2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

“Love”

SYMPHONIC CONCERTS

Legendary Lovers
Wagner, Gounod, Glinka, Verdi, Diamond, Bernstein, Ravel

Haunted Hearts
C.P.E. Bach, Piazzolla, Nyman, Hermann, Woolf, J.S. Bach

Daring Duos
Beethoven, Gluck, Vivaldi, Plog, Mendelssohn

The Dream
Chicago Philharmonic + Visceral Dance Chicago

Paths of Passion
Shostakovich, Dvorak, Waxman

SCOTT SPECK, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Performing Members

Violin
Christie Abe
Mark Agnor
Bernardo Arias
Lori Ashikawa
Eleanor Bartsch
Stephen Boe
Kathleen Brauer
Cristina Buciu
Ying Chai
Injoo Choi
Betsy Cline
Gwendolyn Evans
Pauli Ewing
Lisa Fako
Daniela Folker
Roberta Freier
Karín Andreasen Gambell
Renée-Paule Gauthier
Robert Hanford
Sheila Hanford
Katherine Hughes
Kiju Joh
Carol Kalvonjian
Carmen Llop Kassinger
David Katz
Helen Kim
Whun Kim
Michéle Lekas
Clara Lindner
Dominca Lungu
Kjersti Nostbakken
Ann Penal
David Perry
Dmitri Pogorelov
Irene Quirmbach
Irene Radetzky
Florentina Ramniceanu
Rika Seko
Carol Setapen
Michael Shelton
Mathias Tacke
Paul Vanderwerf
Heather Wittels
Michelle Wynton
Jeff Yang
Paul Zafer
Jeri-Lou Zike

Cello
Matthew Agnew
Elizabeth Anderson
Cornelia Babitt
Margaret Daly
Wei Liu Denton
Larry Glazier
Barbara Haffner
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Jill Kaeding-Gailloreto
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Mark Lekas
Victoria Mayne
Ed Moore
Andrew Snow
Elizabeth Start
Judy Stone
Richard Yeo

Bass
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Jeremy Attanaseo
Jonathan Cegys
Christian Dillingham
John Floeter
Ian Halls
Douglas Johnson
Gregory Sarchet
Timothy Shaffer
Collins Trier

Flute
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Jennifer Clippert
Darlene Drew
Allyce Johnson
Janice MacDonald
Donna Milanovich
Mary Stolper
Marie Tachouet
John Thorne
Karin Ursin

Oboe
Erica Anderson
Anne Bach
Amy Barwan
Jennet Ingle
Peggy Michel
Deborah Stevenson

Clarinet
Linda Baker
Wagner Campos
Gene Collerd
Elizandro García-Montoya
Leslie Grimm
Sergey Gutorov

Anna Najoom
Kathryne Pirtle
Daniel Won

Bassoon
Collin Anderson
James Berkenstock
Peter Brusen
John Gaudette
Nathanial Hale
Matthew Hogan
Steven Ingle
Leris Kirk
Preman Tilson

Saxophone
Jerry DiMuzio
Jessica Maxfield
Jan Berry Baker

Horn
Melanie Cottle
Greg Flint
Fritz Foss
Jeremiah Frederick
Samuel Hamzemen
Peter Jirousek
Sharon Jones
Neil Kimel
Kelly Langenberg
Daniel O’Connell
Steven Replogle
Valerie Whitney

Trumpet
Mike Brozick
Matthew Comerford
William Denton
David Gauger
Charles Geyer
Kevin Hartman
Chris Hasselbring
David Inmon
Matthew Lee
Jordan olive
Channing Philbrick
Margaret Philbrick
Robert Sullivan

Trombone
Reed Capshaw
Joel Cohen
Gene Collerd
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Robert Everson
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Tuba
Rex Martin
Charles Schachat

Andrew Smith
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Percussion
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Michael Folker
Richard Janicki
Michael Kozakis
Tina Laughlin

Timpani
Robert Everson
Edward Harrison

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Beatriz Helguera-Snow
Kuang-Hao Huang
Andrea Swan

Harp
Alison Attar
Kara Bershad
Marcia Labela
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Marguerite Lynn Williams

