

GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

Fee Sponsorship Program

The Great Falls Symphony Association's (GFSA) Education and Outreach mission is to build community through live performances and music education. The Symphony has two resident Core Ensembles which are key to carrying out this mission: the Cascade Quartet and the Chinook Winds. These Core Ensembles travel thousands of miles each year to bring exceptional music and outreach programs to communities large and small throughout the Northwest.

The GFSA values the importance of making the Core Ensembles accessible to all audiences, especially in our home state of Montana. With that in mind, the Great Falls Symphony offers a Fee Sponsorship Program for Montana presenters and communities who seek funding assistance to bring the Cascade Quartet or the Chinook Winds to their audiences.

Eligibility

Presenters, schools, or other community organizations in the state of Montana planning to contract Chinook Winds or Cascade Quartet for a formal concert or an outreach activity are eligible for the Fee Sponsorship Program.

Application Process

The presenter or school must complete the online application through www.gfsymphony.org or submit the following paper application. There is no application fee. The GFSA will review all applications and select Fee Sponsorship awardees based on need, quality of performance or outreach opportunity, block booking opportunity, tour schedules, and other factors.

Recommended Due Dates

Applications are accepted throughout the year. However, due to the planning and budgeting needs of the GFSA and the Core Ensembles, we recommend that presenters and schools submit their applications no later than March 15 for engagements in the following season. For example, a presenter would submit an application by March 15, 2018, to request Fee Sponsorship for a concert to be held in the 2018-2019 season.

Sponsorship Awards

Fee Sponsorship awards range between \$500—\$3,000 for formal concerts. Fee Sponsorship awards range between \$100—\$250 for outreach activities. Fee Sponsorship awards will cover no more than 50% of the Core Ensemble's service fee. There is no set minimum or maximum number of Fee Sponsorships to be awarded in a given year. Applicants will request a sponsorship amount in the proposal section of the application, however the GFSA does not guarantee that the applicant will be awarded the exact sponsorship amount requested.

Award Requirements

Fee Sponsorship awardees are required to sign a standard Performance Contract and acknowledge the GFSA as a partial sponsor of the performance. The Performance Contract may include but is not limited to establishing the total fee amount, GFSA sponsorship amount, technical requirements for performance, lodging and/or travel requirements, outreach engagements, and concert promotion.

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Organization Information

Organization Name	Organization Website
Address	City, State Zip
Contact Person Name	Contact Person Position
Phone	Email
Organization Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Presenter <input type="checkbox"/> Venue <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Venue (if different from organization)

Venue Name	Seating Capacity
Address	City, State Zip

General Concert Information

Name of Concert Series	Series Website / Webpage
Number of Concerts per Season	Number of Classical and/or Chamber Concerts per Season
Single Ticket Price	Season Ticket Price (if discounted)
Average Attendance for one Concert	Average Attendance for one Classical/Chamber Concert

What days/nights of the week do you schedule concerts:

When does your organization typically choose the artists for your next concert season?
 (Example: "The board will select 2019-2020 season artists during January 2019.")

TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION:

Mail to: GFSA, PO Box 1078, Great Falls 59403

Fax to: 406-453-9779, ATTN: Misty Annala

Email PDF to: mistyannala@gfsymphony.org

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Fee Sponsorship Proposal

Which ensemble are you planning to contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade Quartet <input type="checkbox"/> Chinook Winds	Preferred Dates/Times
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Number of Concerts	Number of Outreach Activities
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Are there any other performance or educational activities you wish to include in this engagement?

Can your organization provide hotel or housing for the Core Ensemble? Yes No
Please note: Home-stays are acceptable. Please see CascadeQuartet.org or ChinookWinds.org for hospitality riders.

Please propose a budget for the Core Ensembles' concert and/or outreach service fee, lodging expenses, and travel expenses. Include a proposed total fee, sponsorship amount requested, and the fee amount remaining amount your organization will cover. Clarify if your organization will provide for lodging or travel accommodations. If additional space is needed, you may add attachments.

Please note: Core Ensemble fees vary depending on the concert or outreach event, block-booking, and travel requirements. A formal concert fee ranges between \$4,000 to \$6,000 with the presenter providing lodging (not transportation). A one-hour outreach activity is typically \$500 plus lodging if necessary. Lower fees are offered for block-booking. Please see additional information under "Sponsorship Awards" on page 1.

Block Booking

Please suggest other venues, towns, or communities that could potentially form a tour or block with your venue.