

IMPACT REPORT 2022-23

SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DELTA DAVID GIER, MUSIC DIRECTOR



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WELCOME TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IMPACT REPORT!

The SDSO thanks you, the donors, audiences, volunteers, and musicians for the many successes of the 2022-23 season.



OUR MISSION.

To inspire the best in all of us through music.

OUR VISION.

To be South Dakota's artistic leader and our nation's model for how an orchestra serves its communities.

OUR VALUES.

Dedication: we are committed to excellence in all we endeavor.

Integrity: we serve our communities with honesty and respect.

Belonging: all are welcomed at the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.

OUR COMMITMENT.

Our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion is to empower all constituents to actualize equity, belonging, diversity, and inclusion throughout the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.

"... a community in love with its orchestra."

– ALEX ROSS, THE NEW YORKER

"An orchestra should serve its unique community uniquely."

– DELTA DAVID GIER, MUSIC DIRECTOR, SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



PEOPLE OF THE SDSO



25 BOARD MEMBERS

- David Aronson
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- Sandra Pay
- Dave Rozenboom
- Lynn Sargeant
- John Snyder
- Jane Stavem
- Loren Tschetter

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- Norman Bliss
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- Marge Hegge
- Mary Jo Jaqua
- Gail Klein
- Richard Klein
- Lindsay Lundebly
- Susan McGowan
- Franklin Pudas
- Cynthia Srstka
- Katie Sumey

56 LEAGUE MEMBERS

6 FULL TIME STAFF **3** PART TIME STAFF

3 PART TIME INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

1 MUSIC DIRECTOR

1 ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR

1 CHORUS DIRECTOR

SDSO 2022-23 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022-23 season was the dawn of the SDSO's second century. Heralded as "the model of an engaged orchestra," highlights of the SDSO's community-centric approach this season include the release of its first-ever recording, **LAKOTA MUSIC PROJECT**, a sold-out performance of **BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO. 9** featuring the four public high school choirs from Sioux Falls, and a standing-room only post-concert talk following a triumphant performance of **SHOSTAKOVICH'S SYMPHONY NO. 7**.

Community impact like this drew the attention of Rosemarie and Dean Buntrock who made the largest donation in the orchestra's history of **\$2 MILLION**.



SDSO featured on NPR's "1A"
More than Music program,
curated by cultural historian
Joseph Horowitz.



WORLD PREMIERES IN THE 2022-23 SEASON



WAYNE OQUIN (b. 1977)
A New Song Resounding
(for SATB choir, organ, and orchestra)
First Lutheran Church
100th Anniversary
September 11, 2022



ALIREZA MOTEVASELI (b. 1992)
The Mourning Dance
(for chamber orchestra)
Bridging Cultures concert
at Avera Prairie Center
April 26, 2023



NILOUFAR IRAVANI (b. 1990)
Reflections for Orchestra
April 29, 2023 Season Finale

2022-23 SEASON STATISTICS



25 GUEST ARTISTS

Conrad Tao, piano
 Yi-Chun Lin, viola
 Orion Weiss, piano
 Rachel Potter, singer
 Hannah Lu, soprano
 Rhianna Cockrell, mezzo-soprano
 Daniel Weeks, tenor
 Brandon Hendrickson, baritone
 Rui Du, violin
 Luke Carlsen, singer
 Michael Seaman, piano
 Claytoven Richardson, arranger
 Joseph Horowitz, cultural historian
 Cecilia O'Malley, violin
 Clara Osowski, mezzo-soprano
 Timothy Bentch, tenor
 Stephen L. Bryant, bass-baritone
 Saily Oak, Hindustani singer
 Reena Esmail, composer
 Yunah Lee, soprano

Cassandra Zoé Velasco,
 mezzo-soprano
 Rodrick Dixon, tenor
 Ashraf Sewailam, bass-baritone
 Sioux Falls Lion Dance Team
 Wayne Oquin, composer
 (First Lutheran Church
 100th Anniversary concert)
 Paul Jacobs, organ (First Lutheran
 Church 100th Anniversary concert)

68 TENURED
MUSICIANS

83 SDSO CHORUS
MEMBERS

8 LIVING COMPOSERS

Conrad Tao
 Dobrinka Tabakova
 Chen Yi
 John Williams
 Arvo Pärt
 Alireza Motevaseli
 Niloufar Iravani
 Reena Esmail

150

Guest Choristers from
 Jefferson, Lincoln,
 Roosevelt, and
 Washington High Schools
 for Beethoven's 9th



Conrad Tao, October 8, 2022



Orion Weiss, November 19, 2022



L to R: Composer Niloufar Irvani; Soloists, Saili Oak, Yunah Lee

2022 GALA



The SDSO's **2022 GALA** took place on November 5, 2022 on the Mary W. Sommervold Stage in the Washington Pavilion. That night, the

community came together to help raise a gross amount of **\$192,500 TO SUPPORT MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN.**

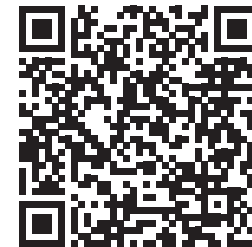
LAKOTA MUSIC PROJECT

1 SDSO'S FIRST COMMERCIAL RECORDING

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra proudly released its first commercial recording, "Lakota Music Project," on the American Composers Forum label *Innova* on October 28, 2022. The result of years of collaboration between Maestro Delta David Gier, the SDSO, and its American Indian partners, the recording features works by Brent Michael Davids, Jeffrey Paul, Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate, and Theodore Wiprud, with performances by the SDSO with Lakota drumming group The Creekside Singers and Dakota cedar flutist Bryan Akipa. The CD design by Laurie Bertrand features the Oscar Howe painting "Flute Player," used with kind permission from the Oscar Howe family. The audio producer was Peter Folliard and the executive producer was Delta David Gier. The CD and digital recordings are available to purchase online at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), and the recording can be streamed on most popular streaming platforms.



