

Calling All NorCal Members & Friends: You are Invited to a Member Mixer in SF!



Fig & Thistle | 429 Gough St, San Francisco, CA 94102
Monday, February 13, 2023 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Join ACSO for an informal mixer at a cozy wine & beer bar located in San Francisco's Hayes Valley. Over a glass of vino and light apps, you'll have the opportunity to network and reconnect with your peers from other orchestras and arts orgs of all sizes throughout the Bay Area and NorCal. You will also get to catch up with the ACSO board and staff in-person.

If you or your organization are not yet members of ACSO but you'd like to see what it's all about, this is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our member services and network.

Free to members and non-members.

Includes appetizers provided by ACSO and a no-host bar.

RSVP by February 6, 2023

[RSVP Here](#)

Upcoming Webinar FREE for Members

Building a Fundraising Board

*Presenter: Catherine Heitz New, Executive Vice President,
RSC Fundraising*

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 12-1 PM PT



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Register today at www.acso.org/webinars
FREE for ACSO Members, \$30 for Not-Yet-Members

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There's often talk about "building a fundraising board" and how an arts organization should go about it. Most organizations want and need a better solution, and frankly, many board members want to be involved in fundraising, but there are a lot of barriers. Recognizing this, **Catherine Heitz New**, Executive Vice President at [RSC Fundraising](#), will lead us through RSC's fundamentally-sound philosophy for fully integrating the entire board into the fundraising program.

[Register Now](#)

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Up & Down the Scale: Nov 2022 - Jan 2023

ACSO is excited to share the latest administrative developments and changes in the professional lives of our members in our latest edition of Up and Down the Scale. A few highlights are listed below; click [HERE](#) to read the full list. This edition covers announcements made November 2022 through January 2023.

If we missed any of your big news, or if you want to share the administrative, board, or staff member happenings at your organization, send announcements to office@acso.org or add us to your PR list.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Shelly Surh stepped down as Executive Director of the Napa Valley Youth Symphony, and **Silvia Regalado-Zachold** has been named the new Executive Director.

San Francisco Symphony's Youth Orchestra celebrates its 40th anniversary this year during the 2022-23 season.

Sequoia Symphony Orchestra welcomed new Executive Director **Marina Rojas**.

ACSO Remembers Polly Fisher



Photo courtesy of Brock Fisher.

Polly Fisher, a champion of the arts in California, passed away on December 17, 2022 at the age of 90. She managed the Santa Rosa Symphony for nearly two decades (1978-1997) through its rise to a major regional orchestra. She also served on ACSO's Board of Directors from 1981-1991 and was Board President from 1986-1988.

ACSO Executive Director Sarah Weber said, "Polly led ACSO during a significant time of growth and professionalization, overseeing the hiring of our first executive director, Kris Sinclair. Polly had a vision for how ACSO could connect and strengthen the statewide orchestra community that we carry with us today."

The Santa Rosa Symphony dedicated its January 21, 22, and 23 concerts at the Green Music Center to Fisher.

Read more about Polly's life and the impact she made on the California music community [here](#).

Two Updates from the National Endowment for the Arts

Feb 9 Deadline for Grants for Arts Projects

Guidelines and application materials for [Grants for Arts Projects \(GAP\)](#) are now available. The Part 1 deadline to submit to Grants.gov is February 9 and the Part 2 deadline to submit your application is February 14-21.

Grants for Arts Projects is the NEA's largest grants program for organizations, providing comprehensive and expansive funding opportunities for communities. Applicants may request cost share/matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

[Click here for application information.](#)

NEA Announces \$220,000 in Grants Funds to 8 ACSO Members

On January 10, 2023, The NEA [announced](#) the first round of recommended awards for fiscal year 2023, with more than \$34 million in funding to support the arts nationwide. This is the first of the NEA's two major grant announcements each fiscal year and includes grants to organizations through the NEA's Grants for Arts Projects, Challenge America, and Research Awards categories.

ACSO offers congratulations to 8 of our member orchestras that have been selected for grants, totaling \$220,000 in funding (see list below). [Click here to read the full announcement.](#)

Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra - \$20,000

Los Angeles Philharmonic Association - \$60,000

Oakland Symphony - \$15,000

Pacific Symphony - \$25,000

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra and Chorale - \$20,000

San Diego Symphony - \$15,000

San Francisco Symphony - \$50,000

Santa Rosa Symphony - \$15,000

Advocacy Alert!

Rally to Fund SB1116 on Jan 27 in Glendale



Join the SB1116 Coalition on Friday, January 27 at 10:30 am at Antaeus Theater in Glendale for a rally to fund SB 1116. This will be an inspiring opportunity to show the State Legislature, and Governor Newsom that we care about the vitality of small arts organizations and the communities they serve—and we urge our state leaders to follow through on the commitment they made by passing this law.

[Click here to RSVP for the rally.](#)

Jobs from the ACSO Career Center

Box Office Manager (posted 1/24/23)

BAY PHILHARMONIC (FORMERLY FREMONT SYMPHONY)

Executive Director (posted 1/19/23)

CABRILLO FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Music Director (posted 1/17/23)

MISSION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF SAN JOSE

Production Coordinator (posted 1/17/23)

PHILHARMONIA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

Director of Finance & Administration (posted 1/9/23)

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