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To Our Patrons, Musicians, Stakeholders, and Friends:

We are pleased to submit this Annual Report of The Chicago Philharmonic Society’s musical and financial activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Our twenty-seventh season was extraordinarily productive. Through the leadership of Maestro Scott Speck, our Artistic Director, and James Berkenstock, our Artistic Advisor, and in collaboration with the Artistic and Personnel Committees of our Board, we presented “Love,” a musical journey that explored the most precious human emotion from all vantage points. We partnered with Visceral Dance Chicago to create an original interpretation of a Dostoyevsky story via music and dance. We also continued our multi-year residency at Chicago’s Harris Theater. We were honored to serve in our fifth season as the official orchestra of the Joffrey Ballet and to have joined them in a tour to New York City and perform at the Joyce Theater in the Lincoln Center for the first time.

The Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players continued their highly-regarded series at City Winery in downtown Chicago on Sundays in autumn and spring. We received invitations to provide music for a wide variety of notable events, which further demonstrated the quality and appeal of our unique capabilities and brand. Finally, our outreach programs in schools in the Chicagoland area involved an ever-growing number of new students and communities, and our Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic program, undertaken in collaboration with the Chicago Park District’s Nights Out in the Parks initiative, expanded to four concerts and once again demonstrated its extraordinary popularity. We were also able to expand our Chi Phil AMP program to additional schools.

Overall, we produced 79 symphonic performances, requiring 35 rehearsals, and 6 chamber performances, requiring 18 rehearsals. We engaged 309 musicians and performed over 100 different works. In total, our symphonic activities (including rehearsals and/or performances) spanned 86 days, and chamber activities (including rehearsals and/or performances) encompassed 24 days. All of this activity was very positive for our musicians and further increased the recognition of our musical excellence among audiences and critics in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Our annual report contains a full chronicle of the season’s achievements.

Financially, we are proud to report achievement of another surplus in fiscal 2017, which is our sixth in a row. Our staff continues to grow in scale and capability and is more enthusiastic than ever about our steady and sound expansion. Our approach to corporate governance is increasingly gaining attention as unique and effective because performing musicians and community leaders together participate as board and committee members, which enables us to maximize our potential for collaboration and creativity.

On behalf of our board, staff, and musicians, we want to thank our patrons, contributors, and volunteers for their tremendous support throughout the past year.

Sincerely,

Tom Manning
Chairman

Donna Milanovich
Executive Director
The Chicago Philharmonic’s 2016-17 season, *Love*, took audiences on an exciting musical exploration of love in its many diverse forms. Our season was sponsored by Von Maur, the Illinois Arts Council Agency, and the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. The season opened with *Legendary Lovers* on Sunday, September 18, 2016, 3:00 pm, at Pick-Staiger Hall in Evanston, a concert hailed as “a strategically selected and beautifully rendered celebration of great operatic couples in love” by *Splash Magazine*. Opening the concert was Richard Wagner’s famous Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan and Isolde*. Following the opening, the orchestra performed a wide variety of orchestral and operatic music, including pieces by Charles Gounod, Giuseppe Verdi, Maurice Ravel, and Leonard Bernstein. Soloists Emily Birsan, soprano, and John Irvin, tenor, performed the vocal parts of the program, with the Belle Harmonie Duo (student harpists Krista Hagglund and Anna Hirons) performing in the foyer of the hall as a part of the Chicago Philharmonic’s NEXT! program. *Legendary Lovers* was made possible in part by a grant from the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation.

On Sunday, February 12, 2017, at 3:00 pm, the Chicago Philharmonic invited audiences to join the orchestra for its inaugural concert at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. *Daring Duos* presented music that celebrates the courage and devotion of faithful friends and lovers. Opening with the *Leonore* Overture from Ludwig van Beethoven’s only opera, *Fidelio*, the orchestra then continued with Christoph Gluck’s “Dance of the Blessed Spirits,” featuring flute solos by John Thorne and Janice MacDonald. Later, trumpet soloists Bill Denton and Robert Sullivan dazzled the audience with a rare performance of two two-trumpet concertos: Antonio Vivaldi’s Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major and living composer Anthony Plog’s Double Concerto for Two Trumpets. Prior to the performance of his own work, Anthony Plog graciously spoke to the audience and orchestra. The concert finale was Felix Mendelssohn’s beloved Symphony No. 4 in A major (Italian), Op. 90. Jazz extraordinaires Art Davis, trumpet, and Zvonimir Tot, guitar, were our NEXT! performers. *Daring Duos* was made possible in part by a generous grant from the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation.

