September is Classical Music Month!

In 1994, President Bill Clinton proclaimed September to be Classical Music Month. His proclamation said, in part, "Classical music is a celebration of artistic excellence. Great art endures through the ages, and in the United States we have embraced that great music and incorporated it into the American experience."

To join the celebration, all through the month of September, ACSO will be re-sharing our members' social media posts that highlight the amazing work they do in the field of classical music. If you're sharing a post about an exciting concert or program that you have coming up or are attending in September, tag ACSO on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn for a chance to be featured in our feed! And don't forget to use the hashtag #ClassicalMusicMonth.

Instagram: @acso_gram
Facebook: @ACSOposts
LinkedIn: Association of California Symphony Orchestras

Two Advocacy Calls to Action!

Show Your Support for SB1116 - The Performing Arts Equitable Payroll Fund
Share your support of SB1116 with Governor Newsom!

SB1116 has sailed through the California Senate and the Assembly with bipartisan support. Now we have to win over an audience of one: Governor Gavin Newsom. With the stroke of a pen, Governor Newsom will make or break this effort, so now is the time to let your voice be heard.

Take a moment to send a letter to Governor Newsom to urge him to invest in arts jobs and prevent the demise of more non-profit performing arts organizations by signing Senate Bill 1116 into law. Even if you have sent letters in the past, now is the time for maximum impact. Instructions and suggested text can be found here.

Help Get H.R. 7627 Passed

Support funding the Advancing Equity Through the Arts and Humanities Act (H.R. 7627)

We know that arts and humanities have a profound impact on creating thriving communities, academic achievement, and lowering morbidity rates. That is why
dismantling structural racism through the arts and humanities is critical to the health of our nation.

Use this form to send letters to encourage Members of the United States House of Representatives to co-sponsor the bill. We are want to help California Arts Advocates reach their goal of 218 signatures!

Click here for more information on H.R.7627 and click here to read the legislation.

Join California Arts Advocates and over 130 entities, including the ACSO, the League of American Orchestras, Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF), Americans for the Arts, Recording Academy, and individual artists committed to social justice, to endorse H.R. 7627.

Click here to sign your name as a supporter of this bill.

Explore Photos and Videos from the League of American Orchestra's 77th National Conference in Los Angeles
Check out photos from this year’s National Conference, presented by the League of American Orchestras, in partnership with ACSO and the LA Phil. You can also fine resources and recordings, including We Are What We Play: Orchestral Repertoire in 2022 and Beyond, a presentation of the Institute for Composer Diversity’s Orchestra Repertoire Report 2022, produced in partnership with the League, the Annual Meeting and Luncheon, and the Closing Session with remarks from Thomas Wilkins.

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You Can Still Apply for the CA Nonprofit Performing Arts Grant

The California Nonprofit Performing Arts Grant Program opened on June 13 and is still accepting applications until the money runs out!

If you are a nonprofit performing arts organization and your 2019 gross revenue was less than $2M, we urge you to apply for this grant. $49.5M was allocated to this program and advocated for by ACSO, California Arts Advocates, and many more. Grants range from $25,000-$75,000.

We cannot state strongly enough that if you believe you are eligible, please apply. To demonstrate an ongoing need for investment in the arts, programs like this need to be oversubscribed. We fought hard for this allocation, let’s not leave any money on the table!

This grant is actually very easy to complete. It does not require long narratives like many other grant programs you might be used to, but mainly requires documents to verify your proof of eligibility. As people are applying we are learning it actually only takes about 30 minutes to one hour to complete, as long as there are no technical glitches.

You can learn more HERE and apply HERE.
Californians for the Arts is available to assist with questions and with submitting your application. Contact: Teri Ball, Grants Manager grantsmanager@californiansforthearts.org 916-905-5397

Watch a Recording of an Informational Webinar About the Grant Here.

The California Nonprofit Performing Arts Grant Program is funded by the State of California and administered by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA). Eligibility criteria applies.

Jobs from the ACSO Career Center

Development & Finance Coordinator (posted 9/6/22)
LONG BEACH SYMPHONY

Manager, Audience Growth and Engagement (posted 8/26/22)
LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION

Executive Director (posted 8/22/22)
SEQUOIA SYMPHONY

General Manager (posted 8/18/22)
NORTH STATE SYMPHONY

Director of Individual Giving (posted 8/18/22)
PACIFIC SYMPHONY

Click here to view more career opportunities or to post a job in the ACSO Career Center