



June 10, 2021

Get Ready! Annual Conference Registration Opens Next Week



It's almost time!

Registration for the [2021 Annual Conference Online](#) opens next week on Tuesday, June 15 at 10 am PT.

For the second year in a row, conference registration is offered on a **“pay what you can”** basis for members and non-members alike, which means that it is complimentary if needed. Several suggested payment tiers are also available, starting at only \$25, for those who are able to support ACSO’s programs.

Keynotes, plenary sessions, and networking opportunities will center around these topics:

- Equity in action
- Future relevance for orchestras
- Community-centric fundraising approaches
- Post-COVID organizational and leadership shifts
- What’s next in arts advocacy
- Creating authentic community relationships

All the session details will be available on June 15, but you can check out the [current list of confirmed speakers](#) and take a look at the [schedule overview](#).

Once again we thank our funders and sponsors (as of 6/9/21) for making this conference possible!

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Reminder: Share Your "Coming Together, Breaking Through" Stories With Us

The 2021 conference theme is **Coming Together, Breaking Through**, and we want to hear how you or your orchestra brought people together to find support, healing, and inspiration during the global pandemic. We invite members to upload a short video or submit a written testimonial about your breakthroughs to make the impossible possible and make an impact on

others. This is your time to be loud and proud about the incredible efforts you have taken to serve your community and continue to put music into the world. Over the next several months, we'll share your incredible stories with the ACSO network and beyond. These testimonials may appear on our website, be shared on our social media channels, or be highlighted during ACSO Conference 2021. **The deadline to submit video and written testimonials is Friday, June 25, 2021.**

[Click here to submit a video testimonial](#)

[Click here to submit a written testimonial](#)

Not sure where to begin? Look no further than ACSO Executive Director Sarah Weber's video testimonial, where she shares ACSO's "Coming Together, Breaking Through" story:



[Click the image to view the video!](#)

Annual Festivals Guide: Music Festivals Return to Live Performance in California and Nevada

Festival season has returned in 2021! 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. Other festivals in our membership network are quickly working to announce the details of their festivals as well and we will share that information as it becomes available. [Click here to see the ACSO 2021 festivals guide.](#)

CalNonProfits June 18 Webinar: Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC)



Our colleagues at [CalNonProfits](#) will be presenting a FREE webinar on **Friday, June 18, 11 am PT** about the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), a relief program for

employers from the federal government. Originally, employers could not apply for both the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) and the ERTC, so most nonprofits chose PPP. But that's the old news! Now, receiving a PPP loan does NOT affect your ability to qualify for the ERTC.

If your nonprofit experienced a reduction in quarterly gross receipts or had to modify operations due to various COVID-related regulations, you may be eligible for up to \$33,000 per employee. That quickly adds up!

This is a quick, 45-minute look at whether your organization qualifies, about how much money you may be able to claim, and the next steps you should take in applying. It won't be a comprehensive step-by-step guide, but you'll know the basics of whether and how you should move forward. [Click here to register](#).

CA Budget Update from CA Arts Advocates

The [California Budget](#) negotiations continue but expect final announcements at the end of this week. ACSO supports the Arts Coalition of California Arts Advocates, California Association of Museums, and NIVA CA with their unprecedented [\\$1 Billion ask](#) to highlight the disproportionate impact and need for investment from the state in order for the arts, culture, and creative industries to recover from the shutdowns due to COVID-19, as well as the ongoing financial impact of AB 5 and the historic underinvestment in our industry.

[CA Arts Advocates recently shared](#) that on June 2, the CA Legislature released its budget summary in response to [Governor Newsom's May Revision](#). With the earlier win for \$50 million in Cultural Institutions grant program and individual line items, this budget represents over \$400 million in funding for arts, culture, and live events. Although this is still not \$1 Billion, this proposal is still a record arts funding investment for CA.

ACTION ALERT: It is not too late to share your support for \$1 Billion investment in the recovery of arts, culture and live events industries and workforce. [Sign the letter today!](#)

Biden Administration Proposes Substantial Budget Increase to the NEA

On May 28, 2021, the Biden Administration submitted its first [detailed budget proposal](#) to Congress for FY 2022. There are several proposed increases to the nation's federal arts and culture grantmaking agencies, including raising the annual budget of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to \$201 million. President Biden's proposed FY 2022 budget increase would bring the NEA to its highest funding level in the agency's 56-year history. [Click here to read the full NEA press release.](#)

Jobs from the ACSO Career Center

[Digital Content Coordinator](#) (posted 6/3/21)

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