The season continued with *Haunted Hearts* on Sunday, October 30, 2016, 3:00 pm, at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance in downtown Chicago. The Halloween-themed concert began with Symphony No. 5 in B minor by C.P.E. Bach, and continued with *Oblivion* by Astor Piazzolla and Michael Nyman’s Concerto for Amplified Harpsichord and Strings, featuring charismatic harpsichord soloist Jory Vinikour. After intermission, the event proceeded with Bernard Herrmann’s Suite from *Psycho*, Randall Woolf’s *My Insect Bride*, and the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major by J.S. Bach. Composer Randall Woolf was present (and worked the wawa pedal on stage!) for the performance of *My Insect Bride*. Harpsichordist Jory Vinikour, flutist Marie Tachouet, and violinist David Perry were the featured soloists for the Brandenburg Concerto finale. Tying into the concert’s Halloween theme was theremin player Mysterion (aka Robert Hanford), who charmed audiences in the foyer prior to the concert as a part of our NEXT! program. Additionally, Steppenwolf Theatre Company actor Tim Hopper provided exciting narration on-stage during the concert. *Chicago Classical Review* described the eclectic concert as “a model of generational bridge-building…. approachable enough to attract families with young kids yet smart and discerning enough to intrigue adult concertgoers and romantic cynics.” *Haunted Hearts* was sponsored in part by Toni Patisserie and Café, who provided delicious pastries and macarons for the after-party at Harris Theater.

*The Dream* was performed on Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3:00 pm at the Harris Theater. A groundbreaking collaboration between the Chicago Philharmonic and Visceral Dance Chicago, this concert was a convergence of literature, dance, and music. Inspired by Fyodor Dostoyevski’s story, “The Dream of a Ridiculous Man”, *The Dream* was
choreographed by award-winning choreographer Nick Pupillo, and premiered by the Chicago Philharmonic and Visceral Dance Chicago. Featuring music written by Jonny Greenwood, Dmitri Shostakovich, Osvaldo Golijov, Thom Yorke, and more, The Dream was well-received, with critics calling it “a delight to the senses” (Splash Magazine) and “electrically charged” (See Chicago Dance). Robert Bird, Associate Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and the Department of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Chicago, gave a discussion of Dostoyevski’s “The Dream of a Ridiculous Man” before the performance.

On November 20, 2016, we continued our chamber series with Handel & Eggs: A Classical Music Brunch, featuring oboist Deb Stevenson, violinist Thomas Yang, violist Rose Armbrust Griffin, and Steven Houser, cello. The oboe quartet delighted audiences with classical works by G. F. Handel, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and J. C. Bach.

Our fall series concluded on December 18, 2016 with St. Nick in Shades II: Jazz Takes on Holiday Favorites. Brought back by popular demand, acclaimed vocalist Cheryl Wilson, Jim Gailloreto on saxophone, and pianist Jeremy Kahn played jazzy renditions of holiday favorites such as Oh Holy Night and Irving Berlin’s White Christmas.

Finishing the concert season was Paths of Passion, performed on Sunday, April 9, 2017, 3:00 pm at Pick-Staiger Hall. Guest conductor Gerhardt Zimmermann conducted his own orchestral transcription of Dmitri Shostakovich’s String Quartet No. 7, followed by Shostakovich’s original Chamber Symphony in F# minor. Antonin Dvorak’s Romance in F minor, Op. 11 followed, featuring Robert Hanford as violin soloist. Hanford also performed the solo pyrotechnics for Carmen Fantasy by Franz Waxman. The final piece of the concert was Symphony No. 9 in E minor, “From the New World,” Op. 95. by Antonin Dvorak.

