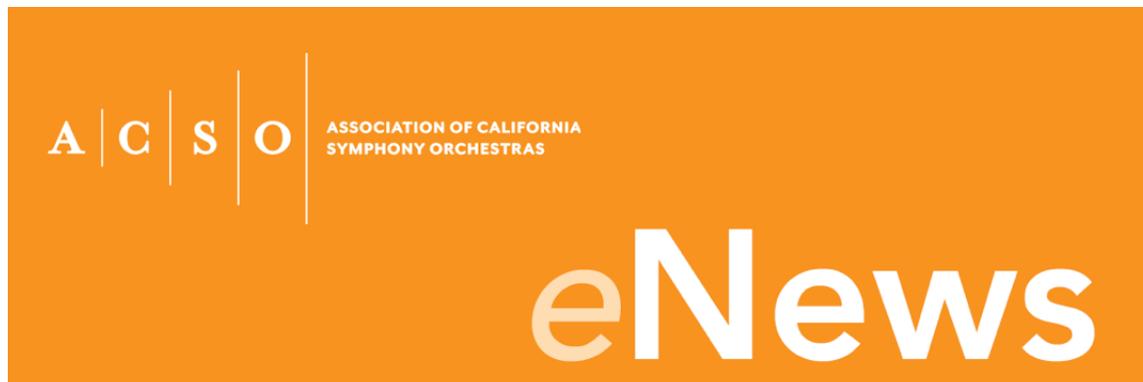


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Join the ACSO Community Today - New Membership Year Begins Oct 1

"Thanks for all you're doing. You are making a difference and it's both comforting and useful to know ACSO is there."

~Paul Ideker, Redlands Symphony

If you have never been a member of ACSO, or if your membership has lapsed, there is no better time than now to join. Our 2021/22 membership year starts on October 1. We welcome individuals and organizations of all sizes working in the classical music sector, even if you are located outside of California. You will be joining a network of 120 organizations and their 3,000+ staff, board, and musicians.

ACSO's mission is to support and help build the capacity of classical music organizations and advocates by providing leadership, resources, advocacy, and networking. As our sector works toward recovery, there has been no time where our mission is more important.

You can find more information about ACSO membership and [join here](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at membership@acso.org or 800-

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October is Arts & Humanities Month - Check Out our Round Up of October Concerts!



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ACSO joins thousands of arts organizations and communities across the nation to recognize October as [National Arts & Humanities Month \(NAHM\)](#). NAHM is coordinated by Americans for the Arts, the national organization working to empower communities with the resources and support necessary to provide access to all of the arts for all of the people.

It is a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of art and culture in America during the month of October. In the last 18 months, the arts and humanities have played a critically important role in getting us through the COVID-19 pandemic and in amplifying the need for racial equity across the country. National Arts & Humanities Month is the time for communities to come together in a unified celebration of the power of the arts to make a difference and change our lives for the better.

To participate in NAHM, ACSO has compiled a list of over 100 of our members' in-person and virtual concerts taking place throughout the month of October.

[Check out our blog post to find a concert near you!](#)

ACSO and Six of Our Members Receive

Nearly \$230,000 in California Arts Council Grants



On September 14, the California Arts Council (CAC) announced a revision to its previous grant award announcement for 2021, awarding more than \$11.4 million across an additional 484 grants in project and operational support for nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state of California. The update more than doubles the original number of grants awarded and nearly doubles its original award allocation for its first five programs to \$24,490,261.

In the 2021 grant round, ACSO and six of its members have received grants totaling \$229,750 in three grant categories. Additionally, sixteen orchestras, chamber groups, and classical music ensembles outside of the ACSO membership network received nearly \$370,000 in grant funds.

Congratulations to the following ACSO Members: Fremont Symphony, Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, Santa Maria Philharmonic, Santa Monica Symphony, The Colburn School, and Youth Orchestras of Fresno. [Click here to read the full blog post.](#)

Participate in a Research Study About Orchestras

A study out of Vanderbilt University is seeking interviews with Orchestra

Administrators, Music Directors, Board Members, and Musicians about their views on the roles and responsibilities an orchestra has to its community. This research aims to answer questions about how community-building can provide economic support to orchestras. This study is led by Vanderbilt student and North State Symphony board member Eric Whitmer as part of his thesis research. If you work at or with an orchestra and you would like to participate in this study, schedule an interview [here](#) or contact Eric at eric.whitmer@vanderbilt.edu to learn more.

White House Announces New COVID-19 Action Plan that Includes Performance Venues

On September 9, President Biden announced the outline of a [6-Part COVID-19 Action Plan](#) that calls for new workplace vaccine requirements and action by large entertainment venues to support vaccination and testing requirements. Before new requirements are implemented, further action will need to be taken by federal agencies responsible for writing the fine print of any new rules or mandates. The element of the plan that relates to entertainment venues is currently framed as "calling" for action, and falls short of a federal mandate or a requirement.

Following are quotes from key parts of the plan:

- **Calling on Large Entertainment Venues to Require Proof of Vaccination or Testing for Entry**

The President's plan calls on entertainment venues like sports arenas, large concert halls, and other venues where large groups of people gather to require that their patrons be vaccinated or show a negative test for entry.

- **Requiring All Employers with 100+ Employees to Ensure their Workers are Vaccinated or Tested Weekly**

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is developing a rule that will require all employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work. OSHA will issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to implement this requirement. This requirement will impact over 80 million workers in private sector businesses with 100+ employees.

- **Requiring Employers to Provide Paid Time Off to Get Vaccinated**

To continue efforts to ensure that no worker loses a dollar of pay because they get vaccinated, OSHA is developing a rule that will require employers with more than 100 employees to provide paid time off for the time it takes for workers to get vaccinated or to recover if they are under the weather post-vaccination. This requirement will be implemented through the ETS.

PPP Forgiveness Update

If you are a Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) borrower, remember that you must submit your PPP Forgiveness Form to your bank lender within 10 months from the end of your covered period (8 to 24 weeks after receiving the loan) in order to turn that debt into a forgiven, tax-free grant. For those who received a PPP loan of \$150,000 or less, you also have the option to use the SBA's direct forgiveness portal, instead of going through your lender.

Click the following links for more information:

[SBA PPP Forgiveness Portal](#)

[List of about 1275 participating financial institutions](#)

[PPP Direct Forgiveness Platform User Guide](#)

[SBA PPP Direct Forgiveness FAQs](#)

[SBA PPP General Forgiveness FAQs and Forms](#)

[SBA PPP Forgiveness Customer Service: 877-552-2692](#)

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