

About the TSO

Founded in 1951 as an amateur community ensemble, the Traverse Symphony Orchestra (TSO) has evolved to become Northwestern Lower Michigan's largest resident performing arts organization and only professional orchestra.

In September 2001, the TSO welcomed Music Director Kevin Rhodes, whose tenure has brought forward challenging repertoire, substantial musician pay increases, increasing use of high quality players from throughout the state, and a palpable growth in artistic quality.

In recent years, performances have increased from six concert cycles in 2001-2002 to the current eight cycles and in 2003-2004, second performances were added to most cycles. The current season consists of six classical symphonic programs, and two pops programs for a total of 14 subscription concerts.

In addition to subscription concerts, the TSO also presents a family oriented series of concerts entitled Saturday Family Symphony. Rounding out the TSO education program is the Music in the Schools (MitS) program and the Traverse Youth Orchestras.

The TSO has a current operational budget of approximately \$900,000 and is committed to providing education and outreach programs, and accessible ticket prices. Approximately 40% of the TSO's revenue comes from ticket sales and earned income. The balance of support comes from the Annual Campaign in the form of individual gifts, grants, sponsorships and special events. The TSO's growing endowment fund will also provide an important source of funding for the future.

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Traverse Symphony Orchestra Associates



Come join the fun!

Who We Are

We invite YOU to play your part!

Not all of us can play an instrument in an orchestra, but we can contribute to a great performance. Join the TSOA and you will become involved in projects that support the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. By sharing your talents, you will be doing something great for yourself as well as for the Symphony and the community.

What is the TSOA?

The Traverse Symphony Orchestra Associates is the volunteer support organization for the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. Our purpose is to promote and support symphonic music in the Grand Traverse region. We lend support for administrative and concert activities and raise funds through various events and projects.

What's in it for me?

Opportunities abound for new friendships, community involvement, and social activities that help in the continued growth and excellence of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. Benefits include quarterly newsletters, e-news and discounts on some TSO/TSOA events.

What will be my responsibilities?

As a member, you will select the projects best suited to your interests and work on committees that plan and execute our events and projects.

What happens when I join?

A TSOA member will contact you to discuss specific projects that interest you. You will be invited to our meetings. You will receive the TSOA Membership Directory and all other mailings.

What We Do

BUILDER'S PARADE OF HOMES—The TSOA hosts a home during this annual June event and receives a stipend for providing this service.

CLASSIC JUNQUE RUMMAGE SALE—Clean out your closets and divest those treasures at this spring fundraiser!

SYMPHONY HOME TOUR—Area residents open their homes to benefit the TSO. TSOA volunteers organize this event and serve as hosts in each home.

GERANIUM SALE—TSOA members help take orders for this important fund-raiser. Volunteers are also needed on geranium pick-up day in May.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS—Periodic gatherings of members and guests, combining a short business meeting with social opportunities, guest speakers and performers.

MEET THE MAESTRO—A unique chance to meet TSO Maestro Kevin Rhodes at a variety of gatherings, either during lunch or dinner.

MUSICIANS' SNACKS—Help support the TSO musicians by providing and/or serving refreshments during rehearsals. Scheduled for 2006-2007 for the following dates: Sun. 10/22, Sat. 11/18, Sat 1/27, Sat 2/17, and Sat. 3/17.

OFFICE HELP—Assist the TSO staff with a variety of office projects—help with preparing concert programs, getting mailings out and more!

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VOLUNTEERS—Help seat patrons, assist with ticket sales and will call, and help promote TSO events. Or help with the "instrument petting zoo" during Saturday Family Symphony.

SPECIAL EVENTS—Assist TSO volunteers and staff with planning some of the special events held throughout the year, from concert receptions to the annual spring gala, "Rhythm & Bids."

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address (Including city, state and zip): _____

E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Current/Past Career: _____

Membership Categories

Individual

Price

\$20

Couple/Family

\$25

Student

\$5

Total: _____

What Interests You? (Please Circle)

BUILDER'S PARADE	MUSICIANS' SNACKS
SYMPHONY HOME TOUR	OFFICE HELP
GERANIUM SALE	USHERS & VOLUNTEERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	SPECIAL EVENTS
MEET THE MAESTRO	

Method of Payment

Visa

Check

Discover

MasterCard

Credit Card # _____

Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to "TSOA." Mail completed application (with payment) to:

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