The spring series opened early in the calendar year on January 15, 2017 with Broadway on Randolph: Music of Bernstein and Gershwin, featuring Ed Harrison, vibraphone, Pete Labella, piano, Collins Trier, bass, Eric Millstein, drums, and Bill Denton, trumpet. Selections from Porgy & Bess and West Side Story warmed a large audience on a cold January morning.

On Sunday, February 19, 2017, the Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players presented a very different set of music from the 20th century. In Sounds of Change: Music of the 60s and 70s, string quartet players Carmen Kassinger, Lisa Fako, Monica Reilly, and Margaret Daly, along with vocalist Bethany Thomas, showcased their musicianship and versatility in performing everything from Marvin Gaye’s What’s Going On to Shostakovich’s String Quartet No. 8.

The Sunday series closed on March 19, 2017 with the delightfully classical program Mozart & Mimosas. Concertgoers enjoyed a hearty brunch and delicious wine while Mathias Tacke, violin, Rose Armbrust Griffin, viola, Paula Kosower, cello, and Kuang-Hao Huang, piano, performed piano quartets by Mozart and Robert Schumann. Mozart & Mimosas was made possible in part by a generous donation from the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chicago.

The Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players at City Winery Chicago

Our third successful year at City Winery Chicago, located in the city’s flourishing West Loop neighborhood, opened with Different Folks on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Saxophonist Nick Mazzarella, violinist Jeff Yang, pianist Tom Vaitas, bassist Christian Dillingham, and drummer Jeremy Cunningham joined forces to perform a one-of-a-kind brunch concert combining the rich musical traditions of folk, classical, and jazz genres.
Joffrey Ballet

The Chicago Philharmonic’s fifth season as the official orchestra of The Joffrey Ballet opened on October 13, 2016 with a vivid reimagining of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, featuring the choreography of Krzysztof Pastor. A full orchestra performed Sergei Prokofiev’s provocative score for ten performances.

On December 10, 2016, Joffrey Ballet premiered an entirely new production of *The Nutcracker*, set in Chicago’s 1893 World’s Fair. With new choreography by Christopher Wheeldon, members of the orchestra performed parts of the score on stage with the dancers as well as in the pit for 27 performances of the groundbreaking show.

Joffrey’s Spring program, *Game Changers*, featured Christopher Wheeldon’s *Fool’s Paradise*, performed to music by Joby Talbot; Wayne McGregor’s highly stylized *INFRA*; and the Chicago premiere of Justin Peck’s *Year of the Rabbit*, with a full orchestration of singer-songwriter Sufjan Stevens’ electronic song cycle *Enjoy Your Rabbit*.

March 29 – April 2, 2017 saw the orchestra traveling to New York with the Joffrey Ballet to present Krzysztof Pastor’s *Romeo and Juliet* at the Joyce Theater in Lincoln Center, accompanied by Prokofiev’s timeless score. The Financial Times praised the orchestra, saying “...the Chicago Philharmonic thoroughly enveloped us. Intent on the characters, the music whizzes, bounds and sears like grief.” A gala event on March 30, 2017 at Joyce Theater included performances of Myles Thatcher’s *Body of Your Dreams*, Christopher Wheeldon’s *Fool’s Paradise* (music by Joby Talbot), and Yuri Possokhov’s *Bells* (music by Tchaikovsky). The performances marked the Joffrey Ballet’s return to New York after more than 20 years, and were supported by the Joyce Theater Foundation.

Joffrey’s season finale, *Global Visionaries*, was an ambitious production of three wide-ranging pieces: Yuri Possokhov’s *The Miraculous Mandarin*, with a full on-stage orchestra playing Béla Bartók’s score; Alexander Ekman’s *Joy*; and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa’s *Mammatus*. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, “it’s the Chicago Philharmonic and conductor Scott Speck’s treatments of the music that are ‘The Miraculous Mandarin’s’ greatest attributes.” The production ran from April 26, 2017 - May 7, 2017.

Outreach Programs

Chi Phil AMP

In Spring 2015, we launched a pilot program for Chi Phil AMP (previously referred to as the Chicago Philharmonic Mentorship Program) at Old Orchard Junior High School, a culturally diverse public school in Skokie with over 50% of students meeting the federal definition for living in poverty. The pilot was a runaway success and we have since expanded the program to multiple schools.

