Annual Report

Minnesota Orchestra 2012-13

A Letter from the Chair and President



To look back on the Minnesota Orchestra's Fiscal 2013 is to reflect on a year of challenge played out on a public stage. For all music lovers, it has been a troubling time, as our organization seems pitted against itself, engulfed in the perfect storm of a labor dispute that followed the perfect storm of a recession. In the midst of this, it is easy to lose sight of the horizon. But

we must consider how we landed here and where we aim to lead the organization.

In Fiscal 2010 we wrote in these pages about the serious structural financial issues the Minnesota Orchestra faced. The Board recognized that in the aftermath of the recession, the Orchestra could no longer survive based on optimistic economic assumptions and the hope of limitless benefactor generosity. Accordingly, the Board launched a rigorous assessment of our financial house, analyzing in particular the ticket and donation revenue our community could realistically be expected to provide. Musicians contributed artistic ideas and aspirations, and the resulting strategic plan was designed to deliver artistic excellence and financial solvency with an emphasis on sustainable endowment draws.

The Board ratified the plan in December 2011 and, in the face of mounting deficits, immediately launched the cost reduction and revenue generation initiatives that were the plan's hallmarks. Budgets and administrative staffing levels were cut substantially; concerts were rescoped to match supply with demand. Ambitious fundraising goals were set and achieved in both annual giving and our comprehensive \$110 million campaign to support endowment, artistic projects and the renovation of Orchestra Hall.

Another critical element of the plan was negotiating a musicians' contract that recognized the new financial realities of 2012. Negotiations began in April 2012, six months before the contract expired. At that point, no one could have envisioned that nearly 20 months later we would not yet have reached a contract settlement and would have been forced to cancel an entire season of concerts. Yet, in an unparalleled dispute in which musicians chose not to offer a financial counterproposal for 18 months, that is what Fiscal 2013 brought.

The Board entered negotiations seeking a concessionary contract that, in conjunction with expense reductions and

Jon R. Campbell Chair of the Board

revenue increases in other parts of the organization, would eliminate the large deficits that threaten to deplete our endowment. However, in summer 2013, in the interest of reaching a settlement that would allow the Orchestra's 2013-14 season to open on time, the Board suggested a compromise, moderating the goal of eliminating deficits by 2013



and proposing three new offers to improve musician salary and benefits over the original proposal. With these proposals, the organization would still incur deficits, which would need to be covered through endowment draws and further short-term bridge funding. In the hope of resuming concerts and bringing the organization together again, however, we deemed this acceptable. These proposals were rejected by the musicians.

Having further opened the door to compromise, the Board remains hopeful that musicians will choose to join us in negotiating an agreement that seeks a middle ground and enables the players to return to music-making onstage at Orchestra Hall soon.

Orchestra Hall is ready. Despite having been cast negatively in the strife of negotiations, the renovation of this great but aging venue, completed squarely on budget, has been a significant achievement of the past year and will be recognized in years to come as a major positive milestone for the Minnesota Orchestra. With its focus on expanded audience spaces and improved amenities, the renovated Orchestra Hall presents an opportunity to focus on what is certainly the most important issue facing all symphony orchestras today: developing new audiences and donors.

For the Minnesota Orchestra, this should be a period in which we galvanize all energies to focus on music and create imaginative programming that appeals to broad and new audiences. It should be a time to commit to community engagement and outreach initiatives on a previously unseen level, expanding the Orchestra's artistic role and reaching throughout Minnesota. When a settled contract is in hand, we must travel down these paths without delay to ensure a thriving Minnesota Orchestra and classical music art form in the 21st century. We hope fervently to be able to begin that journey soon.

With our thanks for your loyal support,

Michael Henson President and CEO

A Message from the Treasurer



For Fiscal 2013, the Minnesota Orchestral Association's net operating results show a deficit of \$1.1 million, compared with a \$6 million deficit the previous year.

The overall financial picture for 2012-13 was affected on many levels by the extended labor dispute, which resulted in the cancellation of all concerts planned to

be performed that season. This led the Board of Directors to offer to return a grant of \$961,888 to the Minnesota State Arts Board. In the Summary of Operating Results, this is reflected as revenue in Contributions and Gifts and as an expense in Repayment of Grants for Specified Purposes.

Even though no concerts were performed, the Association incurred expenses of more than \$2.2 million for musicians' salaries and benefits, because salaries were paid as usual for the fiscal year's first month, prior to the work stoppage, and unemployment compensation was reimbursed to the state from that point on. A further \$1.1 million in concert-related expenses that were not offset by concert income, as would typically be the case, was incurred as a result of advance marketing for the planned 2012–13 concerts and nonrefundable deposits on guest artist fees.

Another significant factor in Fiscal 2013 finances was the longplanned repositioning of the Symphony Ball from June, its traditional time slot, to September. The new time frame offers several advantages: the Ball can now be coordinated with the opening of the Orchestra's season, and its position earlier in the fiscal year means income from the Ball can be factored in immediately, allowing adequate time to achieve overall fundraising goals. With the Symphony Ball effectively skipping a year to make this adjustment possible, income in 2012-13 was reduced by at least \$600,000, the minimum the Ball typically nets.

Total revenue, gains and other support totaled \$12 million for the year. Operating revenue was \$14,000, due to the absence of concerts and loss of rental income during the Orchestra Hall renovation. Contributed income dropped to \$5.7 million from \$8.2 million, due to the absence of a Symphony Ball, as explained above; and to a reduction of \$1.5 million in donations from corporations, foundations and individuals. At the same time, more than two-thirds of all donors, 68 percent, maintained support despite the year's challenges.

