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81ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 1-3, 2026 | BALTIMORE, MD

BALTIMORE MARRIOTT WATERFRONT

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Who's with us today?



Your Host Orchestra

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Your Host City

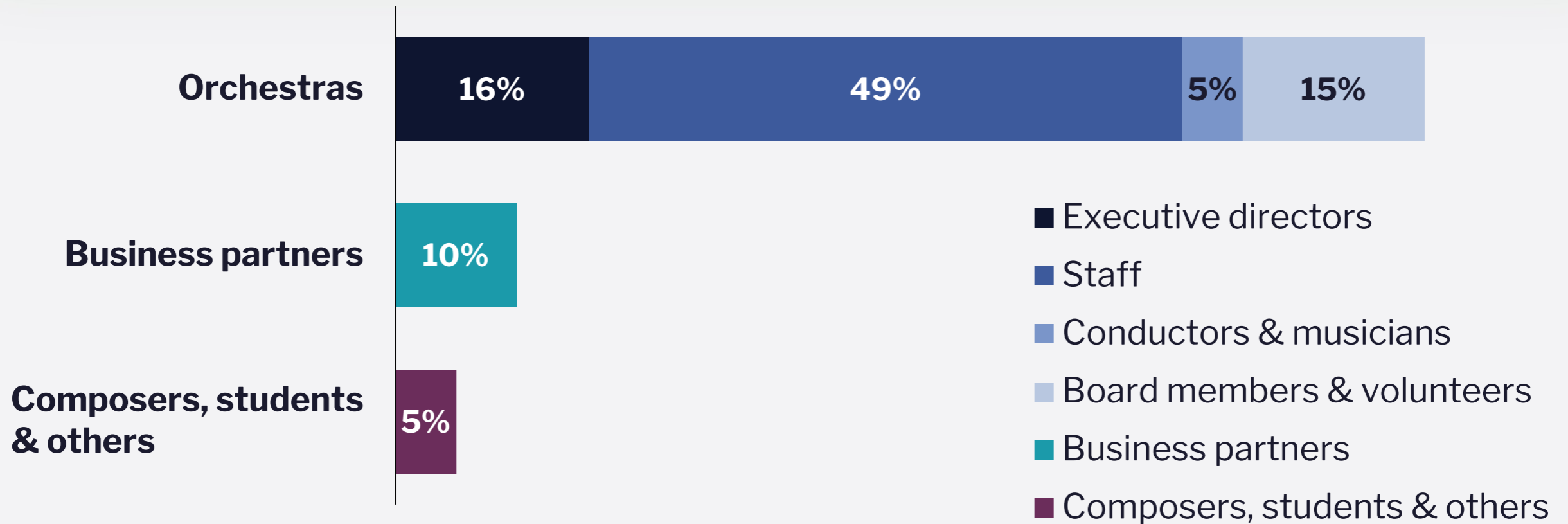
» [Things to do
in Baltimore](#)





OVERVIEW

Who Attends Conference



Your Conference Goals

- » Meet people in your **constituency, affinity groups, geography, and budget size**
- » Share and discuss effective **business practices** and the building of **healthy cultures**
- » Participate in opportunities for **leadership development**
- » Imagine together a **sustainable future** for orchestras that is artistically creative and reflects our communities
- » **Hear** the host orchestra and other regional orchestras
- » **Visit** business partners in the exhibit area to discuss needs you have
- » **Participate** respectfully - <https://leagueconference.org/participation>

Your Conference Home

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront

- » **Registration Area**, on the Fourth floor in the back of Harborside Ballroom C-E
- » **Quiet Room**, on the Third floor in the Bristol room
- » **Mother's Room**, visit our Member Services team at Registration for the key
- » <https://leagueconference.org/hotels-and-venues>



Your Registration Badge & Bag

- » Decorate your badge with ribbon designation (sponsored by Bennett Direct)
- » Pick up a Program Book and Delegate Bags (sponsored by Fisher Dachs Associates | Theatre Planning and Design)
- » Have volunteers scan your badge's QR code for sessions you attend

Your Business Partners

- » Meet with exhibitors in the Exhibit Area on the Fourth floor
- » Attend in the Exhibit Area the All-Delegate Reception Monday afternoon (sponsored by Acceptd) and mid-morning networking breaks on Tuesday (sponsored by Chazin and Company) and Wednesday
- » Make appointments to schedule time with exhibitors in advance
- » Bring your materials for “Communications Crossroads”

