

# YOUR ORCHESTRA, YOUR IMPACT

2018-2019

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# OUR MISSION

The Minnesota Orchestra's mission is to enrich, inspire and serve our community as an enduring symphony orchestra internationally recognized for its artistic excellence.

*"The ongoing gift that brings so much joy to my life – to the lives of so many of us – is simply having such a superb orchestra call this place home."*

- A MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA PATRON AND DONOR

## A COMMITMENT TO EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTRY

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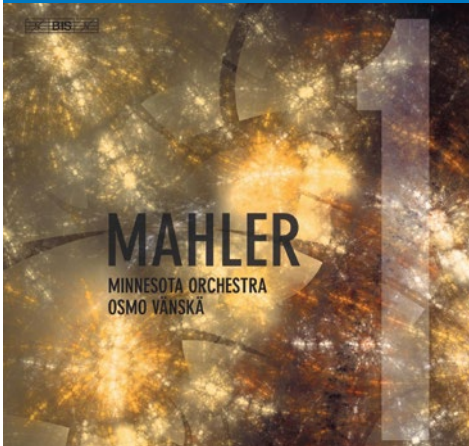
Minnesota Orchestra concerts were held at Orchestra Hall and beyond. In total, the Orchestra performed works written by 155 composers during the 2018-2019 season, including a world premiere and two U.S. premieres.

# 7 & 10

symphonies by Gustav Mahler were performed and recorded. The Minnesota Orchestra also released its recording of Mahler's Symphonies No. 1 and No. 2.



# 6

 exceptional musicians joined the Minnesota Orchestra during the 2018-19 season, including Associate Concertmaster Felicity James and Principal Timpani Erich Rieppel.

# 226,460

people attended Minnesota Orchestra concerts at Orchestra Hall during the 2018-19 season, filling nearly 90% of the Hall's seats. 33% were first time Minnesota Orchestra concertgoers.



# 19

American composers were showcased across six concert programs during the "American Expressions" festival in January 2019.



# 114

 guest soloists, conductors and ensembles appeared alongside the Orchestra during the season.

*"To each and every one of you: you are a true Minnesota treasure, you are ambassadors for this state, your reputation extends well beyond the borders of this state and this nation, and for that we are grateful."*

-MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TIM WALZ TO THE MUSICIANS OF THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA

# INSPIRING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO LEARN, LISTEN AND GROW

**4** local high schools (Osseo, Roseville, Bloomington Jefferson and Fridley) received visits from the full Minnesota Orchestra through the Symphonic Adventures program, which provided 3,200 music students with dynamic one-hour concerts at their schools, hosted by Orchestra violist Sam Bergman.



# 31,708

students – coming from 285 schools throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa – attended one of the 22 Young People’s Concerts during the 2018-2019 season. 9,963 of those students attended for free, while others paid just \$6.25.



*“I was so impressed with the educational flow of the presentation. Clearly a focus on how kids learn and what they need to stay engaged. All of the visuals and word prompts right down to the changing colors at regular intervals. WOW!”*

- A SAINT PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AFTER ATTENDING A YOUNG PEOPLE’S CONCERT



**1:1** Young musicians in Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies, Minnesota Youth Symphonies, and the new MacPhail Northside Youth Orchestra (200 students total) performed and learned side-by-side with their Minnesota Orchestra counterparts during rehearsals for upcoming student performances.

## A KEYSTONE FOR MINNESOTA’S EXCEPTIONAL CULTURAL COMMUNITY



**+2M** listeners across the state and throughout the country heard Minnesota Orchestra performances broadcast by Classical Minnesota Public Radio.



**100%**  Residents from every one of Minnesota’s 87 counties attended a performance at Orchestra Hall.

**\$2.2B**

The Minnesota Orchestra’s musicians and audiences contributed significantly to the state’s \$2.2 billion annual economic impact from the arts (source: Creative Minnesota 2019). Our tours and recordings also draw national and international attention that enhances the reputation of the state and the region.

**80** artists, arts organizations and other partners curated pre- and post-concert experiences that complemented the Orchestra’s performances.

"It was so good to be a part of this experience of bringing the community together... especially when it is easy to become discouraged and hyper-focused on our differences instead of all of the things that we actually have in common and that we love...thank you for this beautiful evening!"

- PATRON AT A COMMON CHORDS: NORTH MINNEAPOLIS CONCERT

## AN ELECTRIC CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY



**25** free events were held throughout North Minneapolis during the Minnesota Orchestra's first-ever Twin Cities-area "Common Chords" residency week in January 2019.

**142**

local artists performed in and around Orchestra Hall during the free, family-friendly International Day of Music on July 13 as part of the "Música Juntos" (Music Together) summer festival.



**36,406**

fans of all ages, many of them new to orchestral music, cheered for their favorite characters during 16 performances in the Music & Movies series, including *Coco*, *Star Wars: A New Hope* and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*.



**"5 out of 6"**

was one of 18 songs featuring the Minnesota Orchestra alongside singer/rapper Dessa that were recorded live during 2 sold-out shows in March 2019 for an album, *Sound the Bells: Recorded Live at Orchestra Hall*, released by Doomtree Records.



**3** sensory-friendly concerts featured the full Minnesota Orchestra and 3 more featured a small ensemble of musicians. These concerts are designed for patrons of all ages and abilities, including those on the autism spectrum and those with sensory sensitivities.

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