Total expenses for Fiscal 2013, at \$13.1 million, reflect greatly reduced musician costs and other concert-related costs, as indicated above; a 24 percent drop in non-musician salaries and benefits; legal and other costs related to work stoppage issues totaling \$885,000; and \$550,000 in interest and financing on loans incurred to fund previous annual deficits.

Board-designated draws from investments for operating support totaled \$3.7 million, down \$800,000 from Fiscal 2012, based on a reduced draw of 5 percent for operations across all investments, endowments and trusts. Total invested assets for 2012-13 increased from \$137.3 million to \$146.9 million, driven primarily by strong investment returns, new contributions totaling \$5 million and a commitment to reduce draws from the unsustainable levels of recent years.

Patrick E. Bowe *Treasurer*

Summary of Financial Position

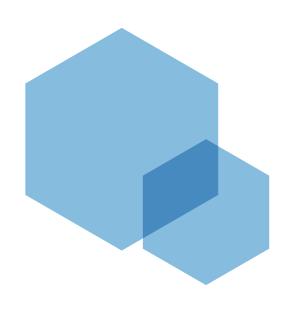
	AUGUST 31	AUGUST 31
ASSETS	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,186	\$2,384
Contributions and Other Receivables	2,765	3,782
Prepaid Expenses and Other	875	1,101
Hall Renovation Pledges and Receivables	1,655	15,705
Total Current Assets	7,482	22,972
Long-Term Pledges and Receivables	1,180	2,696
Long-Term Hall Renovation Pledges		
and Receivables	2,304	3,984
Total Long-Term Assets	3,484	6,680
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
Endowments	58,051	59,036
Beneficial Interest Held in Trust		
Oakleaf	62,567	58,252
Building for the Future	14,586	8,281
St. Paul Foundation	1,316	1,213
Hall Maintenance Fund	7,434	7,790
Other Investments	2,963	2,733
Total Investments	146,916	137,304
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Hall Renovations	50,232	9,792
Hall Renovation Funds Held in Escrow	4,407	32,946
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	4,804	5,331
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Net of Depreciation	461	514
Other Assets	531	545
TOTAL ASSETS	\$218,316	\$216,085
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	(rounded to nearest \$000)	
	AUGUST 31	AUGUST 31
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2013	<u>2012</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$2,323	\$2,224
Line of Credit	1,700	-
Deferred Concert Revenue	1,631	2,758
Long-Term Liabilities		
Long-Term Debt	10,940	10,940
Pension Liability	5,589	8,761
Leasehold Incentive Liability	461	514
Hall Renovation Accounts Payable	3,967	5,225
Hall Renovation Construction Debt	7,600	11,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$34,212	\$41,821
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Pension Plans	\$(5,589)	\$(8,761)
Operations	(24,226)	(23,160)

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Operations	(24,226)	(23,160)
Total Operations and Pension Plans	(29,815)	(31,921)
Hall Financing, Capital Assets and		
Charitable Annuities	50,783	14,013
Board-Designated Endowment	1,852	3,953
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	22,820	(13,955)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	4,471	42,301
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	156,813	145,917
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$184,103	\$174,264
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$218,316	\$216,085

Summary of Operating Results

NET OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$(1,066)	\$(5,972)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,063	\$31,533
General Administration and Facility Operations	1,544	1,715
for Specified Purposes	1,073	-
Repayment of Grants Previously Received		
Negotiations and Negotiations Related	885	147
Interest and Financing	550	515
Symphony Ball	-	327
Advertising and Promotion	616	1,580
Tour Expense	-	482
Direct Concert Expense	486	3,933
All Other Salaries and Benefits	5,689	7,495
EXPENSES Musician Salaries and Benefits	\$2,219	\$15,340
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$11,997	\$25,561
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Board-Designated Draws for Operations	3,695	4,471
Contributions Released from Restrictions	2,596	4,367
Total Contributed Revenue	5,692	8,191
Symphony Ball	-	958
Oakleaf and St. Paul Fdn. Distributions	3,108	3,066
<u>Contributed Revenue</u> Contributions and Gifts	2,584	4,167
Total Concert and Other Operating Revenue	14	8,531
Other Revenue	(31)	1,548
Tour Revenue	-	433
Ticket Sales and Service Income	\$45	\$6,550
Operating Revenue		
REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		
	<u>2013</u>	2012
	YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31	YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31



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As a Guarantor, you demonstrate your personal commitment to protecting the Minnesota Orchestra for today's audiences and securing the future for generations to come. Your continued support will make it possible for us to emerge from this challenging time with a future that is both artistically vibrant and financially stable.

Thousands of you have made it a priority this year to support—and to help protect—the Orchestra, a cultural treasure built by donors like you over the past 110 years. I give you my heartfelt thanks.

We look forward to the day when we will again celebrate all that the Minnesota Orchestra has to offer: renowned and transformative performances of great classical music in one of the world's finest concert halls; award-wining educational programs for more than 80,000 students annually; and outreach and service to every corner of Greater Minnesota.

Thank you for being a part of the solution as we journey together to build a stronger Minnesota Orchestra for you and our audiences, not just for today, but for generations to come. No one party alone can realize this vision. Only together, with musicians, board, audience and donors united, will we succeed.

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