



REVERBERATIONS ... EXCELLENCE THAT ECHOES FOR A LIFETIME

GRAND RAPIDS
SYMPHONY
David Lockington, Music Director



ENGAGING US WITH EXCELLENT MUSIC

Great music is a pillar of a great community. Your Grand Rapids Symphony is an acclaimed orchestra worthy of national attention that draws world-renowned guest artists and conductors. The musicians are among the finest in the country, committed to artistic excellence and community engagement.

Your symphony leaves an indelible mark of joy upon each person who experiences it. Musical excellence, commitment to youth, diverse programming, and extensive reach make the symphony a wellspring of emotional engagement that touches listeners of every age, and brings an incomparable quality of life to this community.

Eight decades of careful nurturing and investment by our community have brought us to this pinnacle point. Now it is time to write the next chapter.

Great music draws people from all walks of life.

The symphony is a bright swatch of color in our cultural palette, attracting people who want to call this community home.

400 performances annually • Ticketed and free concerts • 221,000 attendees

SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE

**Invited to Carnegie Hall.
Recipient of a Grammy
nomination. Hailed as a
leading regional orchestra
by its peers. Attracting
world-class guest artists
and conductors. This is your
Grand Rapids Symphony.**

It is time to renew the partnership between the musicians and the audience. Your gift will echo for years to come as you sustain the concerts and education programs of your Grand Rapids Symphony.

In everyday English, the word “sustain” might seem to imply a future that is less exciting, or somehow not quite as interesting as the past. However, the musician’s understanding of “sustain” more accurately captures the energy of the word. When an instrumentalist or soloist sustains a note, they are actually pouring more energy into it, not less. Sustained notes bring excitement to music because they are always moving somewhere. They require a tremendous amount of skill, energy and passion. To “sustain” is to maintain a perpetual state of movement towards a goal.

Sustaining the excellence of your Grand Rapids Symphony is a worthy goal, and it will be an exciting journey.

72,000 children • Concerts and lessons • 37 school districts • Exploration and coaching



A MASTERPIECE FULFILLS ITS DESTINY EACH TIME IT IS SHARED

“Greater Grand Rapids cannot continue to grow without being able to offer people a broad spectrum of arts and culture. This is why it is important that we have a strong symphony.”

(Dan DeVos)

Your Grand Rapids Symphony strives and excels together for love of the music, and for the joy of moving others through musical expression. Their collective passion is what distinguishes them from the merely good, transforming them to the truly excellent.

Together the symphony and the community have built a musical masterpiece that engages audiences in a deeply personal way. Like any masterpiece, this investment must be lovingly and carefully maintained in order to inspire future generations. Thank you for your gift, which will have a resounding impact on the symphony and our community for years to come.



“Restoration is the heart of our mission; to beat in rhythm with the pulse of our community is our joy and responsibility.”

(David Lockington)

Professional musicians • Engaged in teaching and education • World-renowned guest artists

The Grand Rapids Symphony is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations to the Symphony meet charitable deduction guidelines.



For twenty-four years, Associate Conductor John Varineau has built education programs to reach youth in our community.



Fifty full-time and thirty part-time musicians dedicate their talents to the Grand Rapids Symphony.



Gifted students hone their skills each year through the Youth Chorus, one of the many educational programs offered by the Symphony.

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