



SAGINAW BAY
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

FOUAD FAKHOURI, MUSIC DIRECTOR

SAGINAW SYMPHONY
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021



Saginaw Symphony Association

Annual Meeting June 16, 2021

AGENDA

Deborah Huntley	Welcome & Call to Order Thank Band Voortex Jazz/Blues Band
Deborah Huntley	Ratify suspension of 2020 Annual Meeting of the Association Membership
Cynthia Chadwick	Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting
Deborah Huntley	Approve Board Terms
David Rupp	FY-20 Financial Status Report
Deborah Huntley	President's Report
Bonnie VanVoorhees	CEO's Report
Fouad Fakhouri	Music Director's Report
David Rupp	FY-21 Financial Status Report
Paul Chaffee	Nominations Report
Bonnie VanVoorhees	Tribute & Thanks to Board Members Stepping Off
Bonnie VanVoorhees	Volunteer of the Year Award
Bonnie VanVoorhees	Season Announcement
Deborah Huntley	Adjournment

**SAGINAW SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 19, 2019
ANDERSEN ENRICHMENT CENTER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by SBSO president, Floyd Kloc. He welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Floyd introduced CEO, Dan McGee, who then thanked the board of directors, musicians and staff for all their hard work and dedication to the Symphony. Dan then introduced new marketing director, Kayla Eisenlord, and incoming CEO, Bonnie VanVoorhees.

Bonnie came up and introduced herself. She thanked Dan and discussed her desire to make connections within the Great Lakes Bay Region. Bonnie then turned the floor back over to Floyd who then invited Fouad Fakhouri up to address attendees.

Fouad thanked all for attending the annual meeting and said that it is always great to be in Saginaw. He is happy with the growth of the Orchestra here in Saginaw and spoke a little about what we can expect of next season's repertoire.

Fouad thanked the audience and invited Floyd back up who then thanked the board of directors for all their hard work. He also thanked volunteers, staff and the community for their continued support of the Orchestra.

John Markey then came up to the podium to present the annual meeting minutes for June 20, 2018. Linda McGee made a motion to receive and file the minutes and Sam Tilmon seconded.

Dave Rupp was invited up to present the financial status report. Dave reviewed the financial information contained in the annual report and answered questions. He thanked sponsors, donors, season ticket holders and the Temple Theatre Foundation for their support. John Markey moved to receive and file the financial status report. Al Blinke seconded.

Floyd introduced the chair of the Nominations Committee, Paul Chaffee. He introduced new board member, Andrea Fischer. The committee was pleased to announce six incumbent board members for an additional three-year term: Cynthia Chadwick, Paul Chaffee, Michael Elliott, Floyd Kloc, John Markey, and Alayna Wesener. No nominations were received from the floor.

Floyd returned to the podium and asked for a motion to approve the nominations. Lou Ognisanti moved to approve, seconded by Paul Chaffee. The motion was approved unanimously. Floyd thanked Mr. Chaffee for his Nominations Committee report.

Floyd then introduced Marketing Committee Chair, Linda McGee, who announced the Patricia Koucky Volunteer of the Year Award recipient, Sue Sulfridge, and thanked her for her outstanding service on our Holiday Housewalk fundraiser.

Floyd then gave the president's report and asked for support through donations and volunteerism. Floyd then introduced president-elect, Felicia Rose-Barry who thanked the board and discussed the importance of "Take a Stand."

Felicia then presented the outgoing president, Floyd Kloc, with a gift certificate to Kluck's Nursery. Floyd thanked the board and the staff once again stating that it was an honor and a privilege to serve as the president of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra board of directors.

Floyd then turned the floor over for anyone who would like to raise any new business. Peggy Jones stood and said that she was concerned with the appearance of political bias that came with inviting Ken Horn to our October 2018 veteran's concert.

Floyd stated that the concern had been brought to the board's attention and that it would need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Jill Rood then stood and thanked Dan McGee for all of his hard work and dedication to the SBSO.

Floyd then took that opportunity to invite Dan and Linda McGee back up to the podium to present them with a certificate for a \$10,000 Endowed Stand as a thank you for their many years of service, support, and contributions on behalf of the SBSO. They were both surprised and overwhelmed by the generous gift from current and former board members.

