

# From Sea to Shining Sea

In May 1942, Leta Snow, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's longtime manager, invited representatives of orchestras from around the country to a meeting in Chicago. Her goal was to form a network of the nation's civic orchestras to allow its managers to learn from each other—larger-budget orchestras already had their own network. As the map below makes clear, the 40 charter members who joined the American Symphony Orchestra League were largely clustered in the Midwestern states of Illinois,

Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio. Also joining the fledgling organization were orchestras from eleven other states: California, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia. Today, all 50 states are represented, with international members ranging from Australia and Canada to the U.K. and Brazil. And some of those original charter members from 1942 are still members of the League, 75 years later.

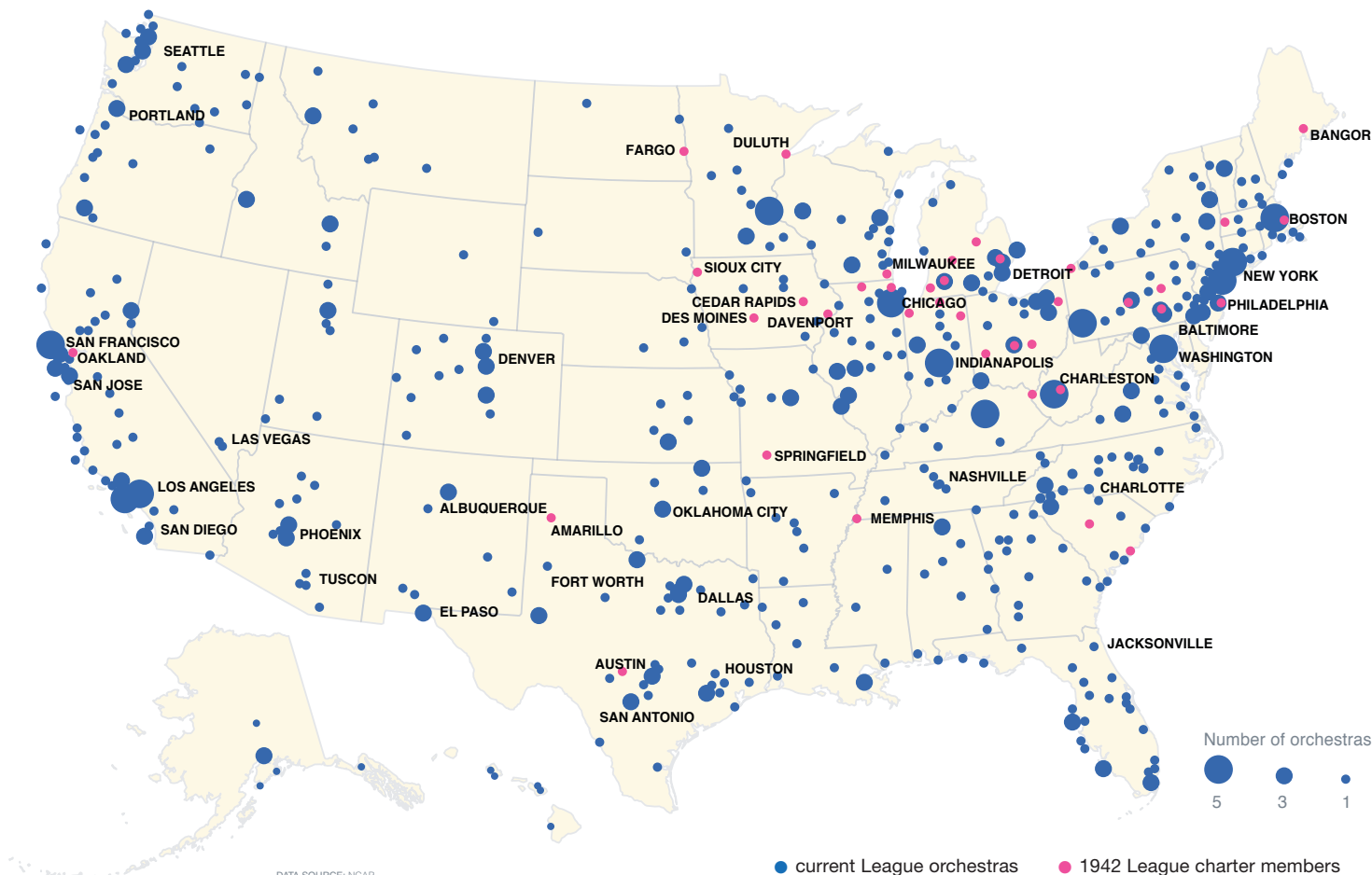
## American Symphony Orchestra League Charter Member Orchestras

Altoona Symphony  
 Amarillo Symphony  
 Austin Symphony  
 Bangor Symphony  
 Battle Creek Symphony  
 Boston Civic Symphony  
 Cedar Rapids Symphony  
 Charleston Symphony (S.C.)  
 Charleston Symphony (W. Va.)  
 Columbus Philharmonic (Ohio)  
 Dayton Philharmonic

Drake-Des Moines Symphony  
 Duluth Symphony  
 Erie Philharmonic  
 Fargo-Moorhead Symphony  
 Fort Wayne Philharmonic  
 Gary Symphony  
 Germantown Symphony  
 Harrisburg Symphony  
 Huntington Symphony (W.V.)  
 Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra  
 Lansing Symphony

Licking County Philharmonic (Ohio)  
 Main Line Symphony (Pa.)  
 Memphis Symphony  
 North Side Symphony of Chicago  
 Oakland Symphony  
 Pittsfield Little Symphony (Mass.)  
 Pontiac Symphony  
 Racine Symphony  
 Rockford Civic Symphony  
 Saginaw Symphony

Sioux City Symphony  
 South Bend Symphony  
 Southern Symphony (Columbia, S.C.)  
 Springfield Symphony (Missouri)  
 Susquehanna Symphony (Pa.)  
 Tri-City Symphony (Iowa and Ill.)  
 Waukegan Symphony  
 Youngstown Symphony



DATA SOURCE: NCAR

● current League orchestras    ● 1942 League charter members