

Agenda

2025 National Conference Agenda – Education and Community Engagement (EdCE)

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The following agenda describes sessions specifically designed for the above-mentioned constituents. For a full listing of Conference events and larger sessions, please visit
<https://leagueconference.org/full-schedule>.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

1:00pm-2:30pm Constituency Meeting Block 1

1:00pm-1:20pm Welcome and Introductions

We're thrilled to be together! Let's take a moment to get acquainted and break the ice.

Facilitator: Terry Wolkowicz, Education Director, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra

1:20pm-2:30pm Building Meaningful Community Partnerships: Orchestras Leading with Purpose

Orchestras thrive when they understand their communities deeply—recognizing needs, filling gaps, and fostering lasting connections. In this session, we'll explore how 2-3 orchestras identified opportunities to make a real impact through social services, wellness initiatives, and responsive programming.

Speakers: Mitchell Newman, Concertmaster, Bangor Symphony Orchestra; Lucas Richman, Music Director, Bangor Symphony Orchestra; Jason Spencer, Assistant Vice President of Education & Community Engagement, North Carolina Symphony

Thursday, June 12, 2025

3:30pm-5:30pm Constituency Meeting Block 2

3:30pm-4:30pm

Elevating Your Student, School, and Family Programming

Nearly every orchestra does some form of educational programming. How can we innovate and modify to ensure we are optimally serving students, schools, or families?

Speakers: Barbara Brown, Vice President for Education, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra; David Aulenbach, Director of Education & Community Partnerships, Artis—Naples; Sarah Lempke O'Hare, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Louisville Orchestra

4:30pm-5:30pm

Roundtable Topics

This concurrent table discussion will offer an opportunity for participants to engage in two rounds of conversation on topics we will select together in SLC.

Friday, June 13, 2025

10:15am-11:45am

Constituency Meeting Block 3

10:15am-11:15am

Mission Possible

As orchestras increasingly rely on their missions to explain their work to the public and funders, how does EdCE help in the unpacking of mission, determine your slice of desired impact, and demonstrate success to outside audiences?

Speakers: Marianne Rice, Vice President of Music Education & Community Impact, Jacksonville Symphony; Caitlin Daly-Gonzales, Education Director, New Haven Symphony Orchestra

11:15am-11:45am

Final Reflection and Staying Connected

As we leave Conference, what will we choose to take with us? How do we stay connected and energized by what we've learned? We will identify strategies to keep the momentum on our path and deepen relationships that will fulfill us as we return home.

Notice: It is important to keep in mind antitrust rules governing competition that apply to this group discussion. While the agenda for this group includes discussion of a variety of issues that are crucial to orchestras' planning and strategies, the goal is not to agree on a single approach to these issues. With the benefit of analysis and discussion, each orchestra will be able to

decide independently what course of action is best for its own organization. We ask you to avoid comments that relate to your orchestra's current or future plans for *ticket or event pricing (actual ticket prices, discount amounts), bargaining (including collective bargaining agreements or with vendors), or compensation.*