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CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION
GOVERNING MEMBERS



since 1894

As the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's first established philanthropic society, the Governing Members (GMs) have been dedicated to ensuring the Orchestra's success since 1894.

Today's Governing Members are music lovers who have a strong appreciation for the excellence of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and who enjoy getting to know others who share that enthusiasm and passion for the CSO. Members serve as advocates for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association in Chicagoland and throughout the U.S.

With over 500 members, this dynamic group enjoys substantive, unique opportunities and access to a range of benefits and privileges that deepen their engagement with the CSOA.



Each season, the Governing Members provide over \$3 million in vital support that enables the CSOA to:

- Pursue artistic excellence, develop new audiences and expand innovative education and community programs.
- Reach more than 500,000 people each year through live performances—including more than 45,000 students, teachers and families—in concert at Symphony Center, in communities across Chicago, around the U.S. and the world.
- Partner with over a dozen Chicago public elementary, middle and high schools that receive in-school performances by CSO and Civic musicians and take field trips to Symphony center for School Concerts and Open Rehearsals.



Deepen your connection to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association through the benefits and privileges of Governing Membership.

- **VIP Ticketing Service** Purchase and exchange tickets with ease through personalized assistance from VIP Services Manager Robert Coad (pictured at right). VIP service includes priority status for ticket upgrades and wait lists.
- **CSOA Annual Meeting** Participate in the governance of the CSOA alongside the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting. This meeting includes a business session, followed by special remarks and musical interlude by a CSO musician. Attendees enjoy a reception afterward.
- **Richard & Helen Thomas Club Membership** Dine at the CSOA's private dining facility located on the 9th floor of Symphony Center. Enjoy exceptional cuisine, service and the convenience of dining in The Club prior to Main Series concerts. GMs and their guests have the option to reserve a spot at the GM Community Table for dinner and conversation with fellow CSO-loving members.



- **Behind the Curtain** Enjoy an exclusive insider look into the CSO with an intimate program featuring a captivating presentation/performance by a CSO musician or artistic team member. Conversations continue over a seated dinner.
- **CSOA Patron Tours** Partake in CSOA Patron Tours, which provide an opportunity to accompany the Orchestra on its highly anticipated national and international tours. Enjoy elite seamless travel with: top guides, hotels and restaurants; interaction with CSO musicians at meals, receptions, casual parties and during sightseeing; access to Patron Tour-exclusive insider activities.
- **Volunteer Committees** Engage as a volunteer on GM committees responsible for member events, fundraising and membership. These committee opportunities help ensure that the Governing Members and the CSOA meet their goals and provide the best possible experience for members each season.

Governing Members demonstrate their exceptional financial support of the CSOA with a commitment to a renewable three-year term. Each season, Governing Members make a gift of \$4,500 or more (for a total three-year commitment of \$13,500).

In exchange for their exemplary commitments, Governing Members enjoy unique privileges and behind-the-scenes access to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's world-class musicians and visiting artists through exclusive member events and benefits.



For more information on the Governing Members, contact governingmembers@csso.org or call 312.294.3337.



\$4,500–\$7,499 benefits:

- Invitations to events throughout each season including the annual Symphony Ball gala, Corporate Night, Open Rehearsals for Donors, Salon Series and the GM-exclusive Behind the Curtain
- Rent-free use of The Club's 8th and 9th floors for personal events (based on availability)
- Recognition on the Richard and Helen Thomas Donor Gallery, in the CSOA program book GM roster, on the CSOA website, in the CSOA Annual Report, and in the Directory of Trustees and Governing Members



\$7,500–\$14,999 —
enjoy all of the previous benefits, PLUS:

- Backstage access to CSO musicians and guest artists (by appointment only and based on availability)
- A complimentary upgrade for two box seats for a concert of their choice. Box subscription holders receive two additional box seats for a concert of their choice. (One concert per season, based on availability)
- An invitation to a salon concert and reception with CSO musicians

\$15,000–\$24,999 —
enjoy all of the previous benefits, PLUS:

- An invitation to the CSOA President's Dinner, an evening featuring a program and dinner in recognition of donations of \$15,000 or more



\$25,000–\$49,999 —
enjoy all of the previous benefits, PLUS:

- An invitation to the Maestro's Dinner, an evening with Zell Music Director Riccardo Muti at a performance by CSO musicians, followed by dinner honoring the Orchestra's closest supporters and friends
- Dinner and a concert as guests of the CSOA in The Richard & Helen Thomas Club and prime seats for a total of four guests (once per season, based on availability)

\$50,000–\$99,999 —
enjoy all of the previous benefits, PLUS:

- Dinner and a concert as guests of the CSOA in The Richard & Helen Thomas Club and prime seats for a total of eight guests (once per season, based on availability)
- Highly personalized opportunities based on individual donor's interests

\$100,000+ —
enjoy all of the previous benefits, PLUS:

- Dinner and a concert as guests of the CSOA in The Richard & Helen Thomas Club and prime seats for a total of 12 guests (once per season, based on availability)

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Current CSOA Overture Council members can build on their connections with fellow members and their Orchestra by becoming Associate Governing Members (AGM) through an increased philanthropic commitment to the CSOA.

\$1,500–\$2,499

in addition to Overture Council benefits and activities, AGM benefits include:

- Invitation for two to attend one Appreciation Week event and a full season of Open Rehearsals for Donors and Salon Series events
- Membership to The Richard & Helen Thomas Club for pre-concert dining
- Invitations to the CSOA's annual events: Symphony Ball, the CSOA Annual Meeting and Corporate Night
- Recognition on the Richard and Helen Thomas Donor Gallery, in the CSOA program book GM roster, on the CSOA website, in the CSOA Annual Report, and in the Directory of Trustees and Governing Members

\$2,500+

enjoy all of the previous benefits, PLUS:

- Invitation for two to attend GM Post-Concert Receptions
- Invitation to join GMs at the GM-exclusive event, Behind the Curtain



Engage with greatness and join the Governing Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra today. Your involvement grants you unparalleled access to the CSO and allows you to support your Orchestra now and into the future.

To become a Governing Member or to learn more about membership:

- Visit cso.org/governingmembers
- Contact governingmembers@cso.org
- Call 312.294.3337

CSOA Governing Member contributions are fully tax-deductible as benefits offered do not carry a fair market value.



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