

2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ONLINE

Coming Together, Breaking Through

August 2–6

The 2021 Annual Conference is designed to help us lift our heads from the daily grind of adapting to non-stop change and come together as a community. We will hear from new and impactful voices, think more deeply, and make breakthrough revelations about the big-picture issues and opportunities for our field as we move into a period of recovery.

Instead of traditional breakout sessions, the week-long virtual conference features a series of plenary talks delivered by preeminent change-makers, thought-leaders, advocates, artists, and innovators. The conference also gives ACSO members the chance to network with old friends and meet new colleagues through facilitated peer forums and idea exchanges.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

2:00–3:30 PM PT

Conference Welcome and Opening Keynote | Equity in Action

Speakers: **Afa Dworkin**, President & Artistic Director, Sphinx Organization; **Daniel Bernard Roumain**, Composer, Violinist, Educator, Activist

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00–11:30 AM PT

Plenary Session | A New Future for Orchestras

Speaker: **Simon Woods**, President & CEO, League of American Orchestras

12:00–1:30 PM PT

Members-only Networking Session | Peer Forums

2:00–3:30 PM PT

Plenary Session | Leverage Your Leadership Moment

Speaker: **Eric Martin**, Managing Director, Adaptive Change Advisors

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00–11:30 AM PT

Plenary Session | Community-Centric Fundraising and the Arts: A Time for Courage and Boldness

Speaker: **Vu Le**, Rabblouser, Nonprofit AF

11:30 AM–1:00 PM PT

Sponsor Showcase

1:00–2:30 PM PT

Members-only Networking Session | Emerging Professionals' Roundtable

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00–11:30 AM PT

Plenary Session | Everyone is an Advocate: What's Next for Us in Arts Advocacy?

Speakers: **Julie Baker**, Executive Director, Californians for the Arts; **Marni Cook**, Senior Director Community Engagement, Special Events, and Volunteer Services, San Francisco Symphony; **Gustavo Herrera**, Executive Director, Arts for LA;

Heather Noonan, VP of Advocacy, League of American Orchestras; and **Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva**, California's 65th Assembly District

Moderators: **Giuliano Kornberg**, Chief Revenue and Development Officer, Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera; **Sarah Weber**, Executive Director, ACSO

12:00–1:30 PM PT

Members-only Networking Session | Idea Exchanges

2:00–3:00 PM PT

Plenary Session | More Than Outreach: Building Community Relationships

Speakers: **Charles Dickerson**, Executive Director and Conductor, Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles; **Jazmín Morales**, Assistant Director, Center for Innovation and Community Impact, Colburn School

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00–11:45 AM PT

Closing Plenary & ACSO Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation | Looking Back/Looking Forward: A Conversation Between an Orchestra Executive Director and Music Director

Speakers: **Mieko Hatano**, Executive Director, Oakland Symphony; **Michael Morgan**, Music Director and Conductor, Oakland Symphony

The value of attending the conference is estimated at \$25 per person. To make conference participation accessible to all, registration is offered on a "pay what you can" basis for members and non-members alike. There is a complimentary option if needed, or several suggested payment tiers, starting at \$25, for those who feel inspired and are able to support ACSO's programs. Registration gives access to all keynotes and plenary sessions taking place from August 2–6.

Visit www.acso.org/conference to reserve your spot today!