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UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALIFORNIA'S ORCHESTRAS & CLASSICAL MUSIC FIELD

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2020 ACSO Conference Online Only 12 Days Away - Register Today!

Register today for ACSO's 2020 Online Conference (August 3-14)! With an incredible lineup of virtual content including exciting sessions, peer-to-peer networking, and expert consultations, this is a Conference you won't want to miss.

ACSO is committed to making the event accessible to all, which is why we have made registration "pay what you can" for members and non-members alike.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

The ACSO Conference Online is accessed via the conference platform PheedLoop and is best viewed on a Google Chrome browser on a desktop or laptop computer.

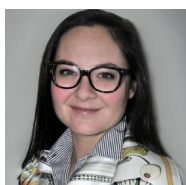
Ask an Expert Consultations

As our field navigates this unprecedented time, ACSO offers opportunities to connect to the experts. As a benefit to ACSO members attending this year's online conference, a handful of speakers are generously donating their time throughout the two-week virtual event (August 3-14) to meet 1:1 via video chat to consult on topics of expertise.

These consultations are available on a first-come, first served basis. Each ACSO member may sign up for a maximum of one expert consultation. Slots will be limited so be sure to sign up now!

You must be an ACSO member to participate in a consultation. Not yet a member? You can join as an organization or individual [here](#).

Experts:



[Catherine Heitz New](#), Project Consultant, Robert Swaney Consulting, Inc.

Topic: Fundraising

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[Susan Howlett](#), Consultant, Speaker, Author

Topics: Governance & Fundraising

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[Kathryn R. Martin](#), Next Chapter Coach; Interim CEO, Santa Barbara Symphony

Topics: Leadership, Managing Up, Organizational Transition Strategy, Career/Life Positioning & Curating

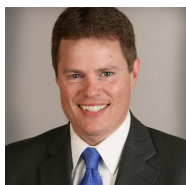
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[Tal Skloot](#), Founder and Producer, Tritone Media

Topics: Digital and Video Content

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[Bob Swaney](#), Founder & CEO, Robert Swaney Consulting, Inc.

Topic: Fundraising

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Now Accepting Nominations for ACSO's 2020 Awards Program

Be sure to nominate your colleagues for ACSO's 2020 Awards Program. The Awards include the inaugural Executive Leadership and Emerging

Professional Awards. These awards are exciting opportunities to honor your peers who have gone above and beyond during this challenging time.

Kris Sinclair Leadership Award. This \$5,000 award is given to an ACSO Organizational Member that demonstrates recent successful leadership initiatives by its staff and/or board in one or more of the following areas: finance, governance, staff development, audience development, education, or community engagement.

MVP Volunteer Awards. The MVP awards recognize a few of the hundreds of dedicated, hardworking and committed volunteers that orchestras depend on every day. This award is not a competition, but an opportunity for your extraordinary volunteer to be recognized publicly.

NEW! The **Executive Leadership Award** and the **Emerging Professional Award** recognize individuals who represent two ends of the administrative spectrum – those who have demonstrated ability and impact early in their careers, and those who have been advancing in leadership roles for many years and whose calculated risks, acumen for strategy, and program-building are guiding their organizations through challenges.

Learn more about all these awards and find the applications [here](#). **The deadline for all four is August 21, 2020.**

Sign up for Californians for the Arts' Regional Conversations

Californians for the Arts is presenting a series of conversations from August 3 -14 called **Regional Conversations: The State of Arts and Culture in California**. Each conversation will include updates on state and federal advocacy with special guests to be announced. You will have a chance to share ideas, questions and concerns with the Californians for the Arts team, and most importantly each other as the situation continues to evolve. Hearing from one and other is vital as we strategize best practices and the future of our industry in the age of COVID-19.

Learn more [here](#).

State Launches California Grants Portal

Explore the new **California Grants Portal** - a single website to find state grants and funding opportunities. Designed for nonprofits and local government agencies seeking grants and loans from state sources, the site was built by the California State Library with input from a variety of stakeholders, and improvements are already planned for the coming months. This portal is your one-stop-shop to learn about California funding opportunities.

Explore the California Grants Portal [here](#).

New Relief Fund Offers \$1,000 Grants for Artists

The new **California Relief Fund for Artists and Cultural Practitioners** program, funded by the California Arts Council, offers unrestricted \$1,000 grants for individuals in California impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; nearly \$1 million investment will support more than 900 individuals.

Click [here](#) to read the full announcement.

Jobs from the ACSO Career Center

[Senior Major Gifts Officer](#) (posted 7/23/20)

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Data Integrity Coordinator](#) (posted 7/23/20)

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