In 2016-2017, Chicago Philharmonic musicians provided in-school mentoring for nearly 300 band and orchestra students through master classes and side-by-side rehearsals and concerts in three different schools: Old Orchard Junior High in Skokie, and UIC College Prep and Chicago Bulls College Prep in Chicago’s near-west side. Master classes were also provided to students at Chicago Arts Academy and Music Institute of Chicago. Through meaningful, repeated interactions with professional musicians, the program helps cultivate students’ music skills while advancing overall development and success in school and beyond.

Contractual Engagements

The Chicago Philharmonic made its debut at Aurora University’s “Music by the Lake” series at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin with an *Evening of Rogers and Hammerstein* featuring vocalists Jenn Gambatese (*Wicked*) and Nathanial Stampley, hosted by Oscar Hammerstein II’s grandson, Oscar Andy Hammerstein III. The event sold out, and one delighted patron sent a card to our office calling the concert the highlight of her family’s summer!

The orchestra made one appearance at Ravinia this summer, performing the score to *Wizard of Oz* on September 10, 2016, and they also performed for the International Women’s Forum gala at the Chicago Hilton Hotel on September 30, 2016. On March 23, 2017 Chicago Philharmonic joined the triumphant Chicago Production of Murry Sidlin’s *Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezin* at Symphony Center. Other contractual opportunities included collaboration with harpsichordist Jory Vinikour on a recording for Cedille Records, and a commission to record original compositions for various woodwind ensembles by budding composer Michael Levitsky.
Support for Chi Phil AMP in 2016-2017 was provided by the Charles and M. R. Shapiro Foundation; Mathew Lucante Violins; and by Judy Guitelman, Dan Epstein, and the Dan J. Epstein Family Foundation. Support for masterclasses at Chicago Arts Academy was provided by Judy Guitelman, Dan Epstein, and the Dan J. Epstein Family Foundation, and by the John D. and Alexandra C. Nichols Family Foundation.

**Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic**

In partnership with the Chicago Park District and Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s Night Out in the Parks initiative, we presented our third successful summer of side-by-side symphonic concerts in Chicago parks. In Summer 2017, we expanded the program to four concerts: Columbus Park on June 24, Ping Tom Memorial Park on July 8, Humboldt Park Boathouse on August 5, and the South Shore Cultural Center on August 13.

We invited music students and community musicians of all ages to bring their instruments and collaborate with the Chicago Philharmonic in rehearsing and performing a free, public concert. Over 400 community musicians signed up to participate, and nearly 1,000 attended the events as audience members.

These events were made possible by the following partners: The Chicago Park District, the National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Bank, and The Music Performance Trust Fund.

**Families to the Phil**

For over six seasons, we have provided young students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds the opportunity to share the powerful cultural experience of a live, fully professional symphonic concert with their family members, underwriting hundreds of tickets each season for families from a list of Chicago-area elementary, middle, and high schools. In our 2016-2017 symphonic season, we were able to underwrite nearly 500 tickets for underserved students and families, thanks in part to support from Albany Bank and Trust Company, N.A.

**NEXT!**

The Chicago Philharmonic established its NEXT! initiative in 2011 to give both aspiring young musicians and lesser-known, professional-level musicians the chance to be heard by patrons, musicians, and conductors. These talents are showcased in the foyer before Chicago Philharmonic concerts.

**Spotlight**

The Spotlight program provides exceptional high school students with professional symphonic opportunities. Chicago Philharmonic musicians work with the students as coaches and mentors during the rehearsal process in preparation for the professional performance of a major classical work. At the 2016-2017 season finale, *Paths of Passion*, five young musicians from the Birch Creek Symphony Program were featured in the concert: Robert Sanders, Benjamin Srajer, Maxwell Moore, David Caplan and JJ Butler. Previous seasons have featured Protégé Philharmonic, the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Midwest Young Artists, and others.