Who Is Attending Conference

- » **973** registrants as of 5/13/26
- » <https://leagueconference.org/whos-coming-to-conference>

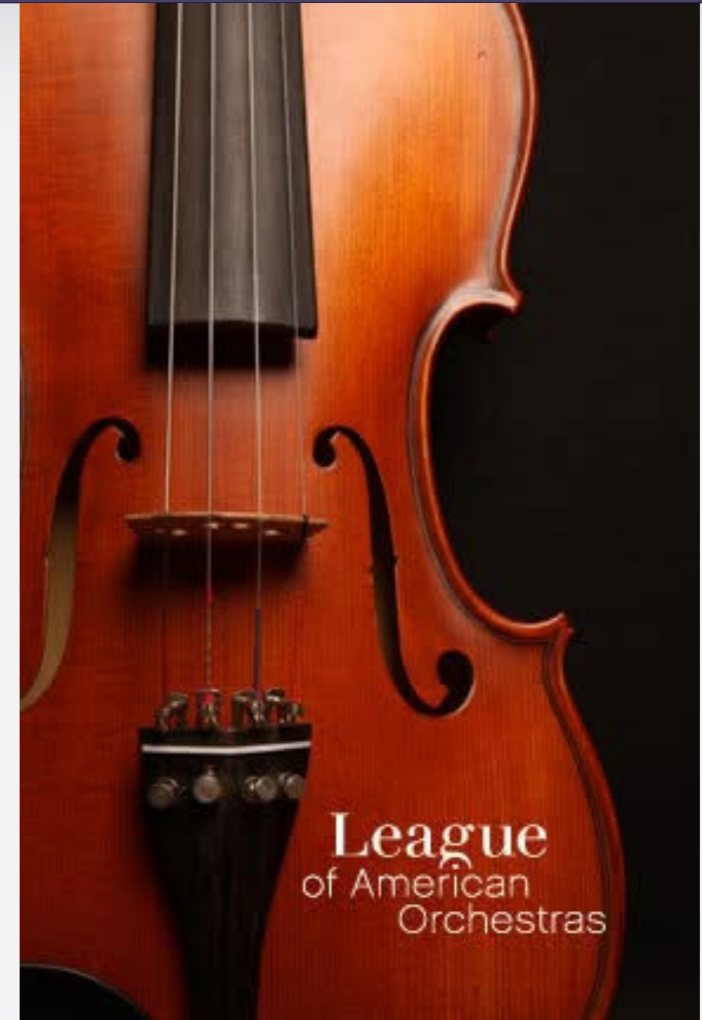
Your App

» www.leagueconference.org/app

Your Social Media

» #orch2026

» [@orchleague](https://www.instagram.com/orchleague)



Your Health and Wellness

Tuesday, June 2

- » 7:00am Running Group
- » 7:00am Walking Group
- » Meet by the main entrance of the hotel for a 3-5 mile group run/walk along the Inner Harbor



Sunday
31

Monday
1

Tuesday
2

Wednesday
3

Morning

Inclusive Stages
Coalition Convening
(all day)

Tech Fair

Pre-Conference
Seminars (\$)

Open Sessions

Open Sessions

Networking Break

Networking Break

Volunteer and ALAANA
Meetings

Open Sessions

Constituency Meetings

Afternoon

Pre-Conference
Seminars (\$)

EdCE and YOD Meeting
(\$)

First-Timer Gathering

Constituency Meetings

All-Delegate and
Alumni Receptions

Open Sessions

**Closing Luncheon and
Annual Meeting**

Constituency Meetings

Opening Session

Evening

Baltimore Chamber
Orchestra Concert (\$)

LGBTQIA+ Reception

Networking Event

Baltimore Symphony
Orchestra Concert (\$)

Annapolis Symphony
Orchestra Concert (\$)

Tune-Up Party

\$ indicates an additional charge

Your Sunday Evening

Baltimore Chamber Orchestra Concert

Joseph Meyerhoff

Symphony Hall

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Your Monday Evening

**Annapolis
Symphony
Orchestra Concert**

*Joseph Meyerhoff
Symphony Hall*

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Your Tuesday Evening

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Concert and Tune-Up Party

Joseph Meyerhoff

Symphony Hall

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THEMATIC DIRECTION

Pre-Conference Activities

- » **Pre-Conference Seminars on Fundraising and Organizational Culture** (Sunday PM) and **Governance** (Monday AM)
- » **Inclusive Stages** (Sunday)
- » **Joint Education and Community Engagement and Youth Orchestra Division Meetings** (Sunday PM)
- » **Baltimore Chamber Orchestra Concert** (Sunday evening)
- » **Tech Fair / BSO Open Rehearsal / Volunteers Meeting / ALANNA Gathering** (Monday AM)

