

Anna Kuwabara

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Anna Kuwabara is a seasoned executive and consultant in performing arts and education, with a deep commitment to community connection, diversity, equity and inclusion, and helping individuals and organizations realize their potential.

From 2017 to 2024, Anna was Executive Director of the Albany Symphony, a Grammy-winning orchestra recognized for championing the music of our time and its innovative community and education programs. During her tenure, she spearheaded strategic initiatives including the launch of the orchestra's IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, access) Task Force and strategic plan, and *Convergence*, a multi-year collaboration connecting the orchestra with Black American artists, art forms, and perspectives.

Anna's earlier roles include VP for Orchestra Operations and Facilities at the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (SLSO), Director of Operations for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Interim President and Executive VP of the Longy School of Music. As a consultant, Anna currently supports the SLSO as it nears completion of the transformational renovation and expansion of its home, Powell Hall. She has also served as a board member for several civic and industry organizations and was appointed to the City of Albany's COVID Recovery Task Force.

During her work in career development at the Harvard Business School, Anna facilitated coaching team efforts and advised MBA students in career strategy and social enterprise pathways. Her passion for helping individuals align their strengths with purpose has been a throughline of her work across sectors.

Anna holds a B.A. in English Literature from Yale University and an M.B.A. from the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. A proud alumna of the League's Orchestra Management Fellow program, she is honored to support the next generation of leaders in the field.