**Community of Musicians and Musician Governance**

The Chicago Philharmonic Society has had a long culture of musician leadership and participation that is unique among orchestras both nationally and internationally. Musicians participate at all levels of governance, from the Board of Directors to each of our six committees. The Musicians Advisory Committee meets twice a year and serves as a sounding board for the musicians to share their thoughts with the administration and Board of Directors. The Artistic Programming and Policies Committee selects artists and programs, and works with the Personnel Committee to maintain the quality of all performing ensembles. The Chamber Music Committee keeps focus on our Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players performances. The Finance Services Committee (formerly Central Services) oversees the financial operations of the Society. The Patron Services Committee handles development of strategies for promoting concert attendance and long-term relationships with audience members and patrons. The Development Committee (formerly Institutional Committee) oversees long-term strategies for securing grants and other institutional sources of funding.

**Board of Directors**

Board membership during FY2017 was at 21 members, including 11 performing musician members. During this fiscal year, Thomas Manning served as Chairman of the Board, with Chicago Philharmonic Board members Robert Everson and Duffie Adelson serving as Vice Chairs. In November 2016, four new members joined the Board of...
Directors: JeNyce Boolton, Vice President, East Region Community Relations Manager for U.S. Bank; Brian Feltzin, Managing Member of Sheffield Asset Management, L.L.C.; Melissa Kirk, violist of the Chicago Philharmonic and the Chicago Lyric Opera; and Scott Neslund, Executive Vice President of Client Services at Centro. The Board held four meetings during the year and numerous committee meetings were held throughout the season.

Retiring from the Board during FY2017 were Rex Martin and Ann Palen. We are deeply grateful for their service and continued support.

Management and Staff
Donna Milanovich completed her 21st year as a member of the Society, and her 7th year as Executive Director. Donna is responsible for the organization’s general operations, including concert planning, performances, and coordination; patron and donor development; and Board committee support. During FY2017, Donna oversaw a staff of four full-time and four part-time employees, with support from our office interns.

Terrell Pierce, Personnel and Operations Director, manages concert logistics and artistic personnel. Jamie Bourne is Operations Manager, working full-time in office management, financial reporting and accounting support, as well as overseeing concert staffing. Cassandra Kirkpatrick, Marketing and Communications Director, manages all aspects of marketing, public relations, and social media. Lydia Penningroth, Marketing and Development Associate, provides support in marketing, development, outreach, and special projects.

We were sorry to say goodbye to two wonderful staff members this year. Stefan Scherer-Emunds, Marketing Manager, who served the organization since 2014, moved on to seek love and adventure in Costa Rica. Adrienne Giorgolo, Development Director since 2012 followed her passion for advocacy and children's health to take a position with a national footprint with Common Threads. Both proved invaluable during their tenure with us and we wish them well in their new endeavors!

We had the pleasure of working with four excellent music librarians this season: Susan Stokdyk, Paul Beck, Michael Shelton, and Danielle Ray. We congratulate Susan Stokdyk on her new position at the Kennedy Center! Steve Yepez continued to assist us in stage management, and Tim Sawyier continued as our program annotator.

New to us this year were our office interns, Ariel Huang and John Clevenger, who have assisted with everything from database cleanup to concert and event management. Ariel has since graduated from Northwestern with an MS in Business Studies. She also holds a Bachelor of Music with a concentration in piano from Northwestern. John is working toward a bachelor's in music with an emphasis on arts management at Trinity University. He hopes to study law. We are very grateful to them for their valuable time and hard work.

Board Chairman Tom Manning coordinated the work of the Board and oversaw general management. Jeff Cote, Treasurer, managed the Society’s financial operations. Tom Manning, Paul Judy, Duffie Adelson, Jeff Cote, Robert Everson, and Donna Milanovich became part of the newly established Executive Committee. The Endowment Committee was established, members being Tom Manning, Paul Judy, Duffie Adelson, Jeff Cote, Robert Everson, JeNyce Boolton, and Donna Milanovich. The Central Services committee has now become the Finance Committee, members being Jeff Cote, Paul Judy, Shelly Kimel, Tom Manning, Donna Milanovich and Terrell Pierce. Additionally, the Institutional Committee was renamed the Development Committee.

Professional Services
Special thanks to Marva Flanagan, Anne Beason, and Larry Sophian of Ostrow, Reisen, Berk & Abrams, Limited (ORBA) for their excellent work and timely audit of our accounts, and to Marc Jacobs at Seyfarth & Shaw for their valuable assistance with all legal advice.