Floyd thanked the band before asking for a motion to adjourn. John Markey moved to adjourn, seconded by Jill Rood. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Reflecting on Music That Moves You Season

When COVID-19 canceled the remaining two concerts of our 2019-2020 Season, we began to reimagine how we would continue to bring symphonic music to the Great Lakes Bay Region. Over the remaining months of our last season, the SBSO created a series of outreach programs. “**Get to Know the SBSO**” highlighted several SBSO musicians and gave viewers the opportunity to learn more about our musicians and their passions. The highlighted musicians also performed a small musical piece which became a staple of our **Music Monday** program. Similarly, our **Tuesday Tunes**, created by SBSO Librarian Don Belcher, focused on the history of the SBSO and highlighted the music and conductors from our eighty-five-year history. This series is ongoing and features new information and is shared on the second Tuesday of each month. Our summer program, **Music through the City: Orchestra Pop-Ups**, brought SBSO musicians to different pop-up locations throughout Saginaw, Bay City, and Frankenmuth to pay tribute to front-line workers and their efforts during the pandemic. With such an overwhelmingly positive response from the community to our pop-ups, we will be hosting more pop-up events this summer!

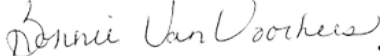
The 2020-2021 Season, **Music That Moves You**, was designed specifically to take the audience on a musical journey but, due to the tightening restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maestro Fouad Fakhouri had to re-program the season to accommodate a smaller socially distanced orchestra who played to an empty house. The concerts were then recorded to be streamed and, later, broadcast. In this reworked season, we were able to highlight and feature some of our SBSO musicians. Concertmaster Eliot Heaton, Principal Horn Bruce Bonnell, and Principal Percussion John Dorsey were featured as soloists and gave wonderful performances. In collaboration with local broadcasters, our concert season was aired on Delta College Public Media and our **Holiday Pops** concert aired on WEYI-TV25. Some of our past concerts were also featured on WKAR 90.5 Classical Music Program with Jody Knol for our audience to experience and enjoy again! With grants from the Saginaw Downtown Development Association and Saginaw Future, we created a virtual series titled **At Home with the SBSO** as part of our Music Monday program. The series ran during the months of March and April and focused on five of our musicians. We were thrilled to offer our last concert to a live audience on May 1, 2021, bringing sensational sounds of the SBSO back to the Temple Theatre for the first time in nearly 15 months.

During the course of this very difficult year, our board, along with the boards of the Saginaw Choral Society and Pit and Balcony, purchased backpacks filled with school supplies for foster children in Saginaw County, to assist children in crisis. Not only did we have to find new ways to connect and perform for our patrons, we also had to reimagine our upcoming fundraisers. The 20th Annual **Holiday Housewalk** took place as a virtual event hosted by Bay City native, Eric Jylah, and enabled patrons to view six festively decorated homes right in the comfort of their living rooms. The program also featured a virtual auction which helped support the Orchestra. An exciting new virtual program, **A Culinary Concert: Music You Can Taste**, replaced our These Men Can Cook fundraiser, enabling participants to cook along with Chef Scott Kelly, a Saginaw local and executive chef at Bay City’s Old City Hall. While cooking and eating their meal, participants also enjoyed the sweet sounds of the Voortex Jazz/Blues Band featuring Saginaw legend Larry McCray and “Papa Kiska,” father to three of the four Greta Van Fleet band members. The event was so well received, an updated version will be held again next summer. This fun and exciting event enabled us to donate funds to Saginaw’s East Side Soup Kitchen to help those in Saginaw in need of assistance. The hard work and dedication of our volunteers, sponsors and donors allowed us to accomplish all of these goals. We are so thankful for each and every one of them! It is with great appreciation that we thank our sponsors and our community supporters. Their support is critical to the economic health of the SBSO. The Orchestra would not be able to continue its legacy as an arts leader, one that has sustained for eighty-five seasons, without their generous contributions!

