

ARIZONA PHILHARMONIC

Sustaining a Local Cultural Legacy

Arizona Philharmonic's mission is to embody artistic excellence and inspire the growth of symphonic music through diversity in genre, programming, collaboration, audiences, and musicians.

We seek to touch its listeners' hearts and minds, to support and serve the needs of the growth of the Prescott area's performing arts scene, as well as nurture community participation in the performing arts. **We strive to create life-changing experiences for our audiences and musicians.** Arizona Philharmonic is committed: to producing quality and transformative concerts, paying musicians fair wages, creating jobs, promoting living composers, offering creativity-based outreach to youth, underserved, veterans and seniors, and enabling attendance at all economic levels. **Donations to Arizona Philharmonic directly fuel our mission and enrich Prescott's arts scene to make high-quality classical music accessible to all.**

Arizona Philharmonic is proud to employ incredibly talented, skilled, and educated musicians locally. Our musicians are paid fairly and enjoy what they do, elevating our performances beyond just a "good show", allowing our patrons to enjoy inspiring and transformative musical experiences. **Our musicians believe in our organization and its mission** - Arizona Philharmonic prioritizes community engagement and relevance, and the care and nurturing of its musicians through shared meals, provided housing, and competitive wages. Your contributions to Arizona Philharmonic directly support our musicians - when our patrons give, they allow us to increase the size of our ensemble and concert season each year in a sustainable way. **When you give to Arizona Philharmonic, you invest in our musicians' talents and support an organization that is central to the arts and culture community of Prescott.**

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Arizona Philharmonic is passionate about youth enrichment initiatives and projects. We partner with the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) each year to offer educational outreach programs. Last year, our project “Discover the Wonder” allowed three third grade classes students to compose their own music after observing and experiencing nature in partnership with the Highlands Center for Natural History. The student’s compositions were then performed in the first concert of the 2023 - 2024 Arizona Philharmonic season. **This year, we are collaborating with PUSD once again, with the support of the Acker Trust, for 300 third-grade students to learn how to play recorders, compose music with the guidance of professional teaching artists, and perform their work at a special event with Arizona Philharmonic musicians.** Support from donors and community-oriented foundations and trusts enables us to expand our partnership with PUSD, providing enriching music education opportunities to students in our community.

A critical component of Arizona Philharmonic’s mission is to enable attendance at all economic levels. Our unique **Art4All™** program allows patrons to “donate-what-you-can” towards the ticket price for a concert, ensuring that no community member is ever turned away from our performances simply due to ticket price. **Art4All™** allows approximately 150-200 people per year to experience the beauty of a professional concert at an affordable price point. Additionally, our organization partners with **VetTix**, a program allowing veterans and their families free admission to concerts. We also work alongside local assisted living centers, like Arizona Pioneers’ Home, where complimentary tickets for senior citizens are offered to our concerts.

These ticket partnership and accessibility programs are valued at more than \$13,500 annually, relying exclusively on support from community donations and private foundations. When you give to Arizona Philharmonic, **you help sustain an organization that brings the joy and inspiration of music to patrons who would otherwise be unable to attend professional classical music performances.**

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Arizona Philharmonic commits to making live, professional orchestral music part of Prescott's identity by offering high-quality performances that reflect the diversity and talent of the Quad Cities region. "There is music and there is MUSIC! [It was] a larger-than-life experience!" a patron of a recent concert expressed. Survey responses from the 2023 - 2024 concert season indicated **over 95% of patrons have a "highly satisfied" concert experience when they attend our shows.**

During our 2023 - 2024 season alone, **Arizona Philharmonic was able to reach over 2,000 people** through performances and outreach, with a vision to increase that number for this year. One patron from our Passion, Peace, and Power concert left saying, *"Arizona Philharmonic performs with such consistent artistry and emotion that it has brought me to tears more than once. I can't believe that I am able to experience this caliber of musicianship only a few minutes from my home."*

With each performance, we put forth music that resonates not only emotionally, but intellectually, shaping the cultural fabric of Northern Central Arizona. These transformative experiences would not be possible without our generous donors. Your support helps ensure that Arizona Philharmonic can continue to enrich our community with exceptional, professional music and cultural engagement for years to come.

Arizona Philharmonic is not just another orchestra – it's your local orchestra. We bring the magic of live classical music to life, from Bach to jazz compositions, offering something for everyone. We are proud to be based in Prescott, Arizona; a city rich in artistic tradition and deeply invested in its local arts community. **Your support helps us continue to ensure Prescott can remain a hub for artistic excellence and cultural expression.**

By donating to Arizona Philharmonic, you are supporting, not only an orchestra – you are investing in Prescott's future as a thriving center for local arts.