Two General Sessions

- » Opening with Gold Baton Award: **Sphinx Organization**, Baltimore Youth Symphony Orchestras/OrchKids, and **Deborah Rutter** (Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall)
- » Closing Lunch with Gold Baton Award: **David Hyslop**, performance by and conversation with **Lara Downes** and **Arturo O'Farrill**, and League annual meeting

Conference Focus Areas

1. Audience growth and diversification
2. Engaging with and responding to local communities
3. Development and fundraising
4. Leadership and strategy
5. Balancing mission with financial strategy
6. Education programs and youth engagement
7. Advocacy, communicating value, and influencing policy

Session Types

- » Insight Sessions
- » Critical Conversations
- » Workshops
- » Business Perspectives

- » <https://leagueconference.org/full-schedule>

Your Constituency Groups

- » 22 Constituency Meetings led by League staff liaisons and constituency leadership committees
 - Only open to those who hold this particular role at member orchestras

- » <https://leagueconference.org/constituency-meetings>

Two New Forums

- » **Board Member Orchestra Forum -**
<https://leagueconference.org/orchestra-board-member-forum>
- » **Artistic Administrators and Artist Managers Forum -**
<https://leagueconference.org/full-schedule/2026/6/2/artistic-administrators-and-artist-managers-forum>

Your Affinity Groups

- » **ALAANA** - African, Latinx, Asian, Arab/Middle Eastern, or Native American descent (Monday morning)
- » **League Alumni Network** Reception (Monday afternoon)
- » **LGBTQIA+** Reception (Monday evening)

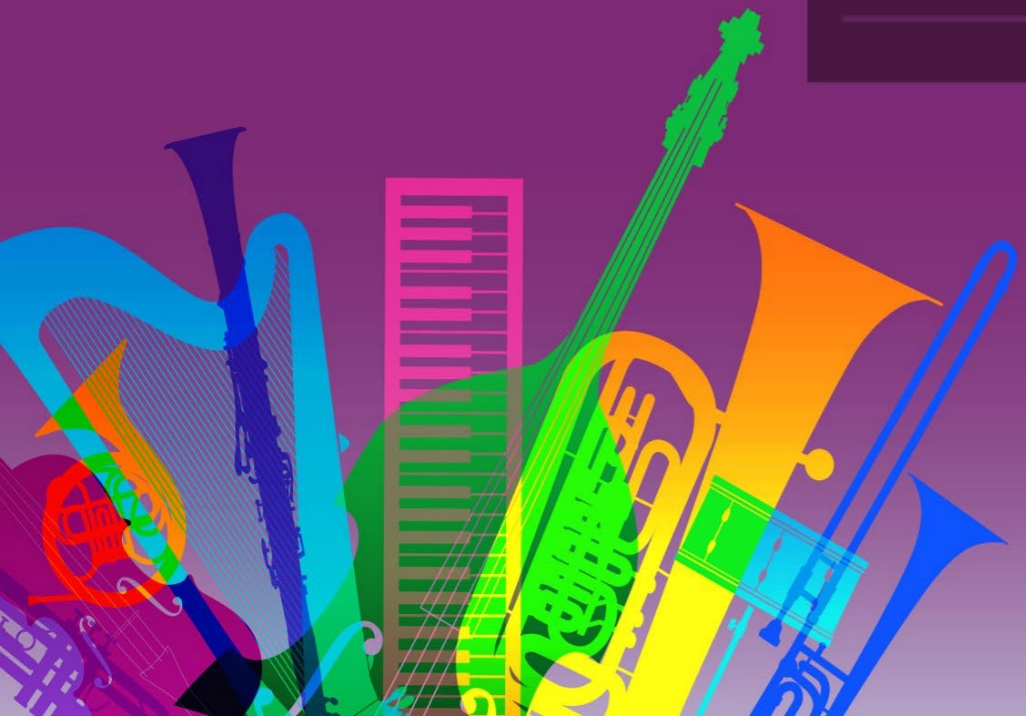
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JUNE 1-3

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