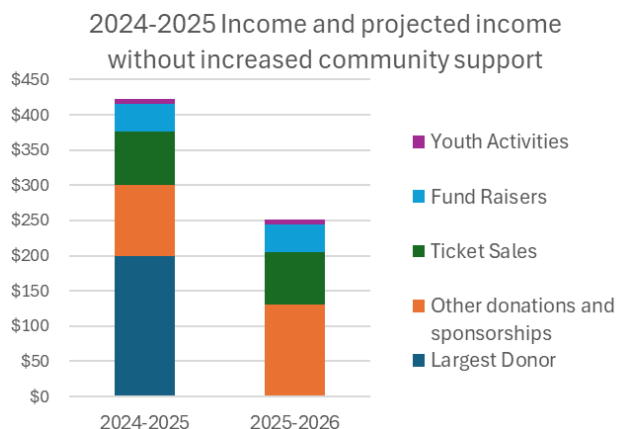


Our Financial Challenge

Both concert patrons and donations were impacted by COVID. Our concert attendance is growing but we are not yet at pre-COVID levels. Some major donors have heavily supported the symphony as we evolve after COVID, but they will be unable to continue support at previous levels and costs are increasing.

We are taking actions to maintain our musical quality and concert experience and to stabilize our finances. These include minimizing costs, growing ticket sales, and increasing the donations and sponsorships from individuals, local businesses, and other organizations. Without efforts in all these areas we would project about a \$125,000 shortfall for next season. With your help we will balance our budget for the 2025-2026 season and build for a sustainable future.

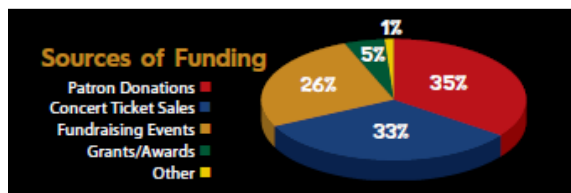


Symphony Program and Expenses

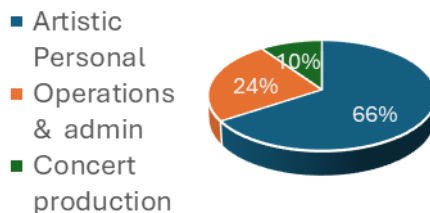
The Mid-Columbia Symphony performs five concerts per year and has a youth orchestra which offers three concerts per year. The orchestra is made up of mostly part-time professional musicians with 1/3 local, 1/3 other parts of eastern Washington and 1/3 from the broader region.

Our income is spent on our musicians, four part-time staff, including the music director and youth symphony conductor. Since COVID ticket sales have provided less than 1/3 of our operating costs.

Historic sources of Income of Expenses



MCS Expenses



Multiple ways to support your symphony orchestra

For 80 seasons the Mid-Columbia Symphony (MCS) has been performing classical music live in the Mid-Columbia Region of Southeast Washington. The Mid-Columbia community has supported the MCS in multiple ways for the past 80 years. Such support is critical because symphonies, in small communities and large cities, cannot survive by ticket sales alone. Since COVID we have been blessed with major supporters who, unfortunately, cannot continue support at the same level.

Our 2025/2026 season is titled Traditions and Transitions *and in this transition year we very much need your support.* We need everyone to work together to address this expected budget challenge.

This brochure describes the multiple ways you can support the symphony as an individual, family, business or organization.

MCS Contact Information
 (509) 943-6602
adm@midcolumbiasymphony.org
 1407A Goethals Drive, Richland, WA 99354

Support Opportunities

Important ways to contribute include volunteering, financial donations, advertising, and sponsorship of specific activities or events. Support levels with options are identified in the categories described below. Volunteering can be as important as financial contributions.

Your greatest contribution is to attend the symphony and tell others. Both increasing ticket sales and other donations contribute to balancing our budget.



Level 1 Member's Circle

\$0 - \$299

- Every donation of any size helps
- Purchase small program ads for as little as \$120.

Volunteer opportunities \$0

- Help set up and tear down stage seats and stands.
- Usher, collect tickets and guide patrons at concerts.
- Help with thankyou notes, social media, web updates, concert recording and more.
- Host a musician in your home during the concert time frame. (\$300 value to MCS per concert)
- Advertise a concert with a yard sign



Level II Musicians 's Circle

\$300 - \$999

- Donation for greatest need
- \$360 pays for a youth's tuition for the Mid-Columbia Youth Orchestra.
- \$600 - Sponsors a reception (musician, donor, sponsors, guest artists, conductor).
- Purchase \$500-\$999 middle size program advertisement space.
- \$500-\$999 Print a coupon for your business in our program
- \$750 Sponsors a section player for a season.
- Donate to one of our two high school scholarships.
- Music cases, covers, worn out parts.
- Help "Link-Up", educational outreach for public elementary students.



Level III Orchestra's Circle

\$1,000-\$4,999

- Donation for greatest need.
- \$1000 Sponsors a section chair for a season.
- \$1000-\$2500 Purchases a large program ad space.
- \$1500 Sponsors a school concert.

- \$3000 Sponsors a guest artist for a concert.
- \$4000 Sponsors the annual Young Artist competition.
- Donate to our endowment.



Level IV Patron's Circle

\$5,000-\$9,999

- \$\$ Donation for the greatest need.
- \$5000 Sponsors the conductor for a season.
- \$8000 Sponsors a single concert.



Level V Conductor's Circle

\$10,000 and above

- \$20,000 Sponsor a whole season!
- Donation to the greatest need for symphony operation
- Donation to our endowment will help us to play for a long, long time.

*Donations at all levels will be acknowledged in the concert programs.

*Sponsorships of musicians are highlighted in the programs.

*Young Artist sponsor identified in each program and offered ½ page ad for each program.

*Concert sponsorships acknowledged for whole season and ½ page ad offered plus logo at concerts and on webpage.