Scan this QR code to watch the LMP documentary on SDPB



COMMUNITY & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra is committed to making the music we share accessible to everyone. Every year, the Dakota String Quartet and the Dakota Wind Quintet provide music education programs and performances in partnership with local and regional school districts, community centers, and health care facilities.



Petite Concerts for Preschool



Symphony Studies



Ronning Library for Symphony Storytime



**PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN**

7,541
IN ATTENDANCE

51
PROGRAMS

**YOUNG PEOPLES
CONCERTS HIGHLIGHTS**

3,307
IN ATTENDANCE

57
SCHOOLS

67
BUSES

**PROGRAMS
FOR ADULTS**

5,393
IN ATTENDANCE

56
PROGRAMS



MUSIC COMPOSITION ACADEMIES 2022

The Music Composition Academies are two admission-free, week-long composition summer camps serving primarily Native American middle and high school students on both the Western and Eastern sides of South Dakota. At the end

of the week, each student creates their own composition for either string quartet or woodwind quintet. The camps are always tuition free, with lodging and food provided, to keep the program accessible to students.



10 WEST RIVER STUDENTS

10 SISSETON STUDENTS

20
ORIGINAL PIECES

Compositions were performed in the students' communities and in school performances in Rosholt, Rapid City, Oelrichs, and Sisseton. All twenty original pieces were showcased at the SDPB studios in Sioux Falls on February 1st, 2023.



SOUTH DAKOTA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SDSYO)

The South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra is an elite music education program comprised of four student orchestras and a chamber music program for beginning students to a symphonic orchestra for advanced players, and a chamber orchestra for student musicians ages 6 – 18. These ensembles provide an inspiring group setting that gives young musicians the tools and training to pursue artistic passions, develop musical talents, and build

leadership skills. Performances are scheduled at major venues throughout each season, giving students multiple opportunities to showcase their musical talents.

In addition to the SDSYO's three annual performances, members of the Youth Orchestra play alongside their SDSO professional counterparts each year in a "side-by-side" concert on the Mary W. Sommervold stage.



5 NUMBER OF
ENSEMBLES

138 NUMBER OF
TOTAL STUDENTS



KANSAS CITY TOUR 2023

In June, the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra traveled to Kansas City for its first performance outside of South Dakota. This tour combined social and sightseeing activities with a full performance of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5*. Students had the opportunity to sample famous Kansas City BBQ and learn about the development and influence of jazz on the region at the American Jazz Museum. Dr. Silas Huff, the Director of Orchestras at Washburn University conducted the YO in a clinic-rehearsal hybrid. The YO performance at the Medallion Theater featured Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5* and *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius, joined by local choristers from the Kansas City area. Among the highlights of the tour was attending a concert at the Kansas City Symphony featuring Mahler's *Symphony No. 4* and music by composer Jessie Montgomery and soprano Julia Bullock, both of whom boarded the Youth Orchestra bus after the concert to say hello to the students! The opportunity to perform in a new state with guest artists and experience the cultural and artistic diversity in Kansas City was monumental for our students and paves the way for future tours and related endeavors.

2022-23 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS / REVENUE**\$ 476,866**

TICKET SALES

\$ 136,931

ENDOWMENT

\$ 3,220,277

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 123,579

OTHER

\$ 193,643

GALA

\$ 4,151,316

TOTAL REVENUE

*Financial data is unaudited**Total includes \$2 million donation from Rosemarie and Dean Buntrock*

2022-23 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS / EXPENSES

\$ 570,746

ADMINISTRATION

\$ 225,411

MARKETING

\$ 54,668

DEVELOPMENT

\$ 1,623,937

CONCERTS, EDUCATION,
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

\$ 2,474,792

TOTAL EXPENSES

Ticket sales provide 28% of the cost of SDSO's concerts, education and community engagement programs.

72%

28%

Financial data is unaudited



The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra (SDSO) thanks these generous corporate and foundation donors for their support of the SDSO and SDSYO for the 2022/2023 season. These businesses and organizations have chosen to invest in the future of the SDSO and the communities we serve.

\$50,000 +

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\$25,000-\$49,000

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Sioux Falls is a vibrant, can-do community which values doing important things. This was evident to me from my very first visit 20 years ago. The SDSO was highly valued before I arrived as music director, so my challenge was to broaden and deepen its impact. We at the SDSO have been focused for many years on creating programs which connect with and also enrich the lives of as many “communities-within-our-community” as possible. Whether a community is ethnically-based, educational, medical, or business, we strive to build relationships with the people with whom we are working, and then to create programming together which meaningfully serves their needs. This has proven to be not only a highly successful model, but one which truly builds bridges where sometimes none existed. This is a privilege and a joy for the SDSO, and we hope to continue working this way to bring people together in order to better understand each other.

– DELTA DAVID GIER