Volunteers
We are deeply grateful to the many people who donate their time, effort, and skills to our organization. Warmest thanks to Shelly Kimel, Rina Magarici, Katie Brauer, and Domnica Lungu and all others we may have missed for their assistance with various administrative functions, from accounting, to marketing, to stuffing envelopes. We can’t do it without you!
Financial Results

As shown below in the Summarized Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017, the Society ended FY2017 with a surplus, marking a seven year run of positive operating results. The Chicago Philharmonic continues to grow its reputation as high level musical arts organization and the premier contract orchestra in the Chicago area and was proud to add Aurora University’s “Music by the Lake” series to its list of regular collaborators, which includes Joffrey Ballet, Salute to Vienna, and Ravinia. The Society also continues to attract the attention of high profile grantors, including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Contributed income increased 21% in FY2017 over FY2016’s results, the strongest results in this area in the last five fiscal years.

Program services had a total cost of $1,613,902, constituting 83% of the Society’s total expenses. Management and general expense (including marketing) totaled $284,376 representing 15% of expenses and fundraising expense was $46,239, representing 2% of expenses.

With the realization of an overall surplus of $10,240, the Society’s net assets stand at $154,078 as of June 30, 2017. The financial results of the Society for FYE June 30, 2017 have been audited by Ostrow, Reisin, Berk & Abrams, Ltd. CPAs (ORBA). These audited statements are posted on the Society’s website and available on request.

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Barbara Haffner is a graduate with honors and a Performers’ Certificate from the Eastman School, and launched into the professional world as Robert Shaw’s Principal Cellist. Moving on to seven seasons in the Philadelphia Orchestra and working towards a Masters’ degree with Richard Wernick at the University of Pennsylvania, her repertoire became chamber and solo music from the 20th century. At the invitation of the University of Chicago, she moved there to perform a myriad of fascinating 20th century works. She also became first call for TV, radio and film music in Chicago. There still being time to hold an actual job, she became the Assistant Principal Cellist of the Lyric Opera Orchestra, as well as Principal Cellist of Music of the Baroque and a principal cellist with the Chicago Philharmonic.

Paul R. Judy, Chairman Emeritus, was Chairman and Treasurer of the Society from 2012 – 2015. Mr. Judy is founder of the Orchestra Musician Forum at the Eastman School of Music, and of the Symphony Orchestra Institute. Prior to the Institute's formation, he was a professional corporate director serving on the Boards of some 20 publicly and privately owned corporations. Paul retired in 1981 from A. G. Becker & Co. Inc., where he served as Chief Executive Officer for thirteen years. He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Business School.

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Donna Milanovich, Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, and Secretary, was a flutist with the Chicago Philharmonic for 17 years and has performed with a number of other prestigious ensembles, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera Orchestra. Donna became Executive Director of the Chicago Philharmonic in 2010. Since that time, the organization’s revenue has grown from $463,000 to $1.6 million, the Society’s orchestras have become the exclusive ensemble for the Joffrey Ballet, and the total number of performances per year has more than tripled. Donna is on the music faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago and holds a B.M. degree from Stetson University, an M.M. degree from the University of Kansas, and a postgraduate degree in Orchestral Studies from Royal Northern College of Music in England. In 2015, she was accepted to and completed the Harvard Business School’s highly competitive Executive Program “Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management.”

Scott Neslund is the Executive Vice President of Client Services at Centro, a role which oversees the company’s digital marketing services division. Scott has over 25 years of experience leading media and digital advertising agencies in the U.S. with significant global experience in Europe, Asia and Canada. He started his career with a 17-year stint at Leo Burnett where he oversaw media for United Airlines, and Kellogg’s and Coca Cola’s agency of record in Italy. Scott went on to launch Starcom’s agency business in Canada. From 2005 to 2009 Scott led Mindshare, first as Managing Director and then as CEO of North America. He then served as CEO of Red Bricks Media, and later as President of Moxie Interactive. Scott is a graduate of the Kellogg School of Management with an M.B.A. in Marketing and International Business. Scott and his husband Todd reside in the Chicago neighborhood of Bucktown.

