



SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Dear Longmont Symphony Supporters,

I hope this finds you and yours safe and well, and confident that Longmont's deep and long-standing sense of community will enable our residents, businesses and non-profits to collectively and constructively overcome the challenges faced to date, as well as those that may lie ahead.

No one could have fully anticipated the breadth and depth of the Coronavirus' impact. We are keenly aware of the hardships being endured by individuals, businesses, and others in our community. This is the most challenging period the LSO has faced in its more than five decades of providing quality concerts for Northern Colorado audiences. Yet, despite these hardships, we continue to support our community's core values - compassion, selflessness, generosity and more, as we all try to do our best for ourselves and each other. While our ability to participate is limited, it has always been our belief that the arts are vital and essential to the heart of our community.

In that spirit, I would like to share an update on the LSO's recent and upcoming activities.

Musically speaking, we were saddened to cancel both our April and May concerts, missing the connections we value with our patrons and supporters. While it is difficult to replace the opportunity to gather, we are making extensive use of social media to bring music and joy directly to our loyal patrons as well as new listeners. We hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy some of our performances through Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

On the business side, we continue to take strides to ensure the health and viability of the LSO. We were delighted to receive funding from the Paycheck Protection Program request. Those monies will provide salaries for our staff through June 2020. This much needed assistance was followed by further good news and support on "Giving Tuesday", when once again our supporters demonstrated their commitment to the LSO, the Arts and the community with their generous contributions. Additionally, many of our patrons turned their unused tickets into donations. We are so fortunate to have such a strong support base. All of us on the board, the staff, the volunteers, and the musicians are very appreciative.

To keep faith with this amazing support from you and others, the Board has eliminated any costs beyond staff, utilities, and rent. The 2020/2021 season remains laden with many unknowns, but we take heart knowing we have financial resources to maintain our staff and digital presence.

We are committed to live up to our values as expressed in our vision and mission statements, to ensure our community has access to a wonderful season when conditions allow. We want to assure you we look forward to joining you and the community of Longmont as soon as possible, bringing you music that continues to ensure the support you have provided to the LSO for 54 years.

Please stay in touch with us as we will with you - we value your input on all matters pertaining to how we can be continually deserving of your support. **If you would like to stay informed via email please email info@longmontsymphony.org so we can add you to our email list.**

Thank you and stay well,

Carol Minelli, President