

# ANNUAL REPORT 15/16

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## MUSIC DIRECTOR'S NOTE

### A 120<sup>TH</sup> SEASON TO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER

FROM "IN TRUTH" TO PUCCINI'S LA BOHEME, THE BSO'S 2015-16 SEASON WAS A PERSONALLY SIGNIFICANT ONE FOR ME

What a season it has been! I am so thrilled and thankful for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra's many accomplishments during our 120th anniversary season. There were high notes on stage and off all year long, from our multiple community collaborations to the artistic accomplishments that included presentations of symphonies by Mahler, Dvorak and Brahms, the Maine premiere of my *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra: In Truth* and a spectacular production of *La Boheme*. It was my first time conducting Puccini's masterpiece, and it is a testament to the BSO's musicians, supporters, and audience members that it happened here in Maine. Thank you! I can't wait to experience our next musical adventures together!



Lucas Richman, Music Director & Conductor



## NEW ENDOWED CHAIR CREATED WITH IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER GIFT

A \$100,000 DONATION ESTABLISHED THE ROBERT ROHE MEMORIAL CHAIR, FUNDING THE PRINCIPAL BASS POSITION OF THE BSO IN PERPETUITY



We are honored to share that in early 2015, an anonymous donor made a \$100,000 gift to endow the BSO's principal bass chair in memory of former principal bassist Robert Rohe. This extraordinary gift was made as an IRA Charitable Rollover, which allows taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA directly to charity without having to recognize the distribution as taxable income. In 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover was signed into permanent law. This, and other planned giving vehicles, leave a lasting impact on the BSO for which we are grateful.

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## NEW EDUCATION, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS HIT STRIDE

WHETHER AT A BREWERY, HOSPITAL, OR SCHOOL, BSO MUSICIANS AND ENSEMBLES ARE CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN NEW AND IMPORTANT WAYS

"Be essential to the community." That's the challenge the BSO set for itself, and one we strive to meet everyday. Throughout the 2015-16 season, BSO musicians and ensembles sought to connect with new audiences in the community on their own terms, spreading the joy of classical music.

### Music & Wellness Program at Acadia Hospital

Last season was the Music & Wellness Program's third year at Acadia Hospital, featuring monthly visits by the Juniper String Quartet to pediatric and adult inpatient and outpatient groups. First violinist Lynn Brubaker oversaw the addition of participatory activities such as percussion and dance to programs this year, which reached over 300 patients.

### On the Town

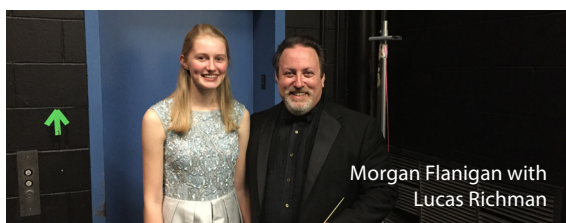
From Kid Central Fest to the Maine Science Festival, from Nocturnem Draft Haus to Geaghan Brothers Brewery, BSO ensembles made regular appearances in the community during the 2nd year of the On the Town program. It's our way of showing the community that the BSO is for everyone, and that Bangor has a vibrant cultural scene worth partaking in.

### Meet the Music Makers

The BSO's in-school initiative impacted students in Camden-area and Bangor school districts this year, when the Juniper String Quartet brought its interactive program on the road. From Mozart to Star Wars, students were left humming, and cheering!

## INTERVIEW: CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNER MORGAN FLANIGAN

THE HIGH SCHOOL PIANIST FROM YARMOUTH TALKS ABOUT THE IMPACT WINNING THE BSO'S MAINE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERTO COMPETITION HAS HAD ON HER LIFE



In February 2016, Yarmouth native Morgan Flanigan won the BSO's Maine High School Concerto Competition with a bravura performance of Mendelssohn's *Piano Concerto No. 1*. In May, she played the Mendelssohn again at the BSO's Young People's Concerts, only this time under the baton of Maestro Lucas Richman, backed by a professional orchestra, in front of thousands of school children. So, what was it like? We spoke with Morgan to find out:

### What was your favorite part of the Concerto Competition experience?

When I was 12 years old, I saw Orli Shaham playing Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto. I imagined what it must be like to perform with orchestras all around the world. Ever since then, it has been my dream to perform with a professional orchestra. When I won the Competition, I almost couldn't believe the opportunity and privilege that I had been given. It was absolutely thrilling to perform with the BSO, and I'm so glad that this opportunity exists in Maine.