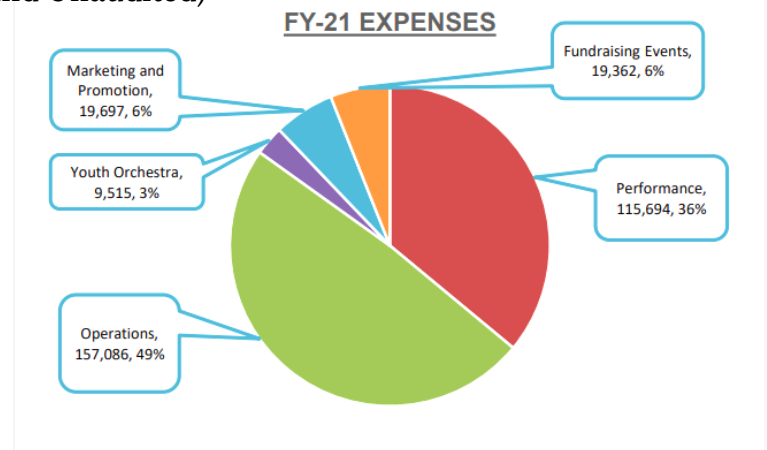
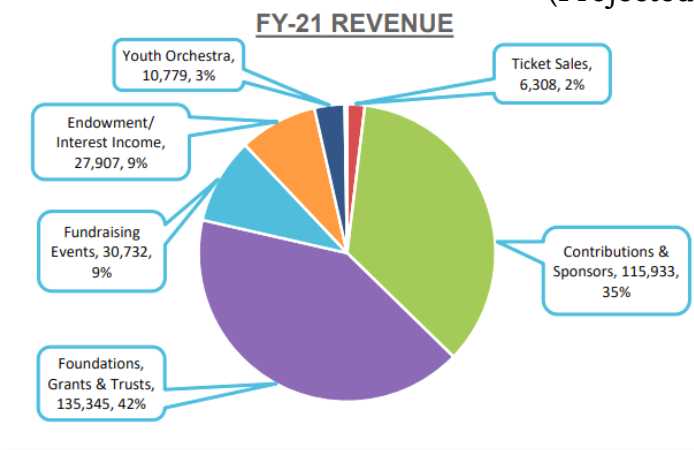
Our Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra (SBYO) continues to be a successful, self-supporting, and growing program. During the pandemic, we were able to host an eight-week session that safely brought back our string players. The first session hosted an in-person concert on Sunday, April 25, 2021, to over 100 concert goers. The SBYO’s second session will include the entire orchestra and they will be performing a July 4th concert in the bandshell in Bay City. This year, three seniors will graduate from the SBYO and they will be featured in our June newsletter, **Symphony Chat**, and on the SBYO and SBSO Facebook pages. In collaboration with the Midland Symphony Orchestra, we will be hosting a Great Lakes String Intensive summer camp beginning June 14th.

The sustainability of the Orchestra is based on community assistance through volunteerism, donations, concert attendance, attending fundraising events, and charitable giving. Our newly-developed Planned Giving program will be released this fall and it will help build our endowment that will sustain the SBSO for generations to come. As we begin our eighty-sixth season, we urge every orchestra attendee to bring a friend or colleague to a concert or event! We look forward to seeing many of our patrons again in person this fall!


Deborah Huntley, President


Bonnie VanVoorhees, CEO

Financial Review (Projected and Unaudited)



TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE - \$327,854

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES - \$321,354

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Saginaw Symphony Association is projected to have a Net Income from Operations of \$6,500 and Undesignated Net Assets of \$212,676 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Listed below are the COVID-19 grants and other funds that we received that greatly helped to get us through this season:

- Paycheck Protection Program Funds - \$28,993 covered approximately 16 weeks of payroll expenses and COVID-19-related expenses for masks, thermometers, and signage.
- 85th Anniversary Campaign - \$10,757 in donations from our online website campaign from many new supporters of the SBSO.
- Michigan Small Business Restart Grant passed through Saginaw Future - \$7,500 used for material and labor to build COVID-19 musician's shields, cost to record, produce and edit our first virtual concert, and office rent.
- Concert Ticket Donations - \$5,571 in donations from season ticket holders for the last two concerts of last season that were canceled due to COVID-19.
- MCACA Emergency Grant - \$3,000 used for the CEO's salary.
- Garber Automotive - \$1,500 used for Orchestra Pop-Ups, a new outreach program, where SBSO musicians performed outside around Saginaw, Bay City and Frankenmuth last summer.
- Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission - \$1,200 used for Get to Know the SBSO series and additional grant funds for guest artists.
- Saginaw Downtown Development Authority - \$500 used for Get to Know the SBSO series.
- Elaine Kraenzlein Trust - a generous unrestricted legacy gift that was used for operating expenses and costs for recording, producing, and editing three of our virtual concerts.

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MCACA and NEA	Delta College Broadcasting (In-Kind)
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We look forward to Fouad's new season, **Bringing Music to Life**, in October, when hopefully, we can safely come back together again without seating restrictions. Stay healthy!

David Rupp, Financial Manager

Thank You for Your Support!

Your support helps us present exciting programs with the amazing quality you've come to expect. We thank our donors, sponsors, advertisers, and volunteers for your loyalty and enthusiasm. You are truly our partners in this endeavor. We look forward to working with you and with new friends as we plan for the future.

We gratefully acknowledge our sponsors, support from individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, and corporate foundations that play a critical role in the success of our concerts and programs.

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**Fouad Fakhouri,
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2020-2021 Season

Music That Moves You

