



A COMMUNITY TREASURE

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The wonderful city of Lee's Summit is full of treasures that make it what it is – a very special place to live. One of the most special treasures of all is the Lee's Summit Symphony. This talented group of musicians, under the direction of Russ Berlin, enriches our community with its beautiful music and extraordinary talents. Guided by an active and well-respected board, audience members of all ages are treated to a variety of concerts throughout a year. As a life-long Lee's Summit resident, I have had the privilege of growing up with many of the orchestra members. To see them giving back to the community through their music gives me chills. Our community is blessed to have Russ, an outstanding musician, conductor, and all-around great person. As the owner of a performing arts business for 22 years, it has always been my dream to offer the student dancers an opportunity to perform with a live orchestra. When Russ originally approached me about working on the Holiday Concert, you can imagine my excitement. Five years later, my enthusiasm has not waned one bit, and has actually grown to be a much anticipated moment each August. All in all, Lee's Summit is fortunate to have the orchestra, and I believe it "completes" us as a city, as citizens, and even more important, as individuals who love and appreciate music.

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2011 - 2012 SEASON

October 15, 2011 - Fall Classic

December 10, 2011 - Holiday Magic

March 10, 2012 - Spring Classic

April 14, 2012 - Friends' certified 5k run/walk

May 5, 2012 - Family Concert

The mission of the Lee's Summit Symphony is to enhance the local cultural experience by providing high-quality, accessible live performances that inspire, educate and entertain.

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The Lee's Summit Symphony offers an entertaining and affordable opportunity to experience symphonic music – LIVE! Since 2003, we have been an important part of the cultural landscape in Lee's Summit and Eastern Jackson County.

Our goal is to bring high-quality symphonic music to more people through concerts, presentations and collaboration. And, we believe we are succeeding! In fact, 88% of people surveyed said the concert experience was very good or outstanding.

Each season, more than 3,000 fans enjoy the concerts and 5,000 people attend our special patriotic July concert at Powell Gardens.

More than 70 talented musicians with diverse backgrounds and from all walks of life perform in the Symphony. They are united by a passion for sharing their love of symphonic music and a desire to grow in musicianship.

Our board of directors is a dedicated group who give time and talent to the Symphony. In fact, 100% of the directors make a financial contribution to the Symphony each year.

Finally, the Symphony is supported by the Friends of the Lee's Summit Symphony who provide steadfast volunteer support for all of our events and plan fundraising events for the benefit of the organization.

We invite you to join the Friends of the Symphony or renew your membership, and support outstanding musical performance in Lee's Summit and Eastern Jackson County.



FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Ticket sales comprise only about one-third of the Symphony's revenue each season. Therefore, it relies on other income sources, such the Friends of the Lee's Summit Symphony, grants and corporate sponsors to sustain the financial health of the organization and maintain our affordable ticket prices.

YOUR INVESTMENT

When you make a donation through the Friends of the Lee's Summit Symphony, you make a difference. Your contribution allows the symphony to produce outstanding concerts, helps support operations, and provide youth and adult education activities. In addition, you help enrich the quality of life in Lee's Summit and play an important role in our community's economic development.

A HEALTHY RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

Friends of the Lee's Summit Symphony enjoy recognition in our concert programs and on the website; and receive an invitation to the Friends' annual meeting and social. Would you like to volunteer? Join our energetic and dedicated group of volunteers who support Symphony events.

Are you renewing your Friends membership? Please consider increasing your donation to help us expand activities and outreach. Thank you for your continued support of the Lee's Summit Symphony!

| | Recognition in concert programs | Invitation to the Friends' annual meeting and social (held in June) | Donations over \$300, qualify for optional complimentary tickets. (Choice of Oct, Dec, and/or March '12 concerts) |
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| Associate (\$15-Individual or \$30-Couple) | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Supporter (\$50 - \$99) | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Contributor (\$100 - \$299) | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Donor (\$300 - \$499) | ✓ | ✓ | 2* Fair market value: \$24 |
| Sponsor (\$500 - \$999) | ✓ | ✓ | 4* Fair market value: \$48 |
| Patron (\$1,000 - \$4,999) | ✓ | ✓ | 6* Fair market value: \$72 |
| Ambassador (\$5,000 - \$9,999) | ✓ | ✓ | 8* Fair market value: \$96 |
| Benefactor (\$10,000+) | ✓ | ✓ | 12* Fair market value: \$144 |

Businesses may join at the Supporter level or above. Businesses donating \$1,000 or more qualify for our Corporate Sponsor Program. Contact our office for more information.

BE A FRIEND

I want to support the Lee's Summit Symphony!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Phone (Work or Cell): _____

E-mail: _____

(Information will not be sold or shared. Much of our correspondence is by e-mail, and we would appreciate having this information.)

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

Associate - please indicate below

\$15 - Individual

\$30 - Couple

Supporter (\$50 - \$99)

Contributor (\$100 - \$299)

Donor* (\$300 - \$499)

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Ambassador* (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Benefactor* (\$10,000+)

For donations over \$300, check here if you desire to receive complimentary tickets. Your tax deductible donation will be reduced accordingly based on IRS regulations.

My employer has a matching gift program. (include the matching gift form from your company with your contribution)

Please contact me about making an in-kind contribution.

To donate by credit card, go to www.lssymphony.org and click on "Donate."

Return this completed form with your donation to:

Friends of the Lee's Summit Symphony

P.O. Box 352

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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Thank you for your support of the Lee's Summit Symphony!