### How has the experience impacted you?

This experience has encouraged me to practice harder to develop my skills so that I can share my gift with others in the future.

### What comes next for you?

I would like to study piano performance in college. I am also considering auditioning for the New England Conservatory Preparatory School in Boston for this school year. I will look for more performance opportunities and hope to enter more piano competitions.



# BY THE NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF THE BSO'S 2015-16 SEASON



**PERFORMANCES IN A BREWERY 1**



**TICKETS SOLD 13,048**



**STUDENTS REACHED 4,124**



**LA BOHEME SPONSORS 81**  
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**BSYO MEMBERS 94**  
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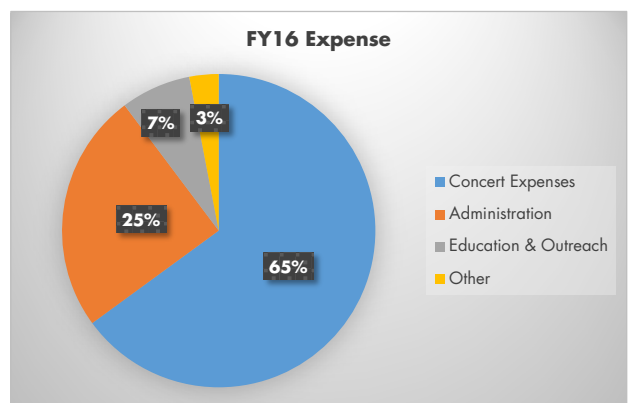
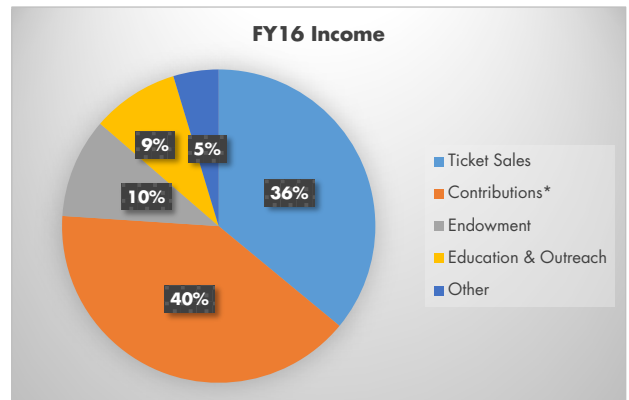
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THE BSO SURPASSED ITS FUNDRAISING AND TICKET SALES GOALS FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON ENDING IN JUNE, LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN EXCITING SEASON AHEAD

When the BSO's Board of Directors, musicians, and staff came together to craft a strategic plan two years ago, it was clear that the BSO had momentum and that growing our education programs and artistic offerings was both a necessity to remain relevant in our community and a possibility because of our hard-earned financial success. It was also acknowledged that such success is dependent on smart planning and the support of our donors and patrons. This past season highlights the positive confluence of these factors. Additional sponsorships through the 1896 Club allowed us to present a gorgeous, innovative production of *La Boheme* that sold out and reached new audiences. Meanwhile, increased support for our Young People's Concerts and the BSYO allowed us to reach more students throughout Maine than ever before. Additionally, with 630 subscribers (a high point since the reopening of the Collins Center for the Arts), the season was on strong footing from the start. In all, income totalled \$831,166 with expenses of \$831,368\*\*. Following six seasons of surpluses, we are proud to finish this ambitious year with a balanced budget. Your support has helped us plan for an expanded 2016-17 season that will reach new audience members and students throughout our region. Thank you for contributing to our success!



Brian Hinrichs, Executive Director



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