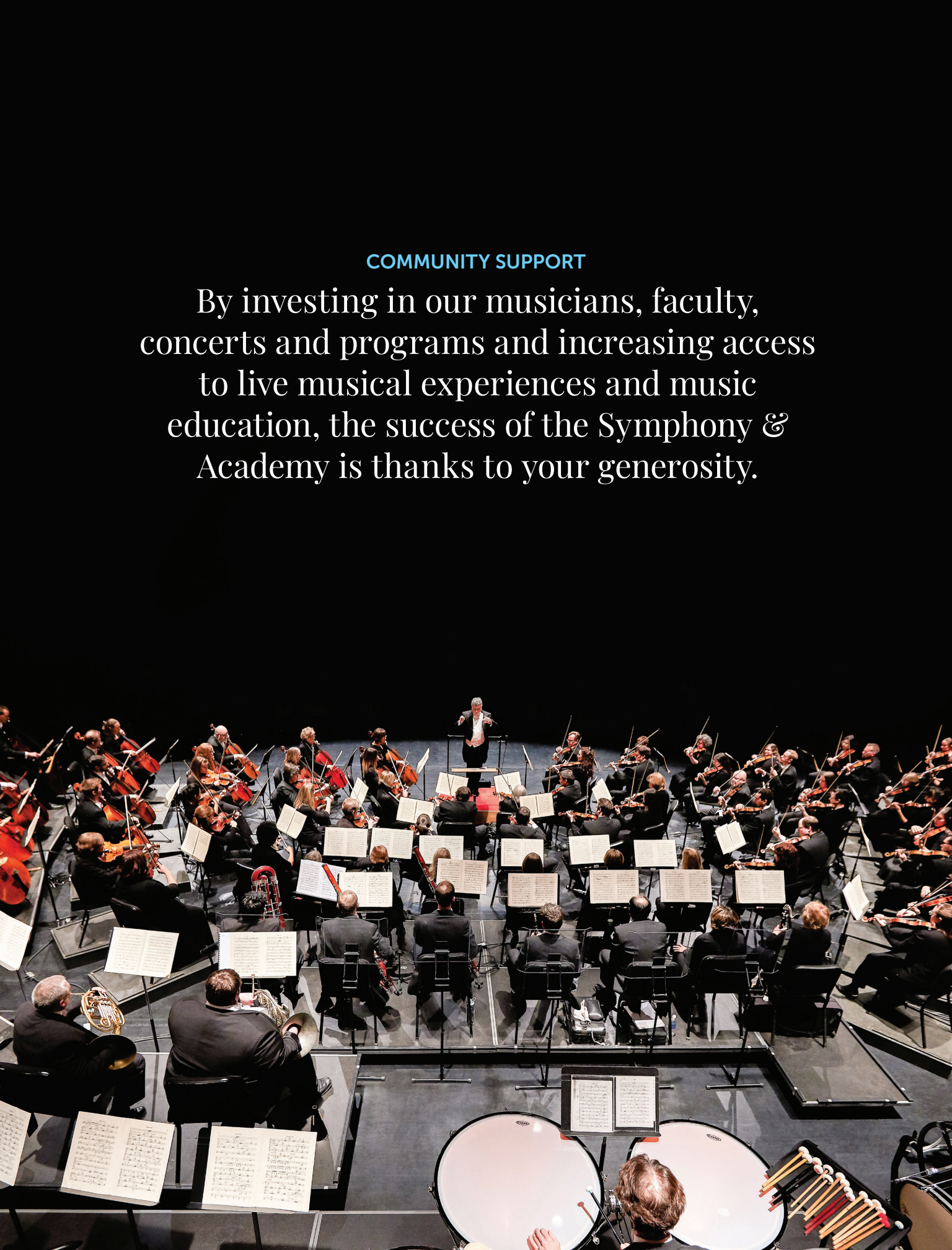
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BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE DES MOINES SYMPHONY FOUNDATION

Income and Expenses, combined with the Change in Beneficial Interest in the Des Moines Symphony Foundation, resulted in **an increase in Net Assets of \$775,950** for the fiscal year 2023-24.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT

By investing in our musicians, faculty, concerts and programs and increasing access to live musical experiences and music education, the success of the Symphony & Academy is thanks to your generosity.

This list shows the Annual Fund pledges or gifts made by our many generous donors between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2024

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