ACSO's 2022 Music Festivals Guide

California and Nevada are alive with summer festivals!

Music festivals are live and in-person in 2022! Artists from all over the world are coming California and Nevada to experience a unique blend of music-making, camaraderie, and fun. The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO) is pleased to share this summer's live offerings from our festival members, highlighting a vital and vibrant way for artists and audiences alike to deeply engage in classical music in picturesque, unique communities.

To view the 2022 guide, click here.

Register Now for June Virtual Peer Forums

Virtual Peer Forums (VPFs) are peer-to-peer conversations led by a facilitator and
designed to connect you with your counterparts at other orchestras and ensembles in the ACSO membership network to share ideas and challenges and offer support.

VPFs are complimentary for members and $10 for not-yet-members. Registration is required. All VPFs are 75 minutes and take place from 12:00-1:15 PM PT. Peer Forums on the same day will happen concurrently.

TUESDAY, June 14, 12:00 - 1:15 PM PT

- COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA STAFF & BOARD LEADERS

TUESDAY, June 21, 12:00 - 1:15 PM PT

- FINANCE & HR STAFF

Click Here to Register for Virtual Peer Forums

NEA Awards $205,000 in Grants to 8 ACSO Members

On May 18, 2022, for its second major grant announcement of fiscal year 2022, the National Endowment for the Arts recommended more than $91 million in recommended grants to organizations in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions. Eight ACSO members have been selected for grants, totaling $205,000 in funding. For the full announcement from the NEA, please click here.

Sarah Weber, ACSO Executive Director, said, "We offer congratulations to the eight orchestras in the ACSO community that received project grants from the NEA. They are worthy recipients and are doing remarkable work in their communities. We are grateful to the NEA for continuing to support the classical music sector. NEA funding makes it possible for orchestras to create innovative programs, commission new music, connect more deeply with their communities, and further their impact."

Click here to learn about the 8 ACSO Member grantees.
Funding Opportunities for CA Orchestras

COVID EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

If your arts organization has incurred costs on COVID related expenses such as testing, masks and other equipment, you might be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA. For more information on the program visit here. For an overview of FEMA programs, visit here.

The first step is submission of the Request for Public Assistance (RPA). RPA must be submitted to FEMA by July 1, 2022. Should you run into any issues or need assistance with this process, please e-mail DisasterRecovery@caloes.ca.gov.

COMING SOON! NONPROFIT PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS

ACSO is pleased to be an outreach partner on this program. More information from Lendistry will be coming soon before the dates of the program can be announced, along with the schedule of informational webinars. The program is expected to launch by mid June. Click here to learn more.

CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL

The California Arts Council (CAC) has announced the opening of the second round of grant applications for its 2022 grant season, with applications now being accepted for nine grant programs. Cycle B’s programs include five funding opportunities for arts education and related arts workforce development, supported by the $40 million boost in support for the agency’s creative youth development programs. Additionally, the cycle offers four funding opportunities for administering organizations to regrant funds for accessibility, folk, and traditional arts, and to provide technical assistance for grant recipients of the Cultural Pathways program, which supports new and emerging arts organizations that are rooted in communities of color, recent immigrant, and refugee communities, and tribal or indigenous groups. Operational support for statewide and regional arts service organizations and networks is also available during this round of grant funding. For more information, click here.

Advocacy Call to Action

SB1116 Coalition: The Performing Arts Equitable Payroll Fund
SB116 establishes the Equitable Payroll Fund (EPF), a workforce development grant program designed to support Small Nonprofit Performing Arts Organizations (SNPAO) with budgets under $2M - and workers directly - by providing substantial reimbursements of payroll expenses.

This program will support jobs for anyone hired as an employee by a SNPAO, including both production and non-production employees and administrative staff, not unlike the Payroll Protection Program and similar Federal and State relief efforts.

Learn more about SB116 here.

Click here to submit support letters to all four budget committees.

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**Jobs from the ACSO Career Center**

**Marketing Coordinator** (posted 5/23/22)
PACIFIC SYMPHONY

**Executive Director and Chief Development Officer** (posted 5/23/22)
SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY

**Director of External Relationships** (5/19/22)
SAVANNAH PHILHARMONIC

**Institutional Giving Manager** (posted 5/18/22)
SAN DIEGO YOUTH SYMPHONY AND CONSERVATORY

**Human Resources Manager** (posted 5/17/22)
PACIFIC SYMPHONY

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