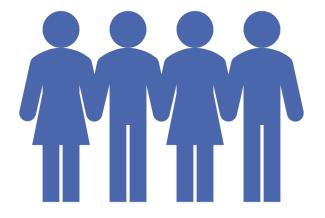
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SESSION I

# League of American Orchestras

PEER-TO-PEER CONVERSATION:

# FIGURING OUT TOGETHER HOW TO HANDLE FUNDRAISING IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME

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#### FUNDRAISING STRATEGY POINTS

- Focus on volunteer fundraising
- Look at what might continue to work
- Stay positive and be hopeful
- Be open to changes
- Communicate with Symphony Boards

#### NEW REALITIES

Fundraising in the face of a pandemic

- Discussion Questions
  - Did your organization have to cancel/postpone/reconfigure a fundraiser?
  - Did your organization find a way to raise dollars in a different way?

#### FUNDRAISING WITHOUT AN EVENT

- Discussion Questions
  - How has your organization raised funds without holding an event?
  - How might your organization adapt these ideas?

#### PREPARING FOR THE UNEXPECTED

- Discussion Questions
  - How do you communicate event changes with sponsors/donors?
  - How do you handle ticketed events where reservations have already been made?
  - How do you handle donation of items?

#### ADDRESSING UNCERTAINTY

- Discussion Questions
  - How do we plan for events with the uncertainty of the upcoming season?
  - How do we approach donors/sponsors when dates of events are uncertain?

## FINAL SUGGESTIONS

Let the donor determine their gift - never assume their response

Focus on what can be done

- Review/Watch Fundraising Webinars posted
  - https://www.americanorchestras.org/conferences-meetings/on-demand-webinars/orchestra-fundraising-time-of-crisis-two-parts-on-demand.html

## STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

- Strategic Conversations will resume this fall
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays
  - 3:00 pm (Central Time)

September 15

September 29

October 13

October 27

November 10

# FUTURE SESSIONS

#### Please Join Us

Session 2 – Volunteer Council Constituency Monday, May 18

Peer to Peer Discussion: Idea Exchange of Volunteer Support of our Board, Musicians, Volunteers and the Community.

Session 3 – Volunteer Council Constituency Monday, June I

Virtual Virtuosos: How Apps Can Strike a Chord with Volunteer Work

#### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!



 Post any additional comments or questions to our Friends of the League of American Orchestra Volunteer Council Facebook page