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Scott Speck has been Artistic Director of the Chicago Philharmonic since 2013. He has performed all over the world, including Paris, Moscow, and Beijing and has earned acclaim for his passion and intelligence. He also serves as Music Director of the Joffrey Ballet. As Director of the Mobile Symphony, Mr. Speck conducted Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Joshua Bell, Midori, Evelyn Glennie, and Olga Kern. He also has collaborated with Carnegie Hall as Music Director of the West Michigan Symphony. Mr. Speck has conducted at London's Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, the Paris Opera, Washington’s Kennedy Center, San Francisco’s War Memorial Opera House, and the Los Angeles Music Center. He has led numerous performances with the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Houston, Chicago (Chicago Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Sinfonietta), Paris, Moscow, Shanghai, Beijing, Vancouver, Romania, Slovakia, Buffalo, Columbus (OH), Honolulu, Louisville, New Orleans, Oregon, Rochester, Florida, and Virginia, among many others. He has held positions as Conductor of the San Francisco Ballet, Music Advisor and Conductor of the Honolulu Symphony, as well as Associate Conductor of the Los Angeles Opera. Mr. Speck is the co-author of two best-selling books on classical music, Classical Music for Dummies and Opera for Dummies, which have been translated into twenty languages. His third book in the series, Ballet for Dummies, was also released to great acclaim. Mr. Speck has been a regular commentator on National Public Radio, the BBC, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and Voice of Russia.
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Terrell Pierce, Personnel and Operations Director, is a recent graduate with a B.A. in Arts Administration and Tuba Performance from Trinity International University, where he worked as the Events Coordinator Assistant for the Department of Music. Pierce began working for the Chicago Philharmonic in May 2012 and currently serves as Personnel and Concert Manager. He also serves as a Business Volunteer for the Arts with the Arts & Business Council of Chicago.

Cassandra Kirkpatrick, Marketing and Communications Director, manages all of the marketing, public relations and social media for Chicago Philharmonic. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Edith Cowan University and a Masters of Professional Communication from the Western Australian Screen Academy. Prior to moving the United States in 2016, she was Customer Services and Ticketing Assistant, then Marketing Associate and finally Marketing Manager at West Australian Ballet.

Kate Lin, Development Manager, worked as a songwriter for record labels in Taiwan. Kate relocated to the United States and completed a Master’s degree in Arts Management from Carnegie Mellon University. Prior to moving to Chicago in September 2017, she worked with Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, a national network of human services nonprofits, to secure corporate funding and partnerships. She is excited to join the team to help Chicago Philharmonic advance its integral role in the Chicago music community.

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Steve Yépez, Stage Manager, received his Bachelor of Music degree in flute performance from California State University, Northridge and a Master of Music degree in flute performance from DePaul University in Chicago, and is currently a faculty member at the New Music School. He has performed with groups such as the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, the Lakeshore Symphony, and the Lira Ensemble of Chicago, as well as the West Los Angeles Symphony, Burbank Philharmonic, and Antelope Valley Symphony of Los Angeles. Steve has been working with the Chicago Philharmonic since 2011.

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Our mission: Through a community of musicians and community members, the Society wishes to excite, engage, and transform diverse audiences with the beauty and power of great music.

The Chicago Philharmonic Society is a collaboration of over 200 of the highest-level classical musicians performing in the Chicago metropolitan area. Governed under a groundbreaking structure of musician leadership, the Society presents concerts at venues throughout the Chicago area that cover the full spectrum of classical music, from Bach to Bernstein and beyond. The Society’s orchestra, known simply as the Chicago Philharmonic, has been called “one of the country’s finest symphonic orchestras” (Chicago Tribune), and its unique chamber music ensembles, which perform as the Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players, draw from its vast pool of versatile musicians.

The Society’s outreach programs connect Chicago-area youth to classical music and provide performance opportunities for members of the community. Founded in 1988 by principal musicians from the Lyric Opera Orchestra, the Chicago Philharmonic, aside from presenting symphonic and chamber music concerts, currently serves as the official orchestra of the Joffrey Ballet, continues its longtime association with the Ravinia Festival, and partners with other outstanding local and national arts